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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

4th Quarter 2017

September 1 to December 31, 2017

Following is a list of major topic areas to be addressed in our news and public affairs coverage. Different items may be substituted depending upon current news events unforeseen at the outset of this quarter.

Examples of specific stories are given to help you identify if the topic fits the issue category.

Issue 1: **Vermont Tax Issues / Budget Deficits**

Issue 2: **Vermont Health Care Costs & Coverage**

Issue 3: **Act 46 School Consolidation**

Issue 4: **EB-5 Scandal at Jay Peak**

Issue 5: **Marijuana Legalization in Vermont**

Issue 6: **Opoids Prevention Efforts**



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Programs and Issues – 2017

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breath of our reporting and our commitment to “live” local and relevant radio. Below is a summary of some of our major regularly scheduled broadcast efforts.

Monday-Friday:

Radio VT News provides extended coverage of local, state and regional news:
6:05am – 7:05am – 8:05am – 12:05pm – 4:05pm – 5:05pm
Each Newscasts is 5 to 10-minutes in length and features a variety of reports.

At 7:30AM Mon-Fri – The Morning Briefing: 10-mins of World & National News

The Morning News Service airs from 7-9am – two full hours of news, weather, sports, travel updates, commentary, interviews, plus studio and phone guests. WDEV employs our own forecaster Roger Hill who details the micro-climate of the region while watching major national weather stories and climate change. The MNS is produced by Radio Vermont News with additional world and national updates from AP Radio News.

Radio Vermont News has developed reporter relations with WCAX-TV Channel 3 News. Monday-Friday reporter Melissa Sheketoff joins the Morning News Service with a “live” interactive update to explore stories in much greater depth than available from wire service reports.

In our “Conversation with the Editor” series, we discuss major stories from some of Vermont’s most respected weekly newspapers:

Monday: (pending)
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter
Wednesday: The Chronicle (Barton) - Bethany Dunbar, Editor
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Dave Crosby, Reporter

Open Mike with Mike Smith: 9-11am

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Johnson, a longtime print journalist turned radio host, provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide political spectrum. During the legislative session, Mike originates his program direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). His program also goes mobile for events such as the Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO, the Tunbridge World’s Fair and other gatherings.

The Midday News Service: Noon-1PM

An hour-long update of the very latest news, business report, sports, weather and a variety of human interest features. This is the most comprehensive lunchtime news hour of any Vermont radio station. With the “Special Assignment” section, Radio VT News often delivers lengthy segments of news conferences or legislative debate. We are committed to providing our listeners with more than a “sound bite” service.

The Evening News Service: 4-5:30PM

The very latest news developments, sports and weather, perfect for the drive home. Special updated reports on the day’s breaking news stories with Cat Viglienzoni from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state’s leading on-line investigative news site, plus phone calls from the Times-Argus and Stowe Reporter.

Re-Broadcast of WCAX-TV News: 11-11:30pm

Since the conversion to all digital over-the-air TV broadcasts, many in our listening area told us that they missed WCAX news – no longer available to them “over the air.”

Through special retransmission agreement with WCAX News, WDEV re-broadcasts the 11pm report as a service to the public. (This is occasionally pre-empted by late-airing sporting events such as when the Red Sox play on the West Coast.)

Saturday Morning:

Similar to weekdays, WDEV is “live and local” with updated news reports including the Morning News Service from 7-8am. This hour also features “For the Birds” a program dedicated to watching and listening to birds; “The Green Mountain Club” report – with opportunities to explore VT outdoors and take advantage of guided and organized hikes around the state.

During the **Saturday Midday News Service** (12:00-12:30PM), WDEV airs the President’s Weekly Media Address and the Republican Response.

Sunday Morning:

At 6:00AM, WDEV starts the day with “Now It’s The News” a weekly news magazine show. National and International issues are explored in-depth with a variety of reporters and guests.

WDEV airs Red Sox Baseball, Norwich D3 Hockey, NASCAR racing, local stock car racing and high school basketball (boys & girls) regular-season and championship games. WDEV provide “Team Coverage” of every Town Meeting Day (March) plus coverage of Primary and General Election nights.

