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Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage.

Note: Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

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BC-VT--Vermont-Legislature, 104

Vermont lawmakers sworn in; pick speaker, Senate president

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont lawmakers have been sworn in to a new session and have picked legislative leaders.

The House on Wednesday voted 100 to 50 to elect Democratic Rep. Mitzi Johnson of South Hero to serve as the new speaker of the House.

WCAX-TV reports (http://bit.ly/2hRPc8X) that the Senate unanimously elected Democratic Sen. Tim Ashe of Burlington as Senate president pro tempore.

Outgoing Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin is giving his farewell address to the Legislature on Wednesday afternoon.

Gov.-elect Phil Scott presided over the Senate in his current position of lieutenant governor as the senators were sworn in on Wednesday. He takes office on Thursday.

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MIN WAGE 1/18/17 LK / ERIN VTD



DEMOCRATS IN THE VERMONT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL THAT WOULD RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO FIFTEEN DOLLARS AN HOUR.

V-T DIGGER'S ERIN MANSFIELD HAS DETAILS.

(ERIN0118) :58 Q: UNDER THIS

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ANIMAL ABUSE BILL 1/23/17 LK / CV CAX



THE RECENT SHOOTING OF A HORSE WITH A BOW AND ARROW IN BARRE IS PROMPTING LEGISLATORS TO CONSIDER A BILL THAT WOULD INCREASE POTENTIAL PENALTIES IN CASES OF ANIMAL ABUSE.

MORE FROM CHANNEL 3'S CAT VIGLIENZONI (VIL' - YEN - ZO' - NEE).

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*6140 AP-VT--Vermont-Budget Address, 2nd Ld-Writethru,127
New Vermont GOP governor urges big education changes
Eds: APNewsNow; Updates with Senate president comment. Will be updated.
MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Senate leader says lawmakers will "kick the tires" of the governor's budget proposal that makes major changes in the state's education system, but they want to understand it before making any decisions.

Senate President Pro Tem Tim Ashe, a Democrat, spoke Tuesday after Republican Gov. Phil Scott called on lawmakers to pass legislation that would require the state's school districts to not increase their budgets being prepared now. The districts also would be required to have teachers pay 20 percent of health insurance costs and hold a statewide vote on those budgets in May, rather than March, as many now do.

Scott said he recognized the \$1.6 billion budget would be hard and his administration would be rethinking every program and service at every level.

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PAID FAMILY LEAVE 2/3/17 LK / ERIN VTD



A GROUP OF LAWMAKERS ARE BACKING A BILL TO PROVIDE A PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE PROGRAM FOR WORKERS ACROSS VERMONT.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS DETAILS ON THE BILL.

(ERIN0202A) :57 Q: PAYROLL TAX

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PLASTIC BAGS 2/3/17 LK / MP VTD



THE VERMONT HOUSE IS LOOKING AT TWO POSSIBLE BILLS DESIGNED TO CURTAIL THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN THE STATE.

V-T DIGGER'S MIKE POLHAMUS (PUL - LAY - MUS) REPORTS.

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(MP02US) :34 Q: QUALITY ISSUES

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LABOR/COMMERCE MERGER 2/7/17 LK / ERIN VTD



A KEY COMMITTEE IN THE VERMONT SENATE HAS ADVISED THE FULL SENATE TO VOTE DOWN GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT WOULD PUT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR UNDER THE AGENCY OF COMMERCE.

V-T DIGGER'S ERIN MANSFIELD HAS MORE.

(ERIN207) :55 Q: INTO LAW

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NET METERING 2/16/17 LK / MP VTD



LAWMAKERS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING THE RULES SURROUNDING NET METERING PROJECTS IN THE STATE.

V-T DIGGER'S MIKE POLHAMUS HAS MORE.

(MP0216) :46 Q: BEEN ADOPTED

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BC-VT--Vermont House Recount, 2nd Ld-Writethru,118
Vermont House recount ends after ballot discrepancy found



Vermont Republican Robert Frenier's new House seat appears to be safe after a recount effort abruptly ended.

(LK0222A)

About two dozen lawmakers met at the Vermont Statehouse to begin the recount Wednesday morning. Recount leaders then announced that a ballot bag had a different identification number than they expected, effectively halting the effort moments after it started and certifying Frenier's victory.

Lawmakers adopted rules that gave Frenier the seat if there was any indication of tampering.

