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Programs & Issues List

The Radio Vermont Group

3rd Quarter 2019

Jul 1 thru Sept 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.

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A big talking point at Peter Welch's town hall meeting was the F-35 fighter jets flying in and out of Burlington International Airport.

Many people asked Welch to reconsider his support for them, claiming they're major polluters and that they'll cause a disturbance among people living near the airport.

Welch said he is working with other senators to make sure they have enough money in the budget to address some of those issues.

B7* - F-35 Preparations

00:01:18

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Segment:

VOSOT

Talent:

JS

The countdown is on for the arrival next month of the Vermont Air National Guard's new F-35 fighter jets.

Construction continues at the Vermont Air National Guard, with just over a month to go before the first two jets land here.

The fighter wing construction price tag is around \$160 million dollars, though the Guard says \$60 million dollars in upgrades were needed anyway.

The work will continue for another year, but the officials say they it will be mission-ready before the F-35 touches down.

The F-35 program is also a controversial one. The highly regarded Vermont Guard came under fire over noise and safety fears surrounding the fighter jets.

Here's Lieutenant Nate Graber ---

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There are new concerns the fighter jets set to come to Burlington may use noisy afterburners more often than earlier advertised.

Vermont Air National Guard officials have said the planes would use their afterburners about 5 percent of the time. Documents obtained by VTDigger.org indicate F-35s based elsewhere may use them up to 50 percent of the time.

Guard officials say that's unlikely in Burlington.

Now a local opponent of the F-35 basing plan, retired Air Force Col. Rosanne Greco of South Burlington, has gone to federal court to delay the project based on the new information.

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{0830SOT Rosanne Gerco}

[Outcue: 27 "it's grossly inaccurate."]

{MORE VO}

Save Our Skies believes that
afterburner use will increase the
noise in the area.

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B13* - F35 Protest

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Segment:

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Talent:

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Dozens of people with the group Save Our Skies Vermont gathered in downtown Burlington yesterday afternoon to make a push to stop the F-35 planes from coming to Vermont.

The F-35 planes are slated to come in mid-September and will replace the former F-16 planes.

Members of Save Our Skies sent a letter to the Air Force asking them to conduct a new Environmental Impact Study.

The current study suggests that afterburners will only be used 5% of the time, but Save Our Skies believes afterburners will be used 50% of the time or more.

An afterburner is a part of certain aircraft engines and provides an increase in thrust for flights to take off.

Here's Rosanne Gerco of Save Our Skies Vermont ---

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PROTEST

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F-35

opponents are protesting this afternoon ahead of the expected arrival of the fighter jets in Vermont later this month.

VTDigger.org

reports a group is demonstrating outside the offices of Senators Bernie Sanders and Patrick Leahy and Mayor Miro Weinberger, demanding the cancellation of the basing of the F-35s at Burlington International Airport. All three officials support the jets coming to Vermont.

Opponents

say the noise from the jets will harm local residents. Two jets are scheduled to arrive each month starting this month, with the full fleet of 18 in place by next summer.

Documents

obtained by VTDigger show afterburners, which increase the jet's thrust and noise on takeoff, could be used as much as 10 times more than previously predicted.

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A court date is scheduled for two veterans upset about the F-35 jets coming to Vermont.

Police cited Rosanne Greco and Roger Bourassa for trespassing during a sit-in at Senator Patrick Leahy's office in Burlington yesterday.

They sat in the Senator's office for a couple of hours trying to get the Leahy to sign a list of demands related to the next-generation fighter jet.

Those ranged from having the jets fly more before coming to Burlington, to buying homes in noise zones, to holding more public hearings.

They have been protesting the planes' arrival for a while, but feel the Senator isn't listening.

Here's Bourassa talking to Channel Three ---

{0910SOT Roger Bourassa} [Outcue: 10 "cause for me."]

They'll be in court next Thursday.

The Vermont National Guard has said the planes will be here within a couple of weeks.



BURLINGTON, Vt. (WCAX) The F-35 fighter jets are coming to Burlington this week according to Burlington International Airport officials.

Airport's director of aviation Gene Richards says it's still unclear which day the jets will land. Guard officials have said they will come arrive in stages over several days.

The next-generation fighter jet has been a long time coming and have faced a number of hurdles to get here. The Vermont Guard has come under fire over noise and safety fears surrounding the fighter jets, which are considered ~~much~~ louder than the F-16s they are replacing.

Several protestors were arrested just last week at Senator Patrick Leahy's office over the jets.

The F-35 is touted as the future of combat aviation -- virtually invisible to enemy radar. It combines those stealth capabilities with supersonic speed. It's the most expensive weapons program in history. Each jet costs more than \$89 million.

The Vermont Guard is expected to spend a total of \$160 million upgrading facilities for the jets.

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The Vermont Air National Guard is expected to take delivery of its first two F-35 fighter aircraft this week.

Officials at Burlington International Airport aren't sure yet which day they will arrive.

The two Vermont pilots who will fly the planes from Texas to South Burlington are scheduled to leave Vermont ~~tomorrow~~.

TODAY

The guard is due to receive 20 of the planes that are replacing the F-16 fighter planes the air guard flew for decades.