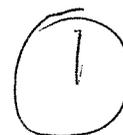
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A 2017 report on the Vermont economy paints a gloomy outlook for workers and families unless there are policy changes to avoid economic stagnation and rising poverty for many Vermonters.

Based on 2016 data, the report warns of future economic failure in the state that will affect the poor, the homeless, single-parent families and the undereducated.

Major findings show wages and incomes continue to grow faster for those who are already doing well, while for most of the last decade the median Vermont household has lived on less than it did in 2006. Overall, while the economy is improving, BUT poverty is increasing and is highest among people of color. Also... housing has grown less affordable and child care less accessible.



*6140 AP-VT--Tax Reform-Vermont,131
Vermont legislators criticize Republican tax bill
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont lawmakers are criticizing the Republican tax bill, saying it will add to the federal deficit and lead to cuts in programs such as Medicare and Social Security.

The Burlington Free Press reports Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders and Democratic Rep. Peter Welch voiced their opposition to the bill the House passed Wednesday.

Leahy called the process leading to the bill "fundamentally flawed," and he says the final version is full of "special interest giveaways."

Sanders shared his sentiment, saying 60 percent of the benefits will go toward the rich by 2027.

Welch says the bill will not make America competitive as it includes a lower tax rate for companies that send jobs abroad.

President Donald Trump is expected to sign the bill at a later date.

Information from: The Burlington Free Press,
<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com>

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AP-VT--Tax Code-Vermont, 128

Lawmaker warns of potential changes to the Vermont tax code

Vermont officials say the federal tax overhaul could lead to some significant changes in the state tax code.

(LK1212)

Representative Janet Ancel says she doesn't know what the changes would be. But as the chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means, she says they could be spending most of next year figuring them out.

Ancel says one issue is the federal standard deduction figure, which could be increased. She says lawmakers might also explore other options for public education funding if the property tax rate increases.

Ancel says she doesn't want the state tax system to be any less progressive than it currently is. The state currently relies on a structure that has people with higher incomes pay more in state taxes.

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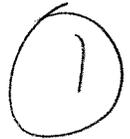
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Radio Vermont News

TAX REFORM - VERMONT
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SOME STATE OFFICIALS SAY IN THE SHORT TERM AT LEAST, THE FEDERAL TAX REFORM BILL WILL LEAD TO TAX CUTS FOR MOST VERMONTERS.

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

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AP-VT--Property Tax Increase,94

Scott says reducing school staff could prevent tax increase

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's governor is eyeing a proposal to reduce school staffing levels in order to avoid a projected property tax increase.

Vermont Public Radio reports that Republican Gov. Phil Scott is considering mandating higher student-to-staff ratios.

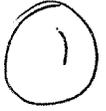
Scott says the state currently has about four students for every school staff member. He says raising that ratio to 5-to-1 could save \$100 million.

Last week, Scott's administration said a 9-cent property tax increase would be needed to cover proposed school budgets next year.

The state's teachers union says local schools should determine their own staffing levels.

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*6140 AP-VT--Sales Tax Compliance,131
Unpaid sales tax reminders net nearly \$1M for Vermont

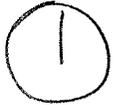
Vermont's effort to collect unpaid sales taxes on purchases made out-of-state or online has taken in nearly \$1 million.

(LK1205)

Tax Commissioner Kaj (Kai) Samsom says that about 2,600 people sent in payment after receiving a letter from the state. He says about 18,000 letters were sent out as part of a campaign to remind people of the 6 percent use tax.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott was among those receiving a letter, but he said he made no out-of-state purchases and owed no tax. He criticized the letter as "a bit threatening." He said the tax department should make it clearer that the letters are educational and not linked to an audit.

Taxpayers can track how much they owe or pay an estimated amount based on income.



*6140 AP-VT--Property Tax Increase,73
Vermont governor projects property tax increase
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont Gov. Phil Scott says the state will need to raise property taxes next year to support education.

WCAX-TV reports the Scott administration has projected Vermont will need to raise its education property tax rate by 9 cents. The increase could translate to hundreds more in taxes for homeowners.

The Republican governor's administration will have an opportunity to work with lawmakers to lower the rate of increase during the next legislative session.

