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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

3rd Quarter 2018

July 1 thru September 30

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: **EB-5 Program**

Issue 2: **Act 46 School Consideration**

Issue 3: **Gun Restriction Laws**

Issue 4: **Nurses Strike**

Issue 5: **Opioid Addiction / Pot Legalization**

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Programs and Issues – 2018

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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EB-5
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THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE STATE'S E-B-5 REGIONAL CENTER SAYS OFFICIALS IN FORMER GOVERNOR PETER SHUMLIN'S ADMINISTRATION SHUT DOWN HIS ATTEMPTS TO LOOK MORE DEEPLY INTO FRAUDULENT PROJECTS.

CHANNEL 3'S CAT VIGLIENZONI HAS MORE.

(CV0924A) :46

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THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY AT WCAX DOT COM.

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Digger Radio, Sept. 24, 2018 - Lee Kittell

Digger Radio, Sept. 24, 2018



David Gram <dgram@vtdigger.org>

Mon 9/24/2018 2:40 PM

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Here's a look at Vermont news from VTDigger.org

KAVANAUGH

"Too serious to ignore." That's how Vermont U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy is describing new accusations against Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

The New Yorker magazine reported Sunday that Senate Democrats are investigating accusations that Kavanaugh exposed himself to a classmate during a drunken party at Yale.

That story came after Christine Blasey Ford, who has alleged that Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her while they were in high school, agreed to appear for a Senate hearing on Thursday.

Leahy said the FBI should investigate both incidents. Lawyers for Blasey Ford are still negotiating the details of this week's hearing.

EB-5

Top Vermont state officials are split on whether to release reports that could show what they did or didn't do after being alerted to a possible massive fraud in the EB-5 immigrant investor program.

The governor's legal counsel, Jaye Pershing Johnson, has pushed for releasing the reports, while the commerce agency and attorney general's office oppose the move.

A whistleblower approached state officials in 2012. Federal officials announced they had found a Ponzi-like fraud four years later.

The documents could shed light on what state officials knew and when they knew it.

SANDERS-HALLQUIST

Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders is endorsing Democratic gubernatorial nominee Christine Hallquist.

Sanders, a left-leaning independent, says he likes Hallquist's support for Medicare for All and that Hallquist supports policies that work for all Americans. Hallquist is challenging incumbent Republican Gov. Phil Scott.

A Sanders endorsement is considered a prize for progressive Democrats, as he issues them sparingly. It was a month later in the cycle in 2016 when Sanders endorsed Democratic nominee Sue Minter as part of the party's statewide slate of candidates.

For full versions of these and other stories, go to VTDigger.org.

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VTD Radio Briefs, 9.21.18 - Jon Noyes

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David Gram <dgram@vtdigger.org>

Fri 9/21/2018 3:41 PM

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INVESTOR FRAUD

The former head of the state office that oversaw an immigrant investor program says he repeatedly asked for audits of the EB-5 program, but was rebuffed by senior Shumlin administration officials.

In a sworn statement last month, Brent Raymond said his efforts to warn his boss, then-Commerce Secretary Lawrence Miller, began after a tipster shared information about apparent financial improprieties at the Jay Peak resort.

Raymond says his warnings never drew an adequate response. Project principals ^{Ariel} Quiros and Bill Stenger were later accused of running a Ponzi-like scheme that defrauded investors of some \$200 million.

OUT-OF-STATE PRISONERS

Gov. Phil Scott says he wants to end the practice of shipping prison inmates out of state by building more prison beds in Vermont.

Scott launched a plan for a new prison and mental health complex in Franklin County last winter, but lawmakers did not jump on board.

The Republican governor says he's willing to talk with key lawmakers about a compromise plan if they don't like the one he's proposed.

The comments follow an announcement that Vermont will be moving more than 200 inmates from a state prison in Pennsylvania to a private one in Mississippi.

PRISONERS-HEPATITIS-C

Vermont Legal Aid's health care advocate is raising alarms about a lack of adequate treatment for Vermont prison inmates with Hepatitis C.

Health Care Advocate Mike Fisher says a public records request to the Corrections Department showed that it treated just one inmate last year for Hepatitis C, while some 258 people had the disease.

Lawmakers hearing Fisher's testimony on Thursday used words like "unbelievable" and "appalling" to describe the news.

Meanwhile, there are questions about what happened to the \$2.2 million set aside for treatment of Hepatitis C patients in Vermont prisons.

FARMS-WATER QUALITY

A panel of Vermont lawmakers has put off a vote on revised farm water quality rules following objections from

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*6140 AP-VT--Boardwalk Gift ,129
City to postpone accepting free boardwalk

A recent \$2 million lawsuit settlement with a ski resort developer has prompted Newport to hold off accepting a free boardwalk from the state in favor of other potential property deals.

(LK0809A)

The Caledonian Record reports Newport Mayor Paul Monette and an economic specialist sent a letter to City Council on Monday recommending the city postpone acquiring the boardwalk on Lake Memphremagog and a \$500,000 grant for its repairs.

The state attorney general and Gov. Phil Scott announced last month that they will use the money from the settlement with former Jay Peak ski area owner Ariel Quiros to help Newport.

Monette says the governor has indicated there are other locations in the city suited for new development and "all options are on the table."