Secretary of State Jim Condos and many lawmakers said the mismatching numbers was not malicious or illegal.

Frenier beat incumbent Progressive Susan Hatch Davis in the Orange County race by eight votes. After a first recount, the result was narrowed to seven votes.

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SENATE MENTAL HEALTH BILL 2/21/17 LK / ERIN VTD



THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TOOK ACTION ON TUESDAY THAT THEY HOPE WILL HELP UNCLOG A MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM WHERE PEOPLE ARE WAITING IN EMERGENCY ROOMS, SOMETIMES FOR DAYS OR EVEN WEEKS.

V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS DETAILS.

(ERIN0221A) :57 Q: DANGEROUS HISTORY

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BC-VT-Vermont Shallow Graves, 117 'Green burial' law advances in Vermont



Bodies in Vermont may soon be buried at least 3.5 feet deep, the optimal depth for decomposition.

(LK0221)

The Vermont House approved the bill Tuesday and will likely pass it during a final vote Wednesday, the Burlington Free Press reports. The bill is little more than a change to the previous law, which required bodies be buried at least 5 feet deep.

The so-called "green burial" law is designed to keep bodies where the soil is more active. Microbes, bugs, heat and oxygen all help decompose bodies faster at the shallower depth, advocates say.

Patrick Healy, president of the Vermont Cemetery Association is wary of the bill and wants more solid data on decomposition before supporting the measure.

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*6140 AP-VT-- Gender-Free Bathrooms-Vermont,108 Vermont bill would make single-use bathrooms "gender-free"



A new bill that would put "gender-free" signs on public, single-occupancy bathrooms in Vermont is quickly gaining support.

(LK0222)

The bill would affect a wide range of public places like schools, restaurants, stores, some businesses as well as buildings owned by state and local government.

One of the lead sponsors of the bill, first-term Burlington Rep. Selene Colburn, a Progressive, said that while it's not a direct response to reported plans by the Trump administration to scrap Obama-era transgender protections, laws that make bathrooms more accessible to everyone should be common sense.

The bill has 37 sponsors, nearly one quarter of all representatives in the Democratically controlled Vermont House.

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*6140 AP-VT--Trump Immigration-Vermont, 1st Ld-Writethru,130 Vermont Senate approves bill countering US immigration order



Lawmakers in the Vermont Senate have unanimously approved a measure that positions the state as a bulwark against some of President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

(LK0223A)

All 30 of Vermont's senators approved the bill Thursday. It's expected to get final approval Friday.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott has said the bill is needed to prevent overreach by the federal government.

In the Thursday debate, some senators said the measure was a way to establish divisions of power between the state and federal government.

The bill would require the governor to approve any agreements that would deputize state or local police for use in federal law enforcement actions. It would also make it illegal for state and local police to arbitrarily collect personal information for fear it could be used in anti-immigrant efforts.

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*6140 AP-VT--Vermont-Pot-Legalization,126

Vermont's legal pot bills in trouble

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's efforts to legalize marijuana are stalling.

Two separate measures in Vermont's House will likely miss a key deadline Friday to advance to the Senate.

The first bill introduced in January would allow for personal cultivation of marijuana and legal possession of small amounts.

A separate measure introduced in February relies on the earlier bill to pass. It would create a regulatory structure for taxing marijuana, but only if the earlier bill passes and marijuana is legalized.

The Senate could decide to tack on the language of either House bill to an existing Senate bill.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott has said he would veto any legalization bill that does not give police a reliable and accurate way to measure driver impairment under the influence of marijuana.

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*6140 AP-VT-Vermont-Marijuana-Bill, 1st Ld-Writethru,124 Vermont House to vote on marijuana bill

Eds: APNewsNow. Corrects to say the full House will take a vote on the measure in the coming days, and not Monday.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - House lawmakers in Vermont are expected to vote on a measure to legalize the use and possession of small amounts of marijuana for adults.

It was uncertain if the measure would pass out of the House Judiciary Committee last week, but the bill passed 8-3 during an unscheduled vote last Wednesday. The full House will take a vote on the measure in the coming days.

The bill would make it legal for adults to possess up to one ounce of pot and two plants under the measure but does not create a regulatory system for selling and taxing pot.

This story has been corrected to say the full House will take a vote on the measure in the coming days, and not Monday.

