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## **Programs & Issues List**

### **The Radio Vermont Group**

1st Quarter 2019

#### **January 1 to March 31**

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:       **Opioid Addiction**

Issue 2:       **Firearms Restriction Laws**

Issue 3:       **EB-5 Scandal**

Issue 4:       **College Financial Woes**

Issue 5:       **Hospital Finances**



## WDEV-FM and AM

### Programs and Issues – 2019

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 CBS 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: The Waterbury Record (Waterbury) – Lisa Loomis, Reporter  
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

#### **The Dave Gram Show: 9-11am**

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program. Gram, 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, Dave 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.

Stowe Reporter (Thursday) – Tom Gardner, Reporter  
Times-Argus (Friday) – Steve Pappas, Editor

**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.

**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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AP-VT--State Prisons-Opioids,100

State to add prison staff trained in overdose reversal drug  
The Vermont Department of Corrections says it plans to expand the number of staff who carries the opiate overdose reversal drug naloxone

Eds: APNewsNow.

WILLISTON, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Department of Corrections says it plans to expand the number of staff who carries the opiate overdose reversal drug naloxone.

The Burlington Free Press reports Commissioner Michael Touchette says the state's prison system will go from 284 correctional officers trained to use the medication to 774 by Friday.

Touchette says the expansion comes after the prisons saw at least five overdoses since July, which is an unusually high number.

He says having more correctional officers equipped with naloxone will cut down on response time if an overdose happens.

He says the expansion is "really about saving lives."

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

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Police say nearly a dozen drug dealers are off the streets in Rutland County after multiple state and federal drug investigations.

State Police say there are five federal defendants and six state defendants. Investigators say all 11 face charges related to the sale or conspiracy to distribute drugs including heroin, fentanyl and cocaine.

The Vermont Drug Task Force seized substances that police say were later found to contain dangerous mixtures of drugs. Police are now investigating whether those drugs were linked to any recent fatal overdoses in the area.



OPIOIDS  
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GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT'S OPIOID COORDINATION COUNCIL HAS RELEASED NEW RECOMMENDATIONS TO HELP FIGHT DRUG ADDICTION IN VERMONT.

MORE FROM WCAXTV'S CAT VIGLIENZONI.

(CV0207B) :27 Q: VERMONT DEATHS

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Vermont's biggest county is celebrating a big drop in overdose deaths.

Chittenden County has seen a 50 percent drop in overdoses from 2017 to 2018.

The city is attributing a countywide effort involving the Howard Center, the UVM Medical Center and law enforcement.

While Chittenden County has seen a decrease in opioid-related deaths, it's a different story statewide. Last year, 115 people died. That's up from 107 in 2017.





\*6140 AP-VT--Opioid Prescriptions,125

Bill would direct providers to follow paid med guidelines

A bill has been proposed in the Vermont House to make sure that health care providers follow guidelines for prescribing opioid pain medications to reduce the risk of a patient becoming addicted

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A bill has been proposed in the Vermont House to make sure that health care providers follow guidelines for prescribing opioid pain medications to reduce the risk of a patient becoming addicted.

A lead sponsor, Rep. Cynthia Browning, says the bill is an attempt to put into statute the current best practices of medical practitioners regarding opioid prescriptions. Browning says the bill also provides for right of action if a medical provider doesn't follow the best practices and a patient becomes addicted, meaning a patient could sue for damages.

The bill is sponsored by two other Bennington area lawmakers and 32 co-sponsors.

Some in the medical community have concerns about transforming prescription guidelines into law and specifying the right of patients to sue for damages.

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LEICESTER, Vt. A Vermont State Police trooper received three doses of the opiate reversal drug, Narcan, after being exposed to an unknown substance.

It happened late Friday night and into Saturday morning after a traffic stop on Whiting Road in Leicester.

While speaking with the driver, Vermont State Police Sgt. Brett Flansburg noticed the passenger, 25-year-old Taylor Woodward of Brandon, swallowed what was later identified as a baggie of cocaine.

After a search of the car and Woodward, a small amount of heroin, an empty plastic bag, and a syringe were found. Woodward was arrested on suspicion of possessing heroin.





\*6140 AP-VT--Opioid Town Hall, 1st Ld-Writethru,130  
Burlington mayor to host opioid experts at town hall  
The mayor of Burlington is hosting a meeting that will bring some of the  
nation's top experts on the opioid threat to Vermont's largest city

Eds: APNewsNow. Minor edits

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The mayor of Burlington is hosting a meeting that  
will bring some of the nation's top experts on the opioid threat to Vermont's  
largest city.