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

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BC-US--Ski Resort Fraud, 2nd Ld-Writethru,137

Ski area developers to pay in immigrant investor fraud case

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with man's lawyer saying he's happy to move toward putting the case behind him, other man not returning call seeking comment. Adds background on visa program. Adds pronouncer for Quiros. Will be updated

By DAVID JORDAN

Associated Press

NEWPORT, Vt. (AP) - Vermont has settled a lawsuit against two ski resort developers accused of defrauding its immigrant investor program.

Attorney General T.J. Donovan announced Thursday former Jay Peak owner Ariel Quiros (KWEHR'-ohs), of Miami, will pay the state \$2 million satisfied by transferring five properties to Vermont. Former Jay Peak president William Stenger will pay the city of Newport \$100,000, earmarked for economic development.

The agreement is subject to court approval. If approved the state will drop its lawsuit against both men.

Quiros and Stenger were accused of misusing \$200 million raised from foreign investors through the EB-5 visa program, which helps foreigners obtain permanent residency by investing in job-creating developments. They've reached settlements with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Quiros' lawyer says he's happy to move toward putting this behind him. Stenger hasn't returned a call seeking comment.

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*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,127

Governor, Attorney General make visa investor announcement

Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

NEWPORT, Vt. (AP) - Republican Gov. Phil Scott and Democratic Attorney General T.J. Donovan will make an announcement about the state's troubled immigrant investor program.

The announcement will come Thursday in Newport, a town left with a large unfinished development after alleged fraud was uncovered in the program.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ordered that the state close its regional center following alleged fraud at the Jay Peak ski resort. State officials plan to appeal the decision in order to gradually wind down the program, but agree that the center should be closed.

Jay Peak owner Ariel Quiros and former Jay president William Stenger were accused in 2016 of misusing more than \$200 million raised from foreign investors through the EB-5 visa program for developments at or near the resort.

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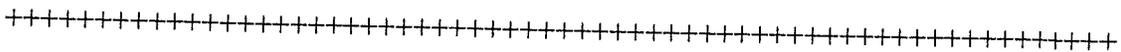
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*6140 AP-VT--Ski Resort Fraud,129

Feds order shut down of Vermont immigrant investor center

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MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has ordered Vermont to close its immigrant investor regional center following the alleged fraud at Jay Peak ski resort involving millions of dollars from the investor program.

The state plans to appeal the decision. Officials say while the state agrees with eventually closing the center, it thinks the best way is to wind down the operations and then close it to protect investors and possible jobs.

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BC-APFN-US--Ski Resort Fraud, 2nd Ld-Writethru,376
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Eds: Updates with quotations, background. Adds byline.
By LISA RATHKE
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has ordered Vermont to close its immigrant investor regional center following alleged fraud at Jay Peak ski resort involving millions of dollars.

The state plans to appeal the decision.

While the state agrees with closing the center, the governor's administration thinks the best way is to wind down the operations gradually to protect investors and jobs, state officials said Monday.

There are currently about 900 approved regional centers aimed at helping foreigners obtain permanent residency by investing in job-creating developments in the U.S. through the EB-5 visa program.

But the EB-5 visa program has been linked to fraud cases involving more than \$1 billion in investment in recent years. About 240 regional EB-5 centers across the country have been terminated for either failing to submit required information to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or no longer serving the purpose of promoting economic growth, according to the USCIS website.

In Vermont, EB-5 projects have contributed tens of millions of dollars in economic development, including current construction at the Mount Snow ski area in southern Vermont and recently completed work at a Jay Peak project, said Michael Schirling, secretary of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

"The wind-down plan allows that money to remain invested in Vermont and preserves the many jobs that have been created," he said.

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USCIS told the state last August that it intended to close the EB-5 regional center because it failed to properly manage, monitor and oversee EB-5 projects. The USCIS noted other deficiencies: the diversion of investor funds from job-creating projects, including for Quiros' personal use; the misrepresentation of projects and prospects for success to both investors and the USCIS; and the negative effects on future projects.

The diversion of funds caused some funding shortages for certain projects and jeopardized some investors' eligibility for permanent residency because an insufficient number of jobs were created, the USCIS said.

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*6140 AP-VT--School Mergers, 1st Ld-Writethru,122
State Board of Education to soon decide school mergers

Eds: APNewsNow. Edits to show Newark is in the Northeast Kingdom.

CHESTER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Board of Education has held its last public meeting before it decides which school districts should merge.

~~Vermont Public Radio reports~~ The board ended its series of meetings in Chester Wednesday after hearing from school districts and residents in the Northeast Kingdom town of Newark and Montpelier.

While some speakers supported the plan at Wednesday's meeting, the majority opposed the state's plan to consolidate districts that have yet to merge under the state's school consolidation law.

The Vermont Secretary of Education issued a draft statewide plan June 1 which recommended 18 new school districts. Sen. Becca Balint says "we all want equity for our children."

The board has until Nov. 30 to submit its final school district merger plan.

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*6140 AP-VT--School Mergers,126

Voters decide to close elementary school over merger plan

Eds: APNewsNow.

HOLLAND, Vt. (AP) - Voters have decided to close their local elementary school in Vermont rather than face a merger with the neighboring school district.