Information from: WCAX-TV, <http://www.wcax.com>

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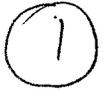
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Lawmakers attend briefing on budget gap



By Neal Goswami | Posted: Thu 10:15 AM, Nov 30, 2017 | Updated: Thu 11:22 AM, Nov 30, 2017

MONTPELIER, Vt. (WCAX) Lawmakers are gathering at the Statehouse Thursday for a fiscal update.

State economists and the Scott administration are providing the latest information on state finances.

Earlier this week, the Scott administration announced that personal income tax revenue was about \$5.7 million below target in October.

Representatives from the state's congressional delegation will update the federal funding picture, as well.

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BUDGET GAP
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THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL BE LOOKING AT ANOTHER SIZABLE BUDGET GAP WHEN THEY RECONVENE IN JANUARY.

CHANNEL 3'S CAT VIGLIENZONI HAS MORE.

(CV1109X) :26 Q: FOUR WEEKS

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LAST YEAR THE STATE HAD TO CLOSE A 76 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET GAP.

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How much does the state of Vermont know about your online purchases? Up until now, the tax department had no way of knowing how much you spent online. Now, they will.

Lawmakers passed a measure that requires online retailers with more than \$100,000 in sales to Vermonters each year to report to you and the tax department how much you've spent with them. This applies to anyone who's spent more than \$500 with an online retailer. The state hopes you'll use that information to calculate how much tax you should have paid. Gov. Phil Scott, opposed the data collection, citing privacy concerns.

The state and Vermonters should get the first round of data from online retailers at the end of January.

The tax commissioner says currently only about 10 percent of people pay the use tax. But They estimate about half of taxpayers owe it.

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SCOTT- SCHOOL COSTS

10/4/17

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GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT (APPEARED ON OPEN MIKE WEDNESDAY. HE) GAVE MIKE SMITH HIS THOUGHTS ON THE EDUCATION SECRETARY'S STATEMENT THAT THE STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX RATE WILL HAVE TO GO UP BY ABOUT EIGHT CENTS NEXT YEAR TO FUND SCHOOLS AT CURRENT LEVELS.

(PHIL1004Y) :48 Q: PROBLEM IS

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SCOTT SAID THE REDUCTION IN ENROLLMENT COMBINED WITH INCREASES IN SPENDING IS A "RECIPE FOR DISASTER".

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*6140 AP-VT--Care Board-Patient Health,127
Vermont health care board approves budget for new care plan
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's Green Mountain Care Board has approved a \$620 million budget for OneCare Vermont.

The budget approved Thursday marks the beginning of a five-year experiment to transform health care in the state. The Burlington Free Press reports the new plan to lower the overall cost of health care will have doctors paid whether their patients are sick or not.

Board Chair Kevin Mullin says Vermont is leading the nation in the vote, which marks a move away from a traditional fee-for-service model. Under the current system, health care providers are paid for each patient visit and procedure.

The OneCare system will pay primary care providers fixed monthly payments.

Starting in January, 122,000 people, or about one in every five Vermonters, will come under the OneCare system.

Information from: The Burlington Free Press,
<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com>

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Prosecutors say a company that provides drug testing has paid \$815,000 to the federal government and Vermont to resolve questionable billing practices.

The U. S. attorney's office for Vermont said the money from Dominion Diagnostics of Rhode Island, will be divided between the federal Medicare and Medicaid and Vermont Medicaid programs.

The federal and state governments say the company presented claims for payment from Medicare and the Vermont Medicaid program for urine specimens not ordered by doctors.

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*6140 AP-VT--Teacher Health Care,129
Commission recommends statewide teacher health benefits
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont commission has voted to recommend a statewide health insurance plan for teachers.

Vermont Public Radio reports the Vermont Educational Health Benefits Commission voted 6-3 in favor of a statewide contract for teacher health benefits. Republican Gov. Phil Scott says the commission's findings support his proposed plan.

Scott maintains that by negotiating a statewide benefit rather than having each school district negotiate separate health care deals it can save \$26 million a year in property taxes. The governor vetoed the state budget earlier this year after lawmakers rejected his teacher benefit plan.