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THE BILL WILL BE UP FOR FINAL APPROVAL ON FRIDAY.

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BC-VT--Vermont-New Governor, 104

Vermont Gov.-Elect Phil Scott to take oath of office

Eds: APNewsNow; will be updated. AP Photos planned.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont Gov.-elect Phil Scott is going to be taking the oath of office as the state's 82nd governor in a Statehouse ceremony in Montpelier.

Scott, a Republican who has served as lieutenant governor for the last six years, will succeed Democratic Gov. Peter Shumlin on Thursday afternoon.

In his campaign for governor, Scott promised to make Vermont more affordable.

Scott will take the oath of office on the second day of the 2017 legislative session.

Since his election, Scott has been assembling the team that will guide state policy.

While Scott is a Republican, both chambers of the Vermont Legislature are controlled by Democrats.

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SCOTT SWEAR-IN 1/6/17



THE VERMONT STATE HOUSE WAS PACKED ON THURSDAY AS THE NEW GOVERNOR WAS SWORN IN. LEE KITTELL REPORTS.

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ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, PHIL SCOTT WAS SWORN IN AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

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THE FORMER WASHINGTON COUNTY SENATOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REPEATED MANY OF HIS CAMPAIGN GOALS AND INTENTIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PACKED STATEHOUSE CHAMBER IN MONTPELIER.

(SCOTT-2) :36 Q: NO DIFFERENT

SHORTLY AFTER HIS REMARKS, SCOTT SIGNED HIS FIRST EXECUTIVE ORDER, WHICH HE DESCRIBED TO THE AUDIENCE.

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BC-VT--Lake Champlain Cleanup, 124

Lawmakers ponder study of Lake Champlain cleanup costs

Eds: APNewsNow; will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont Gov. Phil Scott says the state remains committed to seeing Lake Champlain cleaned up, even though the total estimated price tag over the next 20 years could exceed \$1 billion.

Speaking Tuesday at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier, Scott said that "everything has to be on the table" in raising the estimated \$25 million per year cost to the state that was outlined in a report issued over the weekend by state Treasurer Beth Pearce.

The other revenue would come from a variety of other funding sources.

Scott said his administration was "hopeful" raising the money could be done without new taxes or fees.

Under Pearce's proposal about half the money would come from a per-parcel assessment that would hit homeowners and businesses.

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AP-VT--Governor-Executive Orders, 2nd Ld-Writethru, 125 Gov says 3 executive orders will improve state government



Vermont Governor Phil Scott says the restructuring of some areas of state government is designed to improve administrative functions, expand the economy and make the state more affordable.

The first order aligns the Department of Labor and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development under a new Agency of Economic Opportunity.

V-T DIGGER'S ERIN MANSFIELD REPORTS MANY IN THE LABOR CAMP ARE CASTING A WATCHFUL EYE ON THIS PLAN.

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The second executive order unifies the state's information technology portfolio under a new Agency of Digital Services while the third combines the Department of Liquor Control and the state Lottery Commission into one commission.

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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BC-VT--Health Overhaul-Vermont,127 Vermont will test new health system with Medicaid patients



Verment Governor Phil Scott says 30,000 of the state's Medicaid patients will be taking part in a pilot project to test a new system designed to reward health care providers for keeping patients healthy rather than paying providers to cure people who get sick.

(LK0208A)

Scott and others described the project Wednesday at the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier.

The year-long project with the accountable care organization OneCare Vermont will pay participating health care providers a set fee for each patient in the program.

Within limits, if that person's care costs more than the fee, the provider will have to make up the difference. If it costs less the provider will benefit.

The total cost of the program is estimated to be \$93 million in state and federal funds.

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*6140 AP-VT--Vermont-Budget Address, 2nd Ld-Writethru, 127 New Vermont GOP governor urges big education changes Eds: APNewsNow; Updates with Senate president comment. Will be updated.

Vermont's new Republican governor is calling on lawmakers to restructure the

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MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) -

way the state pays for education.

In his first budget address since taking office earlier this month, Gov. Phil Scott called on lawmakers to pass legislation that would require the state's school districts to not increase their budgets being prepared now.

The districts also would be required to have teachers pay 20 percent of their health insurance costs and hold a statewide vote on those budgets in May, rather than on Town Meeting Day in March, as many districts now do.