The Caledonian Record reports many tears were shed Tuesday as voters decided 57 to 21 in favor of closing Holland Elementary School at the end of the current school year.

Students will receive tuition to attend Derby Elementary School, and the school board will pay Derby for busing costs and building maintenance.

The move will affect about 30 students between kindergarten and sixth grade if Derby accepts.

Derby School Board Chairman Bryan Davis says they wanted to wait for Holland's vote before discussing the change.

Some residents blamed Act 46 for the closure, saying the state's district merger plan gave them no other choice.

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

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AP-VT--School Mergers,120
Education board to hold 3 meetings on district mergers
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Board of Education will host a series of meetings with schools across the state concerning a district merger plan.

Vermont Public Radio reports the board will hold three meetings to discuss Secretary of Education Heather Bouchee's consolidation plan for districts that didn't merge under Act 46. Northern districts will meet in Newark on July 18. Central districts will gather at the Statehouse on Aug. 15 and southern Districts will meet Sept. 19 in Chester.

District representatives will receive 20 minutes to explain their position. Half of the period will be used to answer questions from the board.

Districts are also required to provide written responses that include "specific data and references to the requirements of Act 46."

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

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AP-VT--School Shooting Plot-Vermont,130
Family court requested for man charged with shooting plot
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Attorneys for an 18-year-old Vermont man accused of planning a mass shooting at his former high school have requested the court grant their client "youthful offender" status.

A motion filed Monday by the Office of the Defender General on behalf of Jack Sawyer asks the court to move charges of criminal threatening and carrying a deadly weapon to family court. Sawyer pleaded not guilty to the charges. Four felony charges, including three attempted murder charges, were dismissed in April following a Vermont Supreme Court ruling.

Police say Sawyer planned a shooting at Fair Haven Union High School.

Vermont Deputy Defender General Marshall Pahl says his client is an adolescent who could benefit from a system that rehabilitates offenders.

Rutland County State's Attorney Rose Kennedy says the state opposes the move.

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*6140 AP-VT--School Shooting Plot,130

Lawyers for teen accused in shooting plot want case moved

Eds: APNewsNow.

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - Lawyers for a Vermont teen accused of planning a mass shooting at his former high school have asked that his case be moved to family court.

The Rutland Herald reports that the defender general's office on Monday filed a motion to transfer the remaining misdemeanor charges to the family division to determine if 18-year-old Jack Sawyer will be treated as a youthful offender.

Sawyer was initially charged with attempted murder, accusing him of planning a shooting at Fair Haven Union High School.

The most serious charges were dropped after the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that preparation didn't constitute attempted murder. He faces misdemeanor charges of criminal threatening and carrying a weapon with the intent of harming another person.

The county prosecutor says she opposes granting Sawyer youthful offender status.

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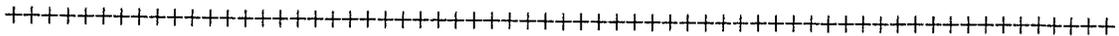
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*6140 AP-VT--Gun Restrictions-Lawsuit,131
2nd lawsuit filed over Vermont's new gun restrictions
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Gun rights advocates have filed a second legal challenge over Vermont's new gun restrictions.

The group Gun Owners of Vermont filed a civil suit in Windham County last week challenging the constitutionality of universal background check, raising the legal age to purchase a gun to 21 and a ban on bump stocks.

A lawyer representing the group says elected officials haven't shown that the restrictions will affect public safety.

Attorney General T.J. Donovan says the law is about protecting children and "when you talk about protecting children you talk about what steps Vermont's willing to take." He ~~SAID~~ ~~Vermont Public Radio~~ the universal background checks and raising the buying age won't strip people of the right to bear arms.

The Vermont Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs filed a lawsuit in April.

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Lyndon Institute went into lockdown on its first day of classes Tuesday as police investigated a suspicious person report describing someone carrying a "long gun," which turned out to be a student carrying an umbrella.

Lyndonville Police Chief Jack Harris said the department received the report of a "male subject walking on College Rd. toward Lyndon Institute carrying what was described as a long gun" from a member of the community who lives in the area around the high school.

Police said that as officers were en route to the area, they contacted the school and it initiated lockdown protocol.

At 11:50 a.m., the Lyndon Institute [tweeted] that the "campus is currently under lockdown. We will post updates here as they become available. We encourage parents/guardians NOT to come to the campus at this time."

State troopers and members of the Caledonia County Sheriff's Department assisted in the Lyndon Institute campus search.

After arriving at the high school, police said officers conducted a search of the school grounds and buildings, but found no firearms. They did find a student who matched the description given by the community member.

What had been described as a "long gun" was in fact an umbrella, police determined. The local resident remained with police to identify that the student and umbrella were the subject and item they had identified in their report.

At 12:24 p.m., Lyndon Institute tweeted that the lockdown had been lifted and classes restarted.

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*6140 AP-VT--School Lockdown-Messenger System, 128
School fixes system that failed to send lockdown alert
Eds: APNewsNow.

LYNDON, Vt. (AP) - Officials say they have fixed a messenger system at a Vermont school that left parents in the dark when the school was locked down over reports of a gun on campus.