The meeting hosted by Burlington Mayor Miro Weinberger is scheduled to begin  
Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Burlington's City Hall.

Among the experts planning to attend are Gil Kerlikowske, known as America's  
"Drug Czar" and head of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol under President Barack  
Obama; and Dr. Josh Sharfstein, of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public  
Health, and co-author of the forthcoming book, "The Opioid Epidemic: What Everyone  
Needs to Know."

In addition, Fred Ryan, the former chief of police of Arlington,  
Massachusetts. and a leader in small and mid-sized police departments' addiction  
and recovery initiatives will also attend along with Vermont officials.

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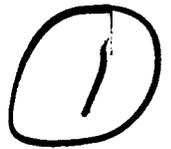
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\*6140 AP-VT--Drug Decriminalization,129  
Committee approves bill decriminalizing drug  
Vermont House Judiciary Committee approves legislation decriminalizing  
possession of the opioid use disorder treatment drug buprenorphine  
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont House Judiciary Committee has approved legislation decriminalizing possession of the opioid use disorder treatment drug buprenorphine.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Tom Anderson ~~tells Vermont Public Radio~~ he supports the use of buprenorphine, also known by the brand name Suboxone, as long as it's part of a doctor-supervised treatment program.

He says it is still a "dangerous drug" that can lead to physical dependence.

Burlington Police Chief Brandon Del Pozo says his department stopped making arrests for misdemeanor possession of buprenorphine nine months ago.

He says overdose deaths in Chittenden County decreased 50 percent last year, and access to buprenorphine is helping mitigate what he calls a "public health crisis."

The decriminalization bill needs approval from the Health Care Committee before getting a full House vote.

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

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### JUDGES RETAINED

All eight judges — and one magistrate — up for legislative review this year will retain their positions on the bench for another six-year term.

Among that number was Judge Samuel Hoar, who faced scrutiny during the retention process after two female attorneys publicly accused him of sexist, aggressive and condescending behavior in the courtroom.

Lawmakers review the performance of judges every six years and vote whether to keep them on the bench.

VTDigger.org reports that Hoar was retained by a vote of 129-36 in the joint assembly, but will undergo trainings on civility and implicit bias to address some of the areas of complaint.

The Vermont Bar Association also decided to begin doing three-year check-ins with judges to identify areas of concern as a kind of "oil change" halfway through their term — a plan that has the support of many judges.

### ETHICS COMMISSION

The head of Vermont's state Ethics Commission says complaints to that panel have been down in its second year of existence.

But Larry Novins tells Vermont lawmakers he fears that may be because the organization is viewed as toothless.

VTDigger.org reports that Novins' comment came in testimony to the Senate Government Operations Committee. That committee is considering legislation that would allow the commission to conduct investigations and levy penalties, two things it currently lacks the power to do.

The Senate committee's chairwoman, Windham County Democrat Jeanette White, says she knows the ethics commission is widely viewed as weak. But she says any legislation to strengthen it likely wouldn't pass before next year.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The Vermont Senate has approved legislation designed to unify and strengthen Vermont's addiction prevention efforts.

The bill, S. 146, pools resources and personnel from several entities that concentrate on stemming abuse of alcohol, opioids, tobacco and other substances.

VTDigger.org reports that it also sets up a new Substance Misuse Prevention Advisory Council to consolidate oversight of prevention programs.

Sen. Ginny Lyons, chairwoman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, says a key aim of the bill is better coordination of prevention programs targeted at young people.

### DRUG SUIT

Vermont Attorney General TJ Donovan has filed a lawsuit against two pharmaceutical distributors that he says failed to fulfill their legal duty to monitor and control the sale of opioids in Vermont.

Donovan filed the 129-page suit Tuesday against Cardinal Health and McKesson Corp. in Chittenden County Superior Court.

VTDigger.org reports that it is the second lawsuit Donovan has filed against companies he says are responsible for accelerating the opioid epidemic to Vermont. The first was a September lawsuit filed against opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma.

Donovan says the companies failed in their duty to prevent oversaturation of the Vermont market with addictive drugs.

A spokesman for an industry group representing both companies says they have strong programs in place to prevent such problems.

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PRIVATE GUN SALE BACKGROUND CHECKS

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BACKGROUNDS OF VERMONTERS INVOLVED IN PRIVATE GUN SALES.