Scott proposed level funding the total general fund budget of just under \$1.6 billion. Increases in a number of social programs would be paid for with other savings.

The Vermont Senate leader, Senate President Pro Tem Tim Ashe, a Democratsays lawmakers will "kick the tires" of the governor's budget proposal that makes major changes in the state's education system, but they want to understand it before making any decisions.

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BC-VT--Dairy Farming-Immigration,132 Vermont discusses concerns about immigrant farmworkers Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.



WILLISTON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont agriculture officials are meeting to discuss concerns about how the Trump administration's immigration policy could affect the state's immigrant farm workers who are key to the success of the state's dairy farms.

The University of Vermont Extension Service told the state's agriculture secretary Thursday that the state has about 1,000 Latino farm workers, many of whom are living in the country illegally.

Extension employees say a total of 177 out of the state's 818 dairy farms use Latino workers.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott has said the state won't work with federal authorities to carry out border security and immigration enforcement orders as suggested by recent executive orders signed by GOP President Donald Trump.

Scott is convening a Civil Rights and Justice Cabinet that will meet for the first time on Friday.

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*6140 AP-VT--Agriculture Meetings,120 Vermont Agriculture Agency continues public meetings Eds: APNewsNow.



MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Top officials with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets are holding three more meetings with the public to hear thoughts on the future of farming in Vermont.

(JN0220)

Farmers and residents who are interested in agriculture are invited to attend and share their ideas.

Secretary Anson Tebbetts and Deputy Secretary Alyson Eastman will travel to Middlebury for a meeting on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Middlebury Parks & Recreation gym.

Another meeting is planned in St. Albans on March 2 at City Hall auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Agency of Agriculture has added an evening meeting which takes place March 15 in the Pavilion auditorium in Montpelier from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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*6140 AP-VT--Immigrants-Rally,113

Vermont rally aims to show support for immigrants

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - About 200 people have attended a rally on behalf of migrant workers following the arrests of several immigrants in the past week in Vermont.

Migrant Justice, an immigrant rights group, held the rally in downtown Burlington on Saturday.

The demonstrators chanted "Vermont will fight for immigrant rights" and "Migrants are welcome here." They held signs including "Free Our Vermonters.'

Migrant Justice is demanding the release of three immigrants after a Vermont dairy worker was arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Wednesday and two more were picked up on Friday evening.

Will Lambek, a Migrant Justice organizer, says the arrests represent an attack against the entire community of immigrant farm workers in Vermont.

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AP-VT--Immigrant Leaders Arrested,130 Protest expected at hearing for Vermont farmworker activists

Eds: APNewsNow.

BOSTON (AP) - Hundreds of people are expected to gather in Boston to protest the detention by federal immigration officials of two advocates for Vermont dairy farm workers.

Jose Enrique Balcazar Sanchez and Zully Victoria Palacios Rodriguez are scheduled to appear Monday in immigration court in Boston for a custody hearing.

They were arrested earlier this month as they left the office of the organization Migrant Justice in Burlington, Vermont.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement allege that they are both in the U.S. illegally.

But their lawyer says neither has a criminal record and neither poses a public safety risk, making their detention unusual.

Their arrest has drawn the attention of Vermont's congressional delegation, which has questioned ICE's priorities.

They say the state's dairy industry, which relies heavily on migrant labor, is at risk.

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*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,141 Governor details plans for records release in fraud case Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Republican Gov. Phil Scott says his administration is planning to accelerate the release of documents related to a visa program connected to a massive fraud case against the owner and former president of Vermont's Jay Peak ski resort.

Scott says it's the largest alleged fraud cases in Vermont's history and of significant public interest. He says he also wants to ensure their release doesn't jeopardize the state's and federal government's legal cases.

Ariel Quiros and Bill Stenger were accused of misusing \$200 million raised from foreign investors. Stenger has settled with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Quiros' lawyers have said he'll be cleared of wrongdoing.

Scott says the state will file court motions for public release of documents it discloses to defense attorneys as part of its civil enforcement case. Discovery for that case is expected to start by late spring.

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Open Mike EB-5 E-mail release

VT DIGGERS EFFORTS TO GET THE STATE OF VERMONT TO RELEASE E-MAILS CONNECTED TO THE EB-5 INVESTIGATION CONTINUES. MIKE **SMITH WITH MORE:**

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Vermont governor issues 192 pardons for minor pot crimes Eds: APNewsNow. Deletes extraneous words in lead, summary line, extended headline. Will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin has issued 192 pardons to people convicted of minor marijuana violations before the state decriminalized the possession of small amounts of marijuana.