WCAX-TV reports Lyndon Institute Head of School Twila Perry says a call will now go to parents in an emergency, telling them how to reach their kids and where to pick them up.

The school went into lockdown on the first day of classes Aug. 28 due to reports of a suspicious person on campus with what appeared to be a gun. Police say the gun turned out to be just an umbrella.

The school shared information about the lockdown on Facebook, but its messenger system failed to reach parents. Six hundred kids attend the school.

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*6140 AP-VT--Bump Stocks-Vermont,128

State Police collect soon-to-be-banned firearm bump stocks

Eds: APNewsNow.

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) - Vermont state police barracks are accepting rapid-fire devices attached to guns known as bump stocks that will become illegal on Oct. 1 under new state gun restrictions.

The state police say the law directs the Department of Public Safety to collect bump stocks from people who want to get rid of them.

Owners of the devices may anonymously drop them off for disposal at 10 state police barracks from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The bump stocks must be removed from the firearms.

The state police say the devices will be held in a secure area in the barracks pending destruction.

The Legislature passed gun restrictions this year requiring universal background checks, increasing the age to buy firearms and banning high-capacity magazines and bump stocks.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses 114

Union votes no confidence with hospital board of trustees

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Union nurses have issued a vote of no confidence with the University of Vermont Medical Center's Board of Trustees.

The vote comes after nurses agreed to a tentative contract with the Burlington hospital Wednesday. The contract includes a 16 percent pay increase over three years.

Union lead negotiator Molly Wallner told the board Thursday that they "refused to engage" during contract negotiations. She arrived with the union vice president who delivered a petition with 6,000 signatures in support of the no confidence vote.

The nurses were seeking a 22 percent raise during contract negotiations that began in March.

Union members will vote on the contract next week. The results will be released Sept. 28.

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Nurses Union Members
Voting next week on union
petition to discontinue contract
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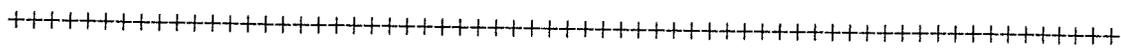
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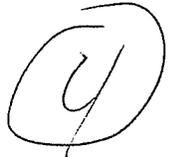


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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses,116
UVM, nurses union reach tentative agreement on contract
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The University of Vermont Medical Center has reached a tentative contract agreement with a union representing nurses.

WCAX-TV reports both UVM Medical Center and the Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals both confirmed Wednesday night they had reached a tentative agreement.

The union said in a statement they "stood up and refused to accept management's last, best and final offer." The union added that they "ended negotiations on" their terms.

UVM Medical Center said in a statement the hospital agreed to a contract that includes a 16 percent average base salary increase over three years.

Higher wages were a sticking point for the contract. The nurses had sought a 22-percent raise over three years.

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

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses,126
UVM nurses union leader resigns amid contract talks
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The head negotiator for the University of Vermont Medical Center nurses union has resigned in the middle of contract talks.

The Burlington Free Press reports the nurses union issued a statement Saturday thanking Julie MacMillan for her "hard work and dedication." MacMillan had led the group during contract negotiations since March 29.

Union president Laurie Aunchman said MacMillan's "guidance and leadership" was vital to the group's success so far. The nurses went on a two day strike last month.

MacMillan didn't return a call for comment.

Higher wages remain a sticking point for the contract.

The nurses are seeking a 22-percent raise over three years.

UVM Medical Center President Eileen Whalen has said the hospital is hopeful a new offer will receive support from nurses.

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



AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 98

Nurses to attend hospital budget meeting amid contract talks

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Nurses employed at the University of Vermont Medical Center say they plan to attend a budget public hearing with the Green Mountain Care board.

The nurses' union is currently locked in negotiations with the Burlington hospital over contracts. MyNBC5.com reports the annual meeting is where hospitals present their budgets for the next fiscal year.

Green Mountain Care Board President Kevin Mullin says the board doesn't plan on delaying approval for the medical center's budget.

The hospital and the union have been in talks since March and most recently met over the weekend to mainly discuss informal proposals.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 129
Nurses, hospital cite progress in latest contract talks
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Unionized nurses and administrators from Vermont's largest hospital say they are making progress in contract negotiations.

The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals met Saturday with officials from the University of Vermont Medical Center as part of ongoing contract negotiations.

No agreement was reached, but union representatives say they made progress.

The nurses held a two-day strike last month.

The hospital says it presented a new wage offer that includes a base salary increase of 15 percent over a three-year period with nurses in some roles receiving wage increases up to 30 percent.

The union is seeking a 22-percent raise over three years.

The nurses say some hospital executives receive compensation packages worth more than \$2 million so they know the hospital can afford to pay nurses more.

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AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 1st Ld-Writethru,129
Nurses' union urges board to reject hospital budget

The union representing nurses at the University of Vermont Medical Center is urging a state board to delay approving the medical center's budget until nurses have a new contract.

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The request on Wednesday comes as the union and hospital this week resumed negotiations following a two-day nurses' strike.

Higher wages remain a sticking point for the contract.

The union says the medical center provides high salaries for top executives to "attract and retain the skilled workforce necessary to provide high-quality and high-value care" but doesn't extend that logic to providers and support staff.