The Vermont Chapter of the National Education Association says Scott's overhaul undermines the state's collective bargaining system. Chapter communications director Darren Allen says most local school boards can successfully negotiate health contracts without state oversight.

Information from: WVPS-FM, <http://www.vpr.net>

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AP-VT--Health Care Funding,131
Lawmaker to pursue universal primary care
Eds: APNewsNow.

COLCHESTER, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont legislator says she plans to push a publicly-funded health care plan in the upcoming legislative year.

Democratic Sen. Claire Ayer ^{SAYS} tells ~~Vermont Public Radio~~ she is writing a bill to create universal primary care. Her bill will focus on finding which taxes would support the plan and creating a framework on how it would be implemented.

Legislators attempted a single-payer health care system three years ago, but few have tried to revive the proposal after its failure. — 0 —

Ayer says universal access to primary care should be invested in if it results in saving money and better overall health.

As the chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, Ayer says she will also look toward lowering prescription drug costs and helping the state's struggling mental health system.

Information from: WVPS-FM, <http://www.vpr.net>

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MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont officials say more than 26,000 people have confirmed health insurance plans during the open enrollment period under the Affordable Care Act.

Sean Sheehan, spokesman for the Vermont Department of Health Access, said Wednesday that about 1,300 of those people were either new enrollees or people who had previous coverage and had unenrolled.

The open enrollment period is shorter than previous periods and runs through Friday. Sheehan says residents who don't sign up may not be able to get coverage until before 2019.

He says use of a Vermont Health Connect price comparison tool has increased 40 percent from last year.

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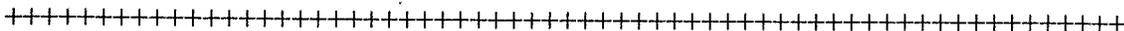
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*6140 AP-VT--Doctors Lobbying,131
Group wants clinicians on health care regulatory board
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A medical group is lobbying the Vermont Legislature to get more doctors involved in health care oversight.

The Vermont Medical Society says it wants the Legislature to pass a law saying at least one of five seats on the Green Mountain Care Board should go to a clinician. Vermont Public Radio reports Democratic state Sen. Ginny Lyons, of Chittenden County, agrees and is writing a bill.

Up until a year ago, there were two clinicians on the board - today there are none.

Society representative Jessa Barnard says on-the-ground experience could help other regulators understand how concepts translate to better patient care.

Republican Gov. Phil Scott's spokeswoman Rebecca Kelley says there should be a discussion about appointing a practicing clinician, comparing it to appointing utility executives to utility regulatory boards.

Information from: WVPS-FM, <http://www.vpr.net>

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*6140 AP-VT--Children's Health Insurance,118

Official: CHIP funds for Vermont to run out early next year

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont health officials say the state will exhaust its federal funding through the Children's Health Insurance Program early next year.

CHIP serves about 9 million children nationwide and the U.S. Congress allowed funding for the program to expire in September. The Burlington Free Press reports CHIP in Vermont is a funding source for the Dr. Dynasaur program, which provides coverage for pregnant women and children.

Department of Vermont Health Access Commissioner Cory Gustafson says no Vermont families would lose coverage from CHIP funds running out, but state legislators would have to account for a \$21 million budget gap.

Gustafson says he hopes the situation doesn't become that dire, and hopes that Washington will recognize the situation soon.

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AP-VT--Health Care Board, 1st Ld-Writethru,129

Pelham appointed to Green Mountain Care Board

Eds: APNewsNow. Minor edit.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Republican Gov. Phil Scott has appointed a longtime state government official and former lawmaker to Vermont's health care regulating board.

Scott announced Friday that Tom Pelham will fill the seat on the Green Mountain Care Board vacated by Con Hogan in September.

Pelham served as deputy secretary of administration and tax commissioner under Republican Gov. Jim Douglas, and commissioner and deputy commissioner of finance and management under Democratic Gov. Howard Dean. He also served as commissioner and deputy commissioner of housing and community affairs under Govs. Madeleine Kunin, a Democrat, and Richard Snelling, a Republican.

Scott says Pelham is "an accomplished public official" whose background and experience "will serve the board and the people of Vermont well."