WCAXTV'S CAT VIGLIENZONI HAS MORE.

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THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT WCAX DOT COM.

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\*6140 AP-VT--Gun Bills, 1st Ld-Writethru,124  
Vermont lawmakers weigh gun control bills

Lawmakers in Vermont are considering bills that could strengthen or ease up  
restrictions on firearms

Eds: APNewsNow. Corrects typo "use" in summary.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Lawmakers in Vermont are considering bills that could  
strengthen or ease up restrictions on firearms.

The Times Argus reports that the legislation includes a proposal to allow  
hunters to make guns quieter using suppressors.

Democratic state Rep. George Till says many states allow suppressors. Till  
adds that longtime hunters frequently suffer hearing loss.

Democratic Rep. Maxine Grad is proposing make it a crime for anyone under a  
relief from abuse order to possess a firearm. She wants to require them to  
relinquish any firearms until the order's no longer in effect.

Other bills include easing Vermont's ban passed last year on high-capacity  
magazines. Lawmakers are also weighing proposals to outlaw 3D printing of  
firearms and create a 48-hour waiting period for firearm purchases.

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AP-VT--Illegal Gun Purchases,130

First suspect in Vermont-Boston gun case pleads not guilty

One of two men charged with bringing drugs to Vermont in exchange for guns they took back to Boston has pleaded not guilty to federal charges

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - One of two men charged with bringing drugs to Vermont in exchange for guns they took back to Boston has pleaded not guilty to federal charges.

Thirty-four-year-old Darwin Medina entered the plea Tuesday during an appearance before a federal magistrate in Burlington.

Prosecutors say Medina and 26-year-old John Guerrero ~~people in northwestern Vermont they~~ were members of the Latin Kings street gang. They allegedly brought drugs to Vermont and gave them to a number of Franklin County residents who bought guns on their behalf.

Court documents say five of the guns were recovered by police in the Boston area and some have been matched to shooting incidents in South Boston.

In court, Medina answered the judge's questions, but didn't address the underlying charges.

Guerrero is due in court next week.

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Vermont's law banning high-capacity magazines for firearms is being tested in court.

VTDigger.org reports that Tuesday's hearing in Washington Superior Court marked the opening round in a constitutional challenge to the law that was passed last year.

That law prohibits the use of magazines for rifles with more than 10 rounds and magazines for handguns with more than 15 rounds. Democrats in Congress this week proposed similar limits at the federal level.

Lawyers for gun-rights groups are using the state Constitution as the main basis for their challenge.





## MACIAS APPEAL

Former Burlington High School Guidance Director Mario Macias is appealing a decision to strip him of his Vermont educator's license for professional misconduct.

The state Agency of Education found enough evidence to substantiate three of seven charges against Macias in February. The Burlington School District fired him on Monday.

VTDigger.org reports that Macias' lawyer, Francisco Guzman, filed the notice of appeal with the state agency on Thursday.

A special hearing panel found that Macias impaired colleagues' ability to do their jobs, was unaware of the basic functions of the guidance department and had inappropriately engaged a student witness in a discussion about the charges against him.

## COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

Leaders at the beleaguered College of St. Joseph say they hope a merger with a yet-unnamed school can appease the school's accreditors and stave off closure.

But multiple staff, faculty and students tell VTDigger.org that the Rutland-based college's president, Jennifer Scott, has told them its situation is dire.

Scott is said to have announced in meetings last week with employees and students that the school would need to suspend its undergraduate programming entirely for at least a year. Under that scenario, graduate programs would continue.

College leaders hope accreditors will grant the school extra time to negotiate a merger if it promises not to enroll any undergraduates.

## FIREARMS WAIT

The Vermont Senate's Judiciary Committee has approved a 24-hour waiting period for handgun sales. Its chair called the measure a compromise between those who wanted a 48-hour waiting period and those who wanted none.

The compromise has the backing of Sen. Phil Baruth, the Chittenden County Democrat who authored the waiting period bill.

VTDigger.org reports that Friday's deal was struck as a deadline loomed for getting bills that don't concern spending out of their initial committees if backers want to see them pass this year.

## INSTITUTE

The Sanders Institute, a Burlington-based think tank set up by U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders' wife, Jane, and her son, has stopped accepting donations and will suspend operations 18 months after its launch.

A statement from the organization said the move to suspend operations is aimed at preventing any confusion between the institute and Bernie Sanders' 2020 presidential campaign.