The Green Mountain Care Board is reviewing hospital budgets and says it will not delay the process for the UVM Medical Center. The board chairman says the panel hopes negotiations continue and a resolution is reached.

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AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 1st Ld-Writethru,129 .
Nurses' union urges board to reject hospital budget
Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with comment from regulators.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 1st Ld-Writethru,122
Nurses' union, UVM Medical Center resume negotiations
Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with negotiations resuming, Sanders statement.
BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The University of Vermont Medical Center and nurses' union have resumed negotiations to reach agreement on a contract.

Negotiations resumed Monday following a two-day strike from the nurses' union. The strike cost the hospital millions in having to bring in temporary nurses.

Higher wages remain a sticking point for the new contract, as the union seeks a 23 percent increase in pay over three years. The hospital had previously offered a 13 percent increase.

Hospital officials say a federal mediator will be brought in for the bargaining sessions planned for Monday and Tuesday.

Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders on Monday called on the medical center's board of trustees to take a more active role in the negotiations and help resolve the dispute.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses,128
Nurses plan to pull money from credit union
Eds: APNewsNow.

WILLISTON, Vt. (AP) - The University of Vermont Medical Center nurses' union says its parent union will withdraw its money from the New England Credit Union because the institution has ties to the hospital.

The Burlington Free Press reports ATF Vermont president Deb Snell said Thursday the union opted to pull its funds because the hospital board members weren't supportive. NEFCU CEO John Dwyer and a credit union board member are both board members of the UVM Medical Center.

The nurses' union and hospital administrators have been negotiating pay issues since March. Nurses held a two-day strike in July.

Dwyer says he only advises the hospital and isn't involved in contract negotiations. He says he's communicating with management.

UVM Medical Center said in a statement both sides will reopen negotiations Monday.

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

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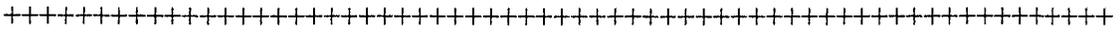
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*6140 AP-VT--Nurses Strike,96
Contract talks stall for UVM Medical Center nurses
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The University of Vermont Medical Center and nurses weren't able to work out a contract this week.

WCAX-TV reports the hospital and nurses couldn't agree on a wage increase Wednesday night. The hospital did agree to increase bonuses for 600 nurses at the top pay level.

Both sides have been negotiating pay issues since March.

The nurses' union has proposed a 23 percent wage increase over three years. The hospital has pushed for a 13 percent increase.

Hospital administrators say another federal mediator will be brought in for bargaining sessions on Aug. 13 and 14.

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

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*6140 AP-VT--Nurses Strike ,129

Progress for nurses and Vermont hospital, but no contract

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - There's no deal yet between unionized nurses and Vermont's largest medical center, but the two sides did make some progress in the first negotiation session since a two-day strike earlier this month.

In a Tuesday negotiating session, the Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals and representatives of the University of Vermont Medical Center in Burlington reached tentative agreements on issues that help govern some scheduling issues and pay rates. Both sides say the first agreements are good steps.

The two sides did not reach an agreement on pay increases for the 1,800 nurses.

The union maintains higher wages are necessary to recruit and retain nurses and support staff and alleviate understaffing.

Additional bargaining sessions are planned for next month.

The nurses went on strike July 12 and 13.

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AP-VT--Nurses Strike,128

Nurses and hospital plan to resume negotiations

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The nurses' union and the University of Vermont Medical Center are planning to resume negotiations after nurses went on a two-day strike. The two parties are planning to meet on Tuesday evening.

They have been negotiating since March 29, but remain far apart on the issue of pay.

The union is seeking about a 22 percent pay increase over three years. The Medical Center offered about a 14 percent pay increase over three years.

The union maintains higher wages are necessary to recruit and retain nurses and support staff and "address a crisis of understaffing."

A breakdown in talks led the 1,800 nurses to strike on July 13 and 14. Hospital administrators brought in outside nurses during the strike and say most hospital operations were unaffected by it.

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*6140 AP-VT--Nurses Strike, 1st Ld-Writethru,140

Nurses resume work at UVM Medical Center after 2-day strike

Eds: APNewsNow. Corrects timeline of strike in the 2nd paragraph.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The Burlington City Council is pushing for a resolution to the dispute over nurse's pay at the University of Vermont Medical Center

The union nurses returned to work Saturday after two days of picketing while the dispute between the union and the hospital remains unresolved. Both parties say they will resume negotiations on July 24, following the break-down in talks that resulted in nurses striking Thursday and Friday.

The two sides have been negotiating since March 29, but remain far apart on the issue of pay. The nurses' union ~~will meet~~ Tuesday.

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The City Council recently voted on a non-binding resolution encouraging hospital officials to keep in mind the high vacancy rate of nursing positions and current working conditions.

This story has been corrected to show the nurses returned to work Saturday, not that they will return to work.

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BC-US--Medical Center Nurses, 2nd Ld-Writethru,130

Nurses at Vermont's largest medical center on strike

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with comment from hospital president.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The head of the Vermont hospital whose nurses are strike says hundreds of contingency nurses are working at the hospital.

University of Vermont Medical Center President Eileen Whalen said Thursday officials have received no reports of problems with patients, visitors or staff accessing the hospital. She says appointments for the vast majority of patients will not be affected.