In a statement, Shumlin said a minor marijuana possession charge should not hold people back from getting a job or going about their lives.

About 450 people applied for the pardons.

He says despite changing attitudes about marijuana, there is still a harmful stigma associated with it.

Thousands of Vermonters were charged with misdemeanor possession crimes before such possession was decriminalized in 2013.

Shumlin says that for many of those people those convictions made it harder to find employment, work in federal buildings, apply to college or even chaperone children on school trips.

Shumlin leaves office Thursday.

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AP-VT--Addiction Treatment Center Closure, 131 Vermont addiction treatment center to temporarily close Eds: APNewsNow.

UNDERHILL, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont addiction treatment center says it will temporarily close its doors later this month due to a staffing shortage.

Maple Leaf Treatment Center says it will stop accepting new patients for 30 days starting Jan. 15. The closure will only affect its Underhill facility and doesn't include the Colchester outpatient facility.

Maple Leaf says its clients will have completed their course of treatment before Jan. 15 or will be transferred to another center.

The state Health Department approved the closure after the center's executive director notified the state last week that it needed to restrict new intakes for a month.

The center says it will focus on filling six open positions and training new staff.

Officials say the closure is unrelated to five complaints the state received before Dec. 25.

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*6140 AP-VT--Doctor-Drugs,131

Vermont doctor admits to prescription fraud, drug possession

Eds: APNewsNow.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont doctor accused of diverting or falsely prescribing more than 1,200 oxycodone pills for her own use has pleaded guilty.

The Brattleboro Reformer reports (http://bit.ly/2izaQxR) 49-year-old Melanie Canon, of Weston, pleaded guilty in a plea deal on Tuesday to prescription-fraud and narcotics possession.

Canon admits she acquired or tried to obtain narcotics through misrepresentation in November 2015 and January 2016.

Her attorney says Canon used a prescription pad from a clinic where Canon previously worked to get oxycodone pills. Oxycodone is a strong opioid pain reliever.

Canon will serve four years of probation. She doesn't currently have a license to practice medicine in the state.

Canon says she used poor judgment and is longer using drugs. She says she plans to reapply for her medical license in New York.

Information from: Brattleboro Reformer, http://www.reformer.com/

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BC-VT--Dispatcher Charged,115 Ex-sheriff's dispatcher pleads not guilty to aiding burglary



A former dispatcher for the Orange County sheriff's office has denied charges she let her boyfriend and another man into restricted areas of the facility, where they allegedly stole prescription medication and other property and evidence.

(LK0126)

The Valley News reports (http://bit.ly/2jttnvA) 26-year-old Sonya Lowe, a former dispatcher for the Orange County sheriff in Chelsea, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to burglary and grand larceny charges. She was released from court on conditions.

Authorities say surveillance footage shows Lowe letting the men into a secure area of the department last year. The footage shows one man with a set of keys allegedly remove items from the temporary evidence room and remove pill bottles from the lobby.

Information from: Lebanon Valley News, http://www.vnews.com

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BC-VT--Fentanyl Sentence,84 Rutland man sentenced for distributing fentanyl



A man has been sentenced to four years in prison for distributing the powerful painkiller fentanyl in the Rutland area.

(LK0203)

Twenty-nine-year-old Donald Perkins, of Rutland, was sentenced on Monday, after previously pleading guilty.

Prosecutors say according to court records Perkins had distributed 88 grams of fentanyl. Perkins said he thought he was only selling heroin.

At the time he was also on federal supervised released for a 2011 conviction for conspiring to distribute cocaine, for which he had served five years in prison.

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BC-VT--Drug Arrests,107 26 arrested in northern Vermont drug investigation



The Vermont State Police say 26 people have been arrested in northern Vermont on heroin- and opiate-trafficking related offenses.

(LK0214)

The Orleans County arrests were announced Tuesday in Newport following a seven-month investigation.

Police say the charges varied and included sale of heroin, sale of crack cocaine and aiding in the commission of a felony.

Law enforcement reported 21 drug overdoses in Orleans County, including three fatal ones, last year. But police say there were more since most non-fatal overdoses are not reported to authorities.