He was elected to the Vermont House as an independent in 2002.

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V-T DIGGER REPORTER ERIN MANSFIELD HAS MORE.

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HEALTH OVERHAUL-VERMONT

Enrollment period for Vermont Health Connect starts Nov. 1
~~MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP)~~ - Vermonters who want to sign up for a health insurance plan for next year through the state's online exchange or existing subscribers who want to change to a different plan can do so starting next month.

The annual enrollment period for Vermont Health Connect runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15.

This year, the state's health insurance marketplace includes four new so-called bronze plans for 2018. Officials say the plans are for people who expect to be in good health, or are comfortable with some risk or basically are satisfied with having a low premium and paying more out of pocket.

The state has also launched an online tool to compare plans and costs for 2018.

Those already enrolled in a plan through the exchange will automatically be renewed.

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HEALTH INSURANCE RATES

Board denies health insurance rate hike after subsidy cut

(Information from: Rutland Herald, <http://www.rutlandherald.com/>)

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Health insurers in Vermont will not be allowed to raise previously approved rates for 2018 in the wake of President Donald Trump's move to block federal subsidies.

The board that approves health insurance rates has denied requests from insurers to immediately raise prices for consumers in an effort to recoup the lost money.

Board chairman Kevin Mullin tells the Rutland Herald there are a number of reasons to avoid a "knee-jerk" increase, including the possibility that Congress will pass legislation to continue the subsidies.

Mullin says it's unclear how much rates might increase in 2019, but acknowledges that insurers may have to "play catch-up."

The 2018 rates take effect on Nov. 1.

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GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT IS ONE OF TEN GOVERNORS WHO ARE SIGNING ONTO A LETTER ASKING CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO CONTINUE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES THAT WOULD STABILIZE INSURANCE MARKETS CREATED UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

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*6140 AP-VT--Health Overhaul-Vermont,130

Vermont health official: subsidy loss threat to coverage

Eds: APNewsNow; will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont's top health care official says the decision by President Donald Trump to end subsidies that help thousands of Vermonters afford health insurance poses a long-term threat to their coverage.

Vermont Health Access Commissioner Cory Gustafson said Friday that the president's decision will not have an immediate impact on the approximately 12,200 Vermonters who get subsidized care through the state's health care exchange.

But he says in the longer-term, the loss of the subsidies means "there's going to be an adjustment" for those who use qualified health plans.

Gustafson says that in 2016 the federal government provided about \$12 million in subsidies for those low-income Vermonters.

Gustafson says the loss of the subsidy shouldn't change peoples' decision on whether to sign up for care during the upcoming open enrollment period.

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AP-VT--Health Overhaul-Vermont,116

Group expanding those covered by new health spending system

Eds: APNewsNow; will be expanded.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A health care organization is expanding a system that rewards providers for keeping patients healthy rather than paying them to treat people when they get sick.

The accountable-care organization OneCare Vermont says it is expanding its program so it will cover about 120,000 Vermonters from one end of the state to the other.

Earlier this year the group announced that about 30,000 Medicaid patients were being covered under the system.

OneCare CEO Todd Moore says that is being expanded to include some Medicare patients and people who use commercial health insurance.

The project is part of an effort by the state of Vermont to restructure its health care system to reduce costs while keeping people healthier.

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AP-VT--Boarding School Plan,128

Vermont schools seeks permission to take boarding students

Eds: APNewsNow.

CABOT, Vt. (AP) - A tiny Vermont school district is asking for state permission to keep its high school open while marketing it to out-of-state students who would live in the community.

Members of the Cabot school board had considered various merger options as required by Vermont law. But in June, voters rejected a proposal to merge with the neighboring Twinfield and Danville school districts.

Vermont Public Radio reports that proposal failed because it would have required closing the 55-student Cabot High School.

Cabot is now asking for permission to operate as an independent district. Part of that proposal would create a new nonprofit organization called "Advantage Cabot," which would recruit primarily out-of-state students.

The out-of-state students would live with local host families and pay tuition to the Cabot School District.

Information from: WVPS-FM, <http://www.vpr.net>

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AP-VT--School District-Danville,115

School board finalizing plan to remain stand-alone district

Eds: APNewsNow.