The two-day strike by the 1,800 nurses at Vermont's largest medical center began at 7 a.m. Thursday. The strike is to last through 7 a.m. Saturday.

The union is seeking a 22 percent pay increase over three years. The Medical Center offered a 14 percent pay increase over three years.

The union maintained that higher wages are necessary to recruit and retain nurses and support staff and "address a crisis of understaffing."

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses,123
Nurses at Vermont's largest medical center on strike
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - A union says 1,800 nurses at Vermont's largest medical center are on strike following unsuccessful contract negotiations.

The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals and UVM Medical Center met again Wednesday, but were not able to reach an agreement. Nurses were on picket lines as of 7 a.m. Thursday. The strike is to last through 7 a.m. Saturday.

UVM Medical Center President Eileen Whalen said the center is disappointed the union didn't change its position. She said UVM increased its offer to a 14 percent pay increase over three years. The union countered with 22 percent over the same period.

The union maintained that higher wages are necessary to recruit and retain nurses and support staff and "address a crisis of understaffing."

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 1st Ld-Writethru,123
Nurses' union, hospital preparing strike logistics

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with preparations for possible strike.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - While contract negotiations continue, unionized nurses and administrators at Vermont's largest medical center are preparing for a possible strike.

Union representatives said Tuesday they would meet with University of Vermont Medical Center's Chief Nursing Officer Karen FitzPatrick to discuss logistics if 1,800 unionized nurses go on strike July 12 and 13.

Hospital administrators have brought in travel nurses to take over and rescheduled some elective procedures.

Medical center President Eileen Whalen said the hospital will continue to "high-quality, safe" care if the strike occurs.

Negotiations resumed Tuesday afternoon. The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals is asking for a 24 percent wage increase. Union leaders said that would make their wages equal to those at New York hospital in the same network.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 1st Ld-Writethru,129
Nurses working without contract as negotiations continue
Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with contract expiring.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Nurses at Vermont's largest medical center are working without a contract as their union negotiates for a pay raise with hospital administrators to avert a two-day strike.

The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals Center, which represents 1,800 unionized nurses at the University of Vermont Medical Center, held a rally in Burlington Monday where they received support from other unions.

Union leaders called on hospital administrators to finalize a new contract and avert a nurses' strike scheduled for July 12 and 13.

The union is seeking a 24 percent wage increase to make their pay equal to those of a New York hospital in the same network.

UVM officials say they're hopeful a deal can be reached, but if a strike occurs, patient care will not be affected.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses,128
Nurses, hospital negotiators to meet ahead of planned strike
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Representatives of 1,800 unionized nurses from Vermont's largest medical center are planning more face-to-face meetings with hospital administrators in hopes of averting a two-day strike planned for later this week.

The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals say negotiating sessions are planned for both Monday and Tuesday.

The nurses met Friday with officials from the University of Vermont Medical Center, but they were unable to reach an agreement that would avert a strike planned for Thursday and Friday.

The union is seeking a 24 percent wage increase to make their pay equal to those of a New York hospital, which is part of the same network.

UVM officials say they're hopeful a deal can be reached, but if a strike occurs, patient care will not be affected.

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*6140 AP-VT--Medical Center Nurses, 2nd Ld-Writethru,115

Sen. Sanders speaks in favor of nurse's union

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with press conference. Will be expanded.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Independent U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders is encouraging the University of Vermont Medical Center to give nurses the wage increases union leaders are requesting.

UVM Medical Center and the union plan to continue negotiations Friday. If no deal is reached the nurses are scheduled to strike July 12 and 13.

UVM Medical Center President Eileen Whalen said the hospital remains hopeful they will be able to reach a solution before the scheduled strike.

Deb Snell, a nurse and president of the American Federation of Teachers Vermont, said it did not believe that the two sides would reach a solution Friday night. Union leaders expressed frustration they would be negotiating with the hospital's lawyers rather than administrators.

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*6140 AP-VT--UVM Medical Center-Nurses, 1st Ld-Writethru,101

UVM Medical Center nurses plan two-day strike

Eds: APNewsNow. Updates with hospital comment.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - After failed negotiations, University of Vermont Medical Center nurses say they're planning a two-day strike starting July 12.

The Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals gave the hospital notification of the plans on Monday.

The nurses' current contract ends on July 9, and the plan calls for a two-day strike.

Hospital officials say they're very disappointed that the union has chosen to issue a strike notice because they say they know the two sides can reach agreement if they continue to negotiate.

WCAX-TV reports hospital officials are working with an outside organization to bring in replacements if a strike occurs.

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AP-VT--Pot Plant Theft-Charges,105

Police: Man tried to steal marijuana plants from dispensary

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont man who police say broke into a medical marijuana dispensary has been charged.

WCAX-TV reports 39-year-old Matthew Demar, of Berlin, was arrested Monday and charged with burglary, unlawful mischief and possession of burglar's tools.

Police say officers spotted Demar riding a bike towards the Vermont Patients Alliance Marijuana Dispensary in Montpelier. Investigators say Demar was a suspect in a previous burglary at the same dispensary.

Police waited until they heard breaking glass at the facility. Authorities say officers apprehended Demar as he tried to flee with multiple marijuana plants.