VTDigger.org reports that shuttering the institute also may be aimed at heading off criticisms of the sort leveled by Sanders himself in 2016, when he said private entities associated with politicians can breed undue influence.

One obvious example was the Clinton Foundation, in which Hillary Clinton was criticized for allegedly giving donors special treatment.

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\*6140 AP-VT--Handgun Waiting Period,130  
Vermont Senate to consider handgun buy waiting period  
The Vermont Senate is poised to consider a proposal that would create a 24-hour waiting period for the purchase of handguns  
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Senate is poised to consider a proposal that would create a 24-hour waiting period for the purchase of handguns.

WCAX-TV reports the proposal was approved Friday by the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 3 to 2.

The proposal would also roll-back some restrictions on high-capacity magazines that became law last year.

Democratic Sen. Dick Sears, the chairman of the committee, says the bill is a compromise. An earlier proposal was for a 48-hour waiting period.

Sears says he proposed the one day waiting period after hearing from a gun shop owner who said many handgun purchases are made impulsively. He says a waiting period could save lives.

Republican Sen. Joe Benning opposes the measure. He says didn't hear evidence showing the waiting period will work.

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

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MONTPELIER, Vt. (WCAX) The Vermont Senate has sent a bill creating 24-hour waiting for handgun purchases to the House.

The Senate gave it final approval Friday on a voice vote after a preliminary vote of 20 to 10 on Thursday. The bill was amended to allow for high-capacity magazines currently owned by Vermonters to be transferred in a will. In addition, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews were added to the list of family members that high-capacity magazines can be transferred to.

Critics of the bill including gun rights supporter Sen. John Rodgers, D-Essex-Orleans Counties, says it chips away at a constitutional right. ~~It~~ affects tens of thousands of law-abiding Vermonters. It's gonna lead to more global warming, climate change, with a second trip to the gun store," he said.

But Sen. Philip Baruth, D-Chittenden County, an original sponsor of the bill, says the waiting period will save lives. ~~Very~~ carefully considered. A compromise on all sides, and that means nobody is entirely happy. But I do think it will save lives."

The legislation now heads to the House for its consideration. Gov. Scott has not indicated whether he supports the bill.

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\*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,115

Receiver proposes subdivisions at Burke Mountain Resort

The federal receiver overseeing two Vermont ski resorts after their owner was accused of massive fraud proposed creating three property subdivisions for sale  
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURKE, Vt. (AP) - The federal receiver overseeing two Vermont ski resorts after their owner was accused of massive fraud has proposed creating three subdivisions for sale.

The Caledonian-Record reports the request filed with the town of Burke by Michael Goldberg proposes a 10.5-acre lot along with two 20-acre lots at Burke Mountain. Letters have been sent to property owners whose land abuts the proposed lots.

Former Jay Peak owner Ariel Quiros, of Miami, and former president William Stenger, of Newport, Vermont, were accused in 2016 of misusing more than \$200 million raised from foreign investors through the EB-5 visa program. They've reached settlements with authorities.

The Burke Development Review Board will hear the application on Jan. 9.

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

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Pieces of Ariel Quiros' former development empire in Vermont are being sold off, including land that had been owned by the parent company of the Burke ski resort.

The dismantling of the Miami businessman's real estate portfolio in Vermont comes more than two years after state and federal regulators brought civil fraud cases against Quiros alleging the misuse of about \$200 million of EB-5 investors' money.

Meanwhile, VTDigger reports that state officials are also asking the Legislature to grant them authority to sell off five other properties formerly belonging to Quiros, valued at an estimated \$2 million.



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\*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,129

Company denies responsibility for ski resort fraud

The former owner of Vermont's Jay Peak resort is fighting claims from a court-appointed receiver that it should pay millions in damages

Eds: APNewsNow.

JAY, Vt. (AP) - The former owner of Vermont's Jay Peak resort is fighting claims from a court-appointed receiver that it should pay millions in damages as part of a settlement.

The Caledonian-Record reports Canadian Saint-Sauveur Valley Resorts, Inc. says the federal receiver in the case assumed liability when he took over in 2016.

SSVR says the settlement would prevent the company from filing its own claims against the businessman who bought the ski resort.

Court records show SSVR used the federal EB-5 program to fund development at the resort before selling it to Ariel Quiros.

The federal Securities and Exchange Commission says Quiros then used the funds to buy the resort and bilked investors out of more than \$250 million.

The federal receiver has not responded to a request for comment.