DANVILLE, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont town is putting final touches on its proposal to remain an independent school district.

After two years of studying partnership options - including a proposal to merge with Cabot and Twinfield that voters shot down this summer - the Danville School Board recently voted on remaining independent. ~~The Caledonian-Record reports~~ the town's school board is preparing an Alternative Governance Structure to present to the state in order to remain an independent school district.

The proposal must persuade the state board that a merged district is not possible or practicable in order to be approved.

School Board Chair Bruce Melendy says the board hopes to vote to approve its proposal on Monday night.

Information from: The Caledonian-Record, <http://www.caledonianrecord.com>

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*6140 AP-VT--School Mergers,131

Study: Vermont spending \$31 million on school merger law

A new study has found Vermont's school district consolidation law, Act 46, will cost almost \$31 million for the state.

(LK1210)

Act 46 was set up in phases so districts that were able to get merger plans approved earlier would receive financial incentives.

A large number of districts took advantage of this - more than the state anticipated.

State Agency of Education finance manager Brad James says the state was surprised at the number of districts that chose to merge. About 75 percent of the state's districts were able to get their merger plans approved before a Nov. 30 deadline.

According to the Joint Fiscal Office study, Vermont will spend about \$25 million through 2019 on homestead incentives and \$6 million has been used to assist districts.

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AP-VT--School Merger,120

Pawlet, Rupert voters approve merging school districts

Eds: APNewsNow.

PAWLET, Vt. (AP) - Voters in two Vermont towns have approved the merger of their school districts amid a statewide effort to deal with declining enrollment.

The Manchester Journal reports the proposal was approved last week by voters in Pawlet and Rupert.

The plan will allow students to continue attending school across the border in New York. It will also mean they can receive tuition money to attend private Vermont schools, which officials say will likely mean tax increases.

The merger requires that the new school district be ready for operation by July 1, 2018. It will be partnered with the recently approved Taconic and Green Regional School District in a side-by-side merger, and both districts must "go live" on the same day.

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AP-VT--School Mergers,121

Recounts confirm 'no' vote on school district merger

Eds: APNewsNow.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Recounts in two Vermont towns have confirmed that voters narrowly blocked a proposal to merge several school districts into one.

~~The Bennington Banner reports that~~ Pownal's vote was confirmed Monday to be 214-210 against merging into the Mount Anthony Unified School District. A recount last week in Woodford found the result to be 38-36 in opposition.

Bennington and Shaftsbury overwhelmingly approved the plan, and the total vote across all four communities was ~~1,533-766~~ in favor of merging. But the proposal could not move forward if more than one town rejected it.

Voters in either Pownal or Woodford could petition for a re-vote, but not in time for a Nov. 30 deadline to qualify for school tax reductions under Act 46.

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AP-VT--Agricultural School,130
Vermont town's school board votes to keep high school open
Eds: APNewsNow.

CABOT, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont school board has voted to keep Cabot High School open and will ask citizens for a higher budget next year to add to the school's lean staff.

The Cabot School Board made the unanimous vote Monday after seeing the results of a town survey. The Caledonian-Record reports more the 155 citizens voted in the survey to keep the high school open, while 129 voted to close the school and have school choice.

Board member Jackie Folsom says there would have been transportation challenges for low-income students if they voted for school choice.

Cabot will present its plan to be approved as an Alternative Governance Structure to the state in December, after which the school board will work to persuade Cabot residents to support a higher school budget.

Information from: The Caledonian-Record, <http://www.caledonianrecord.com>

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*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort-Fraud,136

Ski resort owner reaches tentative deal in Jay Peak case

Eds: APNewsNow; will be expanded.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The owner of the Jay Peak Ski resort in Vermont has reached a tentative settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in a fraud case.

The Burlington Free Press reports the tentative settlement between Ariel Quiros and the SEC is mentioned in federal court documents filed in Miami.

The documents do not provide details of the settlement, which must still be approved by the commissioners of the SEC.

Quiros and his partner, Bill Stenger, were accused of misusing more than \$200 million raised from foreign investors to build projects at Vermont's Jay Peak, Burke Mountain and in Newport. Stenger settled his case with the SEC last year.