It was not immediately known if Demar is being represented by an attorney.

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

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*6140 AP-VT--Drug Recognition Experts,128
Defense attorneys question use of drug recognition experts
Eds: APNewsNow.

HARTFORD, Vt. (AP) - Multiple defense attorneys are questioning Vermont's use of drug recognition experts who test people suspected to be under the influence of a substance other than alcohol.

Valley News reports attorneys including Norwich-based George Ostler and St. Johnsbury-based David Sleigh argue the tests are not scientifically reliable.

Police call drug recognition experts to conduct a series of evaluations at a police station after a traffic stop. Their tests include a pulse reading, eye examination, muscle examination and psychological test.

Vermont State Police Lt. John Flannigan says the testing method is endorsed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and it's recognized by the science community.

Vermont currently has 50 drug recognition experts, and will have nine more when officers finish their training at the end of the month.

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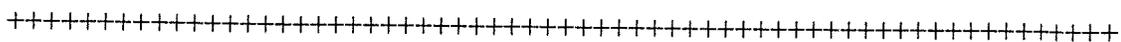
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*6140 AP-VT--Cannabis Conference,93
Vermont cannabis conference is wrapping up
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - A medical marijuana conference that brought people from all over the country is wrapping up in Vermont.

About 300 people attended the Healing Power of Cannabis event over the weekend at the Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier. It is drawing to a close on Monday.

Shayne Lynn of Champlain Valley Dispensary told WCAX-TV that the event provided a forum for people to openly share knowledge, research, data and "real experiences."

Debbie Karuse traveled from Florida. She said she's happy to see that researchers are "putting a lot of the pieces together."

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

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AP-VT--Opioid Lawsuit-Vermont,119
Vermont sues opioid drug maker over marketing practices
Eds: APNewsNow. Will be updated.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - Vermont is suing a major drug company over its prescription opioid marketing practices that the attorney general says led to the drug crisis in Vermont and around the country.

Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan filed the complaint against OxyContin-maker Purdue in Vermont Superior Court in Burlington on Wednesday. A number of other states have also filed separate lawsuits.

Donovan says "Vermont has suffered too long. Too many lives have been ruined." With the complaint, he says, "we finally tell our story."

Connecticut-based Purdue did not immediately return an email seeking comment.

The lawsuit does not seek a specific monetary amount but asks for civil penalties, fees and costs and damages as well as for Purdue to change its practices.

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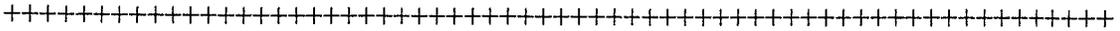
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AP-VT--Drug Treatment Center-Rutland,82
Developer working on drug treatment center in Rutland
Eds: APNewsNow.

RUTLAND, Vt. (AP) - A developer is opening a drug treatment center in
Rutland, Vermont.

The Rutland Herald reports renovations to a home on Route 7 will cost about
\$750,000. Rutland zoning administrator Tara Kelly says property owner James
Findlay will live at the facility.

The facility needed permits because it was previously an accounting office.
Findlay also had to apply for permits because of major renovations to the home.

Kelly says the proposed changes to the home keep the architectural character
of the area.

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

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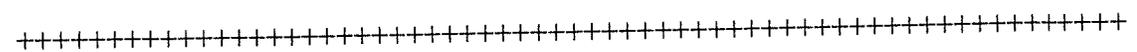
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*6140 AP-VT--Opioid Lawsuit-Vermont-The Latest, 1st Ld-Writethru,402
The Latest: Drugmaker denies claims in Vermont lawsuit
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BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The Latest on Vermont suing drugmaker Purdue over its
prescription opioid marketing practices (all times local):

7:06 p.m.

The drugmaker Purdue is denying allegations in a lawsuit by Vermont's
attorney general that its opioid marketing practices helped lead to a state and
national drug crisis.

In a prepared statement the Connecticut-based company says it shares
Vermont's concerns about the opioid crisis, but it denies that Purdue acted
improperly.

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*6140 AP-VT--Drug Recognition Experts, 128
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*6140 AP-VT--Fatal Overdose-Sentencing,128

Man sentenced for selling drug that caused fatal overdose

Eds: APNewsNow.

BARRE, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont man who sold fentanyl-laced heroin to a man who overdosed on the drug and died has been sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

The Times Argus reports 25-year-old Jacob Rillo, of Barre, was sentenced Tuesday in Barre to five to 10 years after pleading guilty to multiple charges including dispensing a regulated drug with death resulting and larceny. As part of a plea agreement, the state agreed to drop two other drug charges.

Police say Rillo sold the drug in 2016 to 26-year-old Jessie Boardman who died after buying it. Authorities say Rillo continued selling heroin after Boardman's death.

Rillo's attorney, Colin Seaman, says his client sold drugs to support his own drug habit.

Rillo has pleaded not guilty in another fatal overdose case.

Information from: The Times Argus, <http://www.timesargus.com/>

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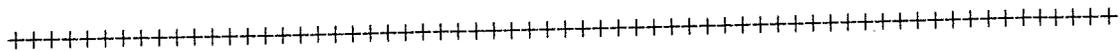
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*6140 AP-VT--Opioid Meeting-Newport City,117
Newport City police to hold public opioid crisis meeting
Eds: APNewsNow.