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

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Former attorneys for Ariel Quiros, who federal regulators say was the “mastermind” of the largest alleged investor fraud case in the federal EB-5 program, are objecting to a proposed settlement with his insurer that would allow him to collect \$837,500.

That’s because, the legal team says, they won’t get any of the settlement even though they racked up \$3 million in legal bills defending the Jay Peak developer from fraud allegations before he fired them.

The court filing late last week by Quiros’ former legal team is the latest salvo in a long-running dispute over their unpaid bills since he terminated his relationship with them two years ago.

Earlier this year, a proposed settlement was reached between Quiros and his insurer, subject to a federal judge signing off on the deal.

Quiros has asserted that under a policy he and his businesses had with the Minnesota-based insurance company that he was entitled to up to \$10 million to defend himself from legal claims.

The insurance company disagreed it was responsible for coverage involving a fraud, but eventually agreed to the proposed settlement.



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GREEN MOUNTAIN COLLEGE  
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A PRIVATE COLLEGE WITH A FOCUS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IS CLOSING ITS DOORS.  
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(XL0123) :53 Q: FOCUSED COLLEGES

THE POULTNEY SCHOOL SAW ITS ENROLLMENT DROP OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS FROM 775  
TO 428.

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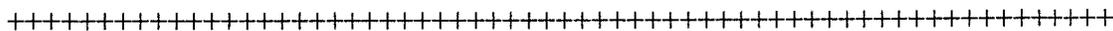
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AP-VT--College Closing,127

Vermont's Green Mountain College to close in May  
Vermont's Green Mountain College in Poultney is closing its doors in May after  
this year's graduation

Eds: APNewsNow; will be updated.

POULTNEY, Vt. (AP) - Green Mountain College in Poultney is closing its doors  
after graduation in May due to declining enrollment.

The private college announced the decision Wednesday at an all-college  
meeting in Poultney.

The school that focuses on environmental, social and economic sustainability  
says that Prescott College in Prescott, Arizona, will hire some Green Mountain  
faculty, house all of the school's records and create a school, or institute that  
carries on the Green Mountain name.

In a release, Green Mountain officials say the two colleges share a mission  
and are founding members of the EcoLeague consortium of environmentally focused  
colleges.

Green Mountain President Robert Allen says the decision to close was  
finalized after months of evaluation.

The college says enrollment went from 775 to 428 over the last several  
years.

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\*6140 AP-VT--Green Mountain College-Closure,124  
GMC officials meet with faculty, alumni over closure  
Green Mountain College President Bob Allen met with over 30 faculty and alumni over the weekend to discuss the college's decision to close its doors after the conclusion of the spring semester

Eds: APNewsNow.

POULTNEY, Vt. (AP) - Green Mountain College President Bob Allen has met with over 30 faculty and alumni to discuss the college's decision to close its doors after the conclusion of the spring semester.

Allen defended the decision to close and told attendees at the Friday meeting that merger talks were ongoing with other institutions until weeks before the closure announcement. The Rutland Herald reports Allen said he was tasked with compiling a budget for the college going forward, but could not produce one that would satisfy the Board of Trustees.

According to Allen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture will take over the college by June 30.

Allen says Prescott College in Arizona has offered to take in students, and other Vermont universities have pledged the same.

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

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BC-APFN-US--Colleges Closing,130

States look to boost oversight of struggling small colleges

As more private colleges fold under financial pressure, state officials in New England have been looking into increasing their oversight of the schools to help protect students

AP Photo RPLR201, RPLR202, RPLR203, RPLR204, MABOD201

Eds: APNewsNow. AP Photos. With AP Photos.

By LISA RATHKE and COLLIN BINKLEY

Associated Press

POULTNEY, Vt. (AP) - As more private colleges fold under financial pressure, state officials in New England have been looking into increasing their oversight of the schools to help protect students.

Several colleges have struggled to stay afloat amid a shift toward more career-oriented training and, particularly in college-rich New England, a decline in the number of high school students.

In Massachusetts, where at least 17 colleges have closed or merged over the past six years, state education officials are moving forward with a plan to screen colleges every year and gauge their risk of closing.

In Vermont, legislators are looking into requiring that a school placed on probation for financial reasons by its accrediting agency inform the state of its status and submit a plan for student records, setting money aside if necessary.

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\*6140 AP-VT--College Accreditation,117

College faces accreditation hearing over finances

Southern Vermont College has been summoned to a hearing over whether the school should be placed on probation over its financial stability

Eds: APNewsNow.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Southern Vermont College has been summoned to a hearing over whether the school should be placed on probation over its financial stability.