Quiros is believed to have pocketed more than \$50 million

Vermont Financial Regulation Commission Michael Pieciak says he can't comment on the details of the proposed agreement.

Information from: The Burlington Free Press,
<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com>

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AP-VT--Ski Resort-Fraud,117

Vermont seeks contractor to scrub EB-5 record documents

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont is hiring a company to scrub personal information from records related to the EB-5 fraud case that will soon be posted online.

The state Department of Financial Regulation made the announcement in a request for proposals this week. ~~The Burlington Free Press reports~~ they are seeking a company that can scrub Social Security numbers and bank accounts from records related to the troubled ski resort at the center of the EB-5 case.

~~Republican~~ Gov. Phil Scott's administration says the records are exempt from traditional public records requests, due to their involvement in ongoing litigation. DFR Commissioner Michael Pieciak says there is a great public interest in getting these documents "open and as transparent as possible."

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AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,127

Some investors want Vermont out of regional investor center

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Some foreign investors in developments at a Vermont ski area that are at the center of a fraud investigation don't trust the state to properly operate its immigrant investor center as it winds down and eventually closes.

The five investors in a class-action lawsuit against the state have filed a motion seeking to have a receiver appointed in order to protect their interests while the federal government shuts down the center.

Jay Peak's leadership was accused last year of misusing more than \$200 million raised from foreign investors through the EB-5 visa program. The lawsuit accuses the Vermont regional EB-5 center of essentially being partners in fraud with Jay Peak.

Vermont is seeking to have the case dismissed, claiming its employees should be immune from the lawsuit.

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*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,124
Vermont tries to dismiss suit in ski resort fraud case
Eds: APNewsNow.

HYDE PARK, Vt. (AP) - Vermont officials say the state shouldn't be liable for losses in a fraud case that cost foreign investors millions of dollars and potentially the opportunity to live in the United States.

The Burlington Free Press reports the Vermont Attorney General's Office filed a motion Monday to dismiss the investors' lawsuit, saying the government employees named should be immune.

Jay Peak owner Ariel Quiros and former president William Stenger were accused of misusing more than \$200 million raised from foreign investors through a visa program.

The state also says the investors can't file a lawsuit on their own because a federal receiver is representing their interests.

Quiros has reached a partial settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Stenger has settled with the SEC.

Information from: The Burlington Free Press,
<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com>

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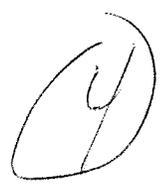
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GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT (APPEARED ON THE OPEN MIKE PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY, AND) SAID THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO CLAIM IMMUNITY FROM THE RECENT EB-5 SCANDAL IN THE NORTHEAST KINGDOM, WHERE ABOUT 200 MILLION DOLLARS IN INVESTOR MONEY WAS MISUSED, PUT STATE GOVERNMENT IN A BAD LIGHT.

(SCOTT1004Z) :47 Q: MY STANDPOINT

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SCOTT SAYS, THUS FAR, LEGAL ISSUES HAVE KEPT HIM FROM RELEASING MORE INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE SCANDAL.

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AP-VT--Marijuana Legalization-Vermont,124
Vermont lawmakers expected to resume marijuana debate
Eds: APNewsNow. Will be expanded. AP Photo
By WILSON RING
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Vermont lawmakers are expecting to resume the debate about legalizing the recreational use of marijuana in the opening days of the 2018 legislative session, which begins Wednesday.

A revised marijuana legalization bill was passed by the state Senate in June that addressed concerns expressed when Republican Gov. Phil Scott vetoed the original bill passed by both chambers in May.

The House did not have time to act on the proposal during a one-day veto session, but since 2018 is the second year of the two-year session, the bill remains active and can be voted on as early as Thursday.

Scott spokeswoman Rebecca Kelley says legalization is not a priority for the governor, but he will sign a legalization bill if it reaches his desk.

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Police say that elderly couple busted in Nebraska last week for allegedly having 60 pounds of pot were the parents of a Vermont deputy prosecutor.

80 year old Patrick Jiron 70 year old and Barbara Jiron allegedly told police they were headed to Vermont and planned to give the \$300,000 worth of marijuana as Christmas gifts.