Police also say Vermont is seeing an increase in heroin laced with the powerful painkiller fentanyl or pure fentanyl being sold as heroin.

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FENTANYL 3/2/17 LK / EH VTD



THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IS NEARING THE END OF ITS WORK ON A BILL THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY RAISE THE PENALTIES FOR SALE AND POSSESSION OF FENTANYL (FEN' - TAH - NUL).

V-T DIGGER'S ELIZABETH HEWITT HAS THE STORY.

(LIZ0302) :46 Q: USERS OF HEROIN

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YOU CAN FIND MORE ON THIS STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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VT HEALTH CONNECT 1/19/17 LK / VTD ERIN



M-V-P AND BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD, THE TWO MAJOR INSURANCE COMPANIES WITH PRODUCTS ON VERMONT HEALTH CONNECT, ARE WARNING THAT IF THE STATE GOES FORWARD WITH FIXING THE EXCHANGE, IT CARRIES A VERY HIGH RISK.

MORE FROM V-T DIGGER'S ERIN MANSFIELD.

(ERIN0119):58 Q: RESOURCES

THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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AMAZON STATE TAX 1/23/17 LK / ERIN VTD



THE NATION'S LARGEST ONLINE RETAILER SAYS IT WILL START COLLECTING VERMONT'S STATE TAX IN FEBRUARY.

V-T DIGGER'S ERIN MANSFIELD HAS DETAILS.

(ERIN0123) :45 Q: SALES TAX

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THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT V-T DIGGER DOT ORG.

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MERCHANTS BANK LAYOFFS 03/13/17

A VERMONT BANK HAS ANNOUNCED LAYOFFS. VTDIGGER'S ERIN MANSFIELD REPORTS:

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MORE ON THIS STORY AT VTDIGGER.ORG

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*6120 AP-NNE--FairPoint Merger, 1st Ld-Writethru,130 FairPoint, Consolidated shareholders approve merger



Consolidated Communications and FairPoint Communications say their shareholders have approved of a proposed merger of the two companies.

(LK0328A)

Consolidated announced in December it was buying FairPoint for \$1.5 billion, assuming its debt and offering dividends to stockholders.

Shareholder voting took place Tuesday at Consolidated in Illinois and FairPoint in North Carolina.

FairPoint is a Charlotte-based telephone and internet provider that serves homes, businesses and public institutions.

The lion's share of FairPoint's business is in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. It has a fiber-based Ethernet network with about 18,000 routine miles of fiber in northern New England.

Consolidated provides business and broadband communications in 11 states and is based in Mattoon, Illinois.

Public utilities commissions in the northern New England states will hold hearings in April and May on the merger.

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*6140 AP-VT--Biomass Project,132

Developer to appeal biomass decision to state court

Eds: APNewsNow.

FAIR HAVEN, Vt. (AP) - A developer is appealing to the Vermont Supreme Court after his biomass project hit a snag.

The Rutland Herald reports (http://bit.ly/2nLEAdt) Ted Verrill, owner of Pequot Energy in Connecticut, has filed notice he's appealing the Public Service Board's rejection of a power purchase agreement that would have supported the Fair Haven Generation project.

Pequot owns the project and was pursuing a power purchase agreement with VEPP Inc., a nonprofit administering two renewable energy programs on behalf of the state.

Verrill said the state modified a rule for long-term contracts that removed his project's eligibility for several federal benefits. The board declined to grandfather his project, saying his application wouldn't have met other parts of the prior regulation.

The wood-chip burning power plant would be off Route 4 near the New York border.

Information from: Rutland Herald, http://www.rutlandherald.com/

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*6140 AP-VT--Vermont Creamery-Land O'Lakes,86 Land O'Lakes acquires Vermont Creamery Eds: APNewsNow.

WEBSTERVILLE, Vt. (AP) - Land O' Lakes has purchased Vermont Creamery, which has experienced growth and says it needs a partner that will help it realize its business potential.

Vermont Creamery will continue to make goat cheese, cultured butter and fresh dairy in Websterville. Co-founders Allison Hooper and Bob Reese said the company is a "a good fit" for the Minnesota-based butter-maker.

Chris Policinski, Land O'Lakes president and CEO, said the company would like to bring the brand to even more people.

Hooper and Reese founded Vermont Creamery in 1984.

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