The Bennington Banner reports the New England Commission of Higher Education says the college may be out of compliance with accreditation standards.

The college was last accredited in 2009 and due for a periodic review by the spring of 2019.

College President David Evans says like other small New England colleges, SVC is facing "exceptionally difficult financial challenges." He says their issue is due to declining enrollment.

Evans says the college is working to provide evidence that it meets the commission's standard on Institutional Resources.

The college's show-cause hearing is scheduled for Feb. 28.

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Information from: Bennington Banner, <http://www.benningtonbanner.com>

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AP-VT--College Closing, 1st Ld-Writethru,128  
Southern Vermont College to close

College officials say Southern Vermont College in Bennington will close at the end of the spring semester because of a decline in enrollment and related debt issues that also face other small schools in the Northeast

Eds: APNewsNow. Recasts first paragraph.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - College officials say Southern Vermont College in Bennington will close at the end of the spring semester because of a decline in enrollment and related debt issues that also face other small schools in the Northeast.

The Bennington Banner reports that college officials were holding a series of meetings Monday to announce the closure.

President David R. Evans says the board of trustees voted on Friday to close the school. The newspaper reports that the vote came a day after a show-cause hearing before the New England Commission of Higher Education to determine whether the school should be placed on probation for failing to meet the financial resources standard for continued accreditation.

Green Mountain College in Poultney announced in January that it would close in the spring.

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Information from: Bennington Banner, <http://www.benningtonbanner.com>

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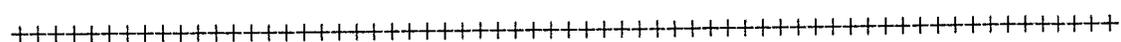
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SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE  
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RESIDENTS PACKED THE ROOM WHERE SOUTHERN VERMONT COLLEGE IN BENNINGTON TOOK COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC AFTER RECENTLY ANNOUNCING THAT THEY WOULD CLOSE IN THE SPRING.

CHANNEL 3'S CAT VIGLIENZONI WAS THERE.

(CV0307) :45 q: questions asked

The College of Saint Joseph in Rutland, has also said it will close, and Green Mountain College in Poultney is closing in the spring.

Text story available from AP

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\*6140 AP-VT--College Closing,131

Students slam Southern Vermont College over closure

Students slam Southern Vermont College over its decision to close at the end of the spring semester

Eds: APNewsNow.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Students are slamming Southern Vermont College over its decision to close at the end of the spring semester.

The Bennington Banner reports one student called the decision to close "immoral" and another blamed the closure on "unethical decisions" by the board of trustees during a public meeting Wednesday.

Officials at the Bennington college say the closure is due to a decline in enrollment and related debt issues that face other small schools in the Northeast.

Student Vanessa Kendall says the closure is "heartbreaking" and that SVC is a "home away from home."

Student Aliesha Thomas says there should be an appeal process.

Thomas says she transferred from the College of Saint Joseph in Rutland, which also said it will close.

Green Mountain College in Poultney is closing in the spring.

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\*6140 AP-VT--College-Potential Closure,130

College of St. Joseph says it may have found partnership

A Vermont college facing the potential loss of its accreditation says it may have found a partner institution to keep itself open

Eds: APNewsNow.

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont college facing the potential loss of its accreditation says it may have found a partner institution to keep itself open.

College of St. Joseph President Jennifer Scott said ~~on Thursday~~ that the school has entered into talks with a partner institution, and says she is "optimistic" about the colleges' future. ~~The Rutland Herald reports~~ Scott did not name the partner or if it was a Vermont institution.

The New England Commission of Higher Education notified CSJ officials in December that the small, independent college could lose its accreditation by the end of the spring semester unless the school provides proof of financial stability.

College Board of Trustees Chair Jay Kenlan said Friday he didn't want to comment until after Scott presents the plan to the board Monday.

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

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BC-VT--College-Potential Closure,123

Board of trustees vote in favor of keeping college open

College of St. Joseph Board of Trustees vote unanimously in favor of the college president's plan to keep the school open

Eds: APNewsNow.

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - The board of trustees at the College of St. Joseph in Vermont has voted unanimously in favor of the college president's plan to keep the school open.

~~The Rutland Herald reports board of trustees Chairman Jay Kenlan says the college could see a reduction in staffing, and they may send undergraduates to other colleges.~~

~~He says~~ the board is hopeful that the plan will encourage the New England Commission of High Education to reverse its decision to withdraw the college's accreditation.