NEWPORT CITY, Vt. (AP) - The Newport Police Department will host a community meeting next week to discuss the opioid crisis.

The Caledonian-Record reports the forum comes after community members raised concerns about drug activity in the 3rd Street neighborhood. Residents say there is drug dealing and manufacturing happening. They have asked for an increased police presence that includes foot and bike patrols.

Police Chief Seth DiSanto says the department is committed to addressing the issue. DiSanto says he's working with residents and community groups.

The forum is scheduled for Aug. 30 at 6 p.m. at the United Church in Newport. Officials say the event will be funded in part by a Regional Prevention Partnerships grant from Northeast Kingdom Learning Services.

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

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Police departments and sheriffs' offices across Vermont are now offering more locations where people can dispose of unused and unwanted prescription medication.

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The collected drugs will be disposed of by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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AP-VT--Drug Mail Back,102

Vermont Health Department starts drug mail-back program

Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Department of Health has introduced a free program that allows people to dispose of unneeded prescription drugs by mailing them to a location where they are destroyed.

Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine says the mail-back program builds on the success of Prescription Drug Take Back Days and drug disposal kiosks located around Vermont.

The envelopes are available at town offices, health centers, libraries, senior centers, veterinarian offices, and other locations across the state.

Up to eight ounces of medications - either in their original containers, or in a sealed bag - can be put in each pre-addressed, 8x11 inch envelope.

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*6140 AP-VT--Opioid Assistance Website,101
Vermont Attorney General launches website with opioid info
Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Attorney General's office has launched a new website to help provide people with information about the opioid crisis in the state.

The website provides an interactive map where Vermonters can locate treatment, prevention, and intervention options.

It also provides basic information about opioids, updates about the investigation into drug manufacturers' sales and marketing practices, and information about the work of the Community Justice Unit of the attorney general's office.

Attorney General T.J. Donovan says helping Vermonters through the opioid epidemic is a top priority for his office.

In the last five years 455 Vermonters died from opioid-related overdoses.

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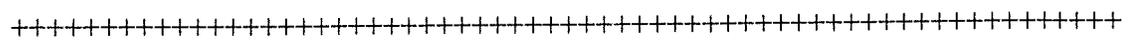
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*6140 AP-VT--Fentanyl Test Strips,127
Health care center to offer free fentanyl test strips
Eds: APNewsNow.

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) - A Vermont health care center has announced it will start giving away free test strips to determine if a drug contains fentanyl.

The Howard Center in Burlington said Tuesday it's giving the fentanyl test strips to help prevent overdose deaths.

The strips work by dissolving a portion of the drug into water and dipping the strips. Lines will appear on the strips to indicate whether fentanyl is present.

Howard Center's Chief of Client Services Catherine Simonson tells WPTZ-TV the strips may not stop people from using, but they do change people's behavior. She says the center will remain committed to doing everything they can to help people stay alive.

Burlington will now join Philadelphia and San Francisco as the only cities that offer free fentanyl test strips.

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*6140 AP-US--Pot Gifts, 1st Ld-Writethru,119
Marijuana gifting is still illegal, says Vermont officials

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Vermont officials are doubling down on the law that marijuana sales are still illegal after several Burlington businesses have found a loophole by "gifting" pot to customers.

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State Attorney General T.J. Donovan unveiled guidance Monday that says even when marijuana is given as a "gift with purchase," is illegal despite the legalization of marijuana possession.

Vermont legalized the possession of one ounce of marijuana July 1, but did not legalize its sale or distribution.

Businesses had begun "gifting" marijuana with the purchase of a courier service, arguing there was a loophole in the law and that people were only paying a delivery fee for items.

Groups opposed to marijuana legalization called on Donovan to clarify whether this was legal.

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*6140 AP-VT--Lake Champlain Marijuana,119

US Coast Guard: Despite law pot illegal on lake Champlain

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The U.S. Coast Guard is reminding boaters that despite Vermont's new law legalizing recreational marijuana, the use of marijuana remains illegal on Lake Champlain.

On Sunday the possession and use of small amounts of marijuana becomes legal in Vermont. But under federal law marijuana is still a controlled substance and possession or use remains a federal offense.

The Coast Guard says crews will continue to enforce all federal laws, including those relating to the transport, use and possession of marijuana.

Officials say operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs remains a significant threat to public safety. The Coast Guard may board commercial and recreational vessels on international, federal, and state waterways to ensure safety and security.

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*6140 AP-VT--Recreation Marijuana Legal,110
Vermont legalizes recreational marijuana

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Recreational weed is now legal in the Green Mountain state.

Adults over the age of 21 will be able to possess up to one ounce of marijuana, two mature marijuana plants and four immature plants. The new law does not set up a system to tax or regulate the production of marijuana. Smoking marijuana is barred in public spaces, and renters need permission from their landlords to use or grow at home.

Vermont is the ninth state, plus the District of Columbia, to legalize recreational marijuana.

Vermont was the first state to legalize recreational marijuana through a legislative vote. Vermont decriminalized marijuana in 2013 and legalized medical marijuana in 2004.

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