Now, Chittenden County State's Attorney Sarah George confirms the Jirons are the parents of Chittenden County Deputy Prosecutor Justin Jiron. George said she planned to release a full statement today.

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AP-VT--Medical Marijuana Clinic,123
Clinic helps patients get signed up for medical marijuana
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - A new health clinic in Vermont is aiming to make it easier for people to get registered to use medical marijuana.

Vermont Public Radio reports that Canna Care Docs has been operating in Burlington for about two weeks.

Nearly 5,000 people are currently registered to use medical marijuana in the state, but the company says it could help many more people enroll, thanks to a broadening of the list of qualifying conditions, which now includes chronic pain.

Some critics say the company's model may be sidestepping regulations meant to ensure people cannot simply drop in to get registered. The company says it requires an initial consultation and a follow-up three months later, satisfying state law. They are considering offering virtual follow-up appointments.

Information from: WVPS-FM, <http://www.vpr.net>

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SCOTT - POT
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GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT MADE AN APPEARANCE ON THE OPEN MIKE PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT A STATEMENT BY THE HEAD OF THE VERMONT MARIJUANA COMMISSION THAT LEGALIZATION WAS NOT A MATTER OF 'IF', BUT WAS A MATTER OF 'WHEN'.

(PHIL1004X) 1:10 Q: HAVEN'T LEGALIZED

(TAG!)

SCOTT VETOED A LEGALIZATION BILL DURING THE MOST RECENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND ESTABLISHED THE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE A NUMBER OF ISSUES CONCERNING MARIJUANA.

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AP-VT--Fighting Opioid Abuse, 2nd Ld-Writethru,146
Vermont opioid panel releases draft of strategies

Eds: APNewsNow. Corrects number to 159 percent. Will be expanded.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A council created by Republican Gov. Phil Scott to address the opioid addiction crisis has released a draft report of recommended strategies.

The Vermont Opioid Coordination Council says deaths from opioid-related overdoses jumped 159 percent in Vermont between 2010 and 2016 and continue to rise. And it says more than half of the 266 young children in state custody are there due to opioid abuse issues.

The council recommends developing a continuum of care for pregnant women with substance use disorders and their children; expanding the number of Vermonters in recovery who have jobs; and implementing a statewide system for delivery of school-based prevention programs.

It also recommends expanding medication-assisted treatment in correctional facilities as well as creating a drug prevention messaging campaign, among other strategies.

This story has been corrected to reflect that the deaths from opioid-related overdoses jumped 159 percent, not 158 percent.

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Educators say it's a glaring example of how the opioid epidemic is showing up in schools.

a recent incident at the Academy School in Brattleboro: A student found a lunch bag in the parking lot and brought it to the front office. The K-6th grade principal opened the bag and found what appeared to be heroin, in a needle, with a spoon, left at the school by an adult.

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*6140 AP-VT--Treating Substance Abuse, 1st Ld-Writethru,120
Vermont streamlines process for substance abuse counselors



Vermont has streamlined the process for becoming a substance abuse counselor as the state continues to address the opioid addiction crisis.

(LK1016)

Governor Phil Scott says estimates suggest Vermont needs 100 to 200 more counselors.

Scott announced Monday that the Office of Professional Regulation has changed the rules to make it easier to become apprentice addiction professionals, alcohol and drug counselors, and licensed alcohol and drug counselors in Vermont.

Officials say the emergency rules simplify the educational requirements and relieve professionals from unnecessary documentation. They're also compatible with other states so out-of-state clinicians can work in Vermont.

The move came after Scott asked the Governor's Opioid Coordination Council to review the state's mental health and drug and alcohol addiction laws.

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AP-VT--Treating Substance Abuse,71

Vermont needs more substance use disorder professionals

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be expanded.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Republican Vermont Gov. Phil Scott says as the state works to address the opioid crisis, there's a need for more professionals to treat Vermont residents with substance use disorders.

Scott and Secretary of State Jim Condos are holding a press conference on Monday to announce regulatory reforms to address that need.

They say they will announce changes to administrative rules in response to "the substance use disorder workforce crisis facing Vermont."

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