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Kenlan says he couldn't discuss all the details of the plan.

CSJ President Jennifer Scott previously said the school has entered talks with a partner institution that could help keep the college open.

Neither Scott nor Kenlan has identified the partner.

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

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\*6140 AP-VT--College Closing,128

College president says the school is \$6 million in debt  
Southern Vermont College says it is facing about \$6 million in debt as it  
prepares to close at the end of the spring semester

Eds: APNewsNow.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Southern Vermont College says it is facing about \$6 million in debt as it prepares to close at the end of the spring semester.

~~The Bennington Banner reports SVC President David Evans answered a series of questions about the college's financial situation Monday.~~

He says most of its debt is held by Community Bank, and the college's overall outstanding debt, excluding the \$6 million in bonds, is less than \$300,000.

Evans says they are sending layoff notices to staff, including out-of-season coaches and admissions recruiters.

He says officials are assisting students in either transferring schools or completing their degrees.

Sen. Brian Champion has said he will explore the possibility of the state college system using SVC's campus.

Evans says he would be highly supportive of that plan.

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Information from: Bennington Banner, <http://www.benningtonbanner.com>

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\*6140 AP-VT--College Closing,117

Southern Vermont College withdraws appeal over accreditation  
Southern Vermont College has dropped its appeal of the New England Commission of  
Higher Education's decision to withdraw the school's accreditation  
Eds: APNewsNow.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Southern Vermont College has dropped its appeal of  
the New England Commission of Higher Education's decision to withdraw the  
school's accreditation.

The Bennington Banner reports SVC President David Evans said Tuesday they  
initiated the appeal amid conversations with a potential partner or acquirer.

Evans says the potential partner was unable to raise the funds required to  
support an appeal.

He did not name the party involved, citing a non-disclosure agreement.

Officials previously announced SVC would close at the end of the spring  
semester due to declining enrollment and about \$6 million in debt.

Former college President Karen Gross says she intends to save the college  
from closing, and she and others are "reflecting on other options."

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\*6140 AP-VT--College-Capital Campaign,129  
Bennington College announces \$150M capital campaign  
Bennington College in Vermont has announced a capital campaign of \$150 million,  
the largest-ever campaign for the school  
Eds: APNewsNow.

BENNINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Bennington College in Vermont has announced a capital campaign of \$150 million, the largest-ever campaign for the school.

~~The Bennington Banner reports the campaign announced Thursday~~ is intended to support five priorities for the college: financial aid, campus renewal, field work term, public action and the Bennington Writing Seminars.

College President Mariko Silver says they have already raised \$78.5 million over the course of four years.

The college is planning to establish a \$100 million endowment in support of the campaign's priorities.

Officials say the endowment is now at \$40.8 million, due to an infusion of \$22.8 million since the campaign began.

The college's last capital campaign raised \$92 million against a goal of \$75 million.

Silver estimates the current campaign will last between six and eight years.



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After a decade operating some of its summer Language Schools at Mills College in Oakland, CA, Middlebury will consolidate all 11 of its schools in Vermont beginning with the 2020 summer session. The change was made possible by a new agreement between Middlebury and Bennington College, which will host several of the Middlebury Language Schools starting next year.

Middlebury's Language Schools educate about 1,500 students each summer. Middlebury expanded its operations to Mills College in 2009 to accommodate a growing population of students, and in recent years about 300 students each summer have studied Arabic, Italian, or Korean at Mills. Middlebury has not determined which languages will be taught at the Bennington campus the first summer.



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Turmoil continues at southern Vermont's Springfield Hospital, where more than 30 current and former staff have signed a ~~petition~~ <sup>petition</sup> calling for the board chair's resignation.

VTDigger.org reports that Springfield attorney George Lamb chairs the hospital board, and that he is blamed in the petition for "not doing enough to prevent the troubled hospital's financial situation."

The hospital has been unable to pay many of its debts recently. In January, it got an \$800,000 loan from the state in hopes it could stay open long enough to regain financial stability.

Meredith Tips-McLaine, a nurse care coordinator, collected signatures and presented the petition to a board meeting last week. It says staff need to have faith in a hospital's administration and that that faith has been lost with Lamb.

### CARBON TAX

Two bills calling for a carbon tax have been filed in the Vermont House, but the chamber's Democratic leadership isn't showing much interest in them.

VTDigger.org reports that House Speaker Mitzi Johnson is saying it's too late in the legislative session to give the measures the thorough review they would need.

Carbon taxes have gained traction internationally as a way to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

Critics say such taxes would damage the economy and would not make a significant dent in global climate change.

Find more Vermont news at [VTDigger.org](http://VTDigger.org).

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### HOSPITAL FINANCES

More than half of Vermont's hospitals lost money on their operations last year.

Citing a study by state regulators, VTDigger.org reports that across Vermont's system of 14 medical hospitals, expenses are growing faster than revenues.

Six of the hospitals, including the largest – the University of Vermont Medical Center – operated in the black for fiscal 2018.

The Green Mountain Care Board is the regulatory body for health care in Vermont. Its chair, Kevin Mullin, calls the overall picture of hospital finances in Vermont "a huge concern."

### SOCIAL JUSTICE BILLS

Several advocacy groups in Vermont are asking the Legislature to rethink about a half dozen racial and criminal justice bills being considered this session.

Groups representing racial, sexual and gender minorities tell VTDigger.org the bills are well intended but miss the mark.

Advocates say the bills are piecemeal, reactionary, and drafted with limited consultation from the advocates themselves.

One of the bills creates a committee to oversee efforts to combat racial bias, but it is composed entirely of law enforcement officials. The advocates want more diversity on that and similar panels.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Students from around Vermont are planning to join a global strike against climate change on Friday. They're planning to skip class to lobby politicians and schools to take action to reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Middlebury College student Connor Wertz tells VTDigger.org the aim is to call out schools and other institutions for insufficient attention and action on climate change.

Middle school, high school and college students are all planning to join the strike in Vermont.

A demonstration in Middlebury is expecting over 50 students, while even more plan to march from U-32 and Montpelier High School to the steps of the Statehouse on Friday afternoon.

### ETHICS COMMISSION

Key Vermont lawmakers say the newly minted state Ethics Commission mishandled a case involving Gov. Phil Scott. Now they want to retool – some

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\*6140 AP-VT--Hospital-Birthing Center,128  
Hospital to close birthing center  
Officials at Springfield Hospital in Vermont have voted to close its childbirth center

Eds: APNewsNow.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. (AP) - Officials at Springfield Hospital in Vermont have voted to close its childbirth center as part of a plan to cut \$6.5 million from its budget.

Hospital interim CEO Mike Halstead says Tuesday's vote by the board of trustees was a "very difficult decision."

He says the number of births in the area is declining, and the hospital does not have enough resources to operate a service that doesn't support itself.

A recent financial audit found the hospital lost \$14 million over the past two years.

The hospital previously announced it would cut jobs and reduce wages as part of an effort to save money.

The hospital has not said when the childbirth center will close, but it says it will help families find other options in the area.

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Copley Hospital is losing its top administrator.

Chief Executive Officer Art Mathisen, who has led the Morrisville hospital since 2016, informed staff and board members that he is leaving later this year to become president of Memorial Hospital in North Conway, New Hampshire.

Copley, like other Vermont hospitals, has struggled financially in recent years. But Mathisen said he is leaving in part to be closer to his roots in Maine.



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A long-awaited ribbon-cutting, yesterday, to open the Green Mountain Surgery Center in Colchester.

Though independent surgery centers are commonplace in other states, this is just Vermont's second; the other is the Eye Surgery Center in South Burlington.

After a long and complicated legislative fight over how independent surgery centers should be regulated, lawmakers reached a compromise earlier this year.

The Green Mountain Surgery Center will employ 22 staffers, and will initially focus on gastrointestinal procedures including colonoscopies.

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Hospital to open part-time obstetrics office in Springfield  
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital says it plans to open a part-time obstetrics office in Springfield as the hospital there shuts down its birth center this year  
Eds: APNewsNow.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. (AP) - Brattleboro Memorial Hospital says it plans to open a part-time obstetrics office in Springfield as the hospital there shuts down its birth center this year.

Brattleboro Obstetrics and Gynecology will open an office at least two days a week in Springfield that will enable expectant mothers to see a provider for pre- and post-natal care. ~~The Valley News reports the~~ patients at the Springfield office would deliver their babies at the hospital in Brattleboro. //

~~Other planned services under the new arrangement include "centering pregnancy" and childbirth education classes.~~ Springfield Hospital announced Wednesday it was closing its birthing center as the financially-struggling hospital tries to shave several million dollars of expenses from its budget.

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

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