A number of locals oppose the basing of the F-35s in Vermont. They cite the noise the planes will make when taking off and the danger of a new weapons system being based at the Vermont airport, which is located amid residential and industrial neighborhoods.



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The first two of what eventually will be 18 F-35 fighter jets to be based in Vermont have landed at the Burlington International Airport.

VT Digger reports that the planes flew in from Fort Worth, Texas, and landed at 1:35 Thursday afternoon without incident on a bright and sunny afternoon. A crowd of supporters cheered the landings.

The planes also have drawn widespread opposition, especially due to noise expected to affect communities around the airport.

Governor Phil Scott issued a statement he's proud that Vermont's 158th Fighter Wing is the first National Guard unit in the country to receive the F-35s.

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Two retired Air Force officers arrested outside Senator Patrick Leahy's office last week for protesting the F-35 fighter jets have had their cases referred to the restorative justice program.

Retired Colonel Rosanne Greco and retired Lieutenant Colonel Roger Bourassa said they expect this means they'll do some community service.

The two found out the their cases had been diverted when they arrived for their scheduled arraignment. Their hearing was set just hours before the first F-35s were scheduled to land.

Greco said she and her fellow protesters were not planning to go to the airport to watch the planes land.

Four other protestors who were arrested outside Leahy's office last week are also set to be arraigned in the coming weeks. It's unclear if their cases will also be diverted to restorative justice.



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Governor Phil Scott says three million dollars in education funding appropriated by the Legislature this year is designed to help reverse the state's workforce challenge of an aging population and a shrinking number of workers.

Scott made the comments yesterday during a news conference in Montpelier.

The 2020 Vermont budget received a two and a half million dollar increase to help make the Vermont State College system more affordable.

The budget also includes a one-time increase of \$500,000 dollars for non-degree grants to help nearly 300 Vermonters access higher education programs that don't necessarily result in a two- or four-year degree.

Scott says the state college system provides education and training, but the schools also offer an opportunity to recruit and retain Vermonters who can help reverse the state's population trends.

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New Text Document

A small, private college in Southern Vermont is pursuing a partnership with a Connecticut university to stay afloat.

Marlboro College will now be called the Marlboro College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Bridgeport.

Plans call for students from Marlboro and Bridgeport taking courses on both campuses. Marlboro's 150 students will also be able to complete advanced degrees at Bridgeport.

Richard Saudek (SAW-DECK) is the Chair of Marlboro's Board of Trustees. He joined The Dave Gram Show this morning to provide some context for the college's decision.

{SOT}

[Outcue: 00:23 "we looked for a partner"]
{MORE VO}

The college hopes to boost enrollment by merging, and save money through efficiency.

You can catch the full interview on The Dave Gram Show Podcast, available on streaming services and at WDEV radio dot com.



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F2* - Colleges and Young People

00:01:05

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Segment:

VOSOT

Talent:

JS

Demographic shifts in Vermont have left employers on the hunt for young workers.

~~Today~~, The Dave Gram Show discussed how colleges and universities can help. Dave interviewed college leaders and graduates from around the state, and heard stories about students moving to Vermont for college and staying afterward to take a job or start a business.

Vermont Chamber of Commerce President Betsy Bishop insisted that the state still has work to do ---

~~So~~ So Top 802 Betsy Bishop

{MORE VO}

Bishop added that even if all graduates from Vermont colleges stayed in-state, it wouldn't be enough to fill the demographic gap. But, she noted it would be a good start.

[Outcue: 00:31 "we need more of them to stay"]



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The University of Bridgeport in Connecticut announced it will merge with Marlboro College beginning in the spring of 2020.

Marlboro College will be called the Marlboro College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Bridgeport.

Plans call for students taking courses on both campuses, which are roughly two hours apart. Marlboro College's 150 students will also have the ability to complete advanced degrees at Bridgeport.

Plans are also under consideration to have combined classes and other learning opportunities between the two campuses, such as a first-year seminar for Bridgeport students at the Vermont campus.

Financially, the goal is to save money through efficiency and also boost enrollment at Marlboro College which has seen a 34% drop in enrollment since and a 5 percent drop in tuition revenue since 2010.



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exemptions all look to grow jobs in the state.

The study also showed that from 2011 to 2016, about 125 people who make more than \$200,000 a year moved to the state.

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F2* - State Colleges Future

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Segment:

VO

Talent:

JS

An overflow crowd at Northern Vermont University in Lyndon expressed fears, concerns, and suggestions to Vermont State Colleges leadership yesterday as the system tries to figure out what to do about declining enrollment, low state support, competition and other challenges.

Among the challenges, the number of seniors in high schools in Vermont is down 25% and the college-bound population is projected to go down another 15% in the Northeast.

State financial support for higher education has also dropped to 17% from about 50% in the 1980s. --- putting Vermont and New Hampshire at the bottom of the list nationally for their support for public colleges and universities.

About 200 ideas are before the board of trustees ranging from three-year degree options to consolidating or closing institutions,



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More charges have been filed against A Saint Johnsbury man accused of home improvement fraud. State police say Homeowners in Lunenburg and Danville are accusing 33-year old Ryan Kimball of taking money to perform work that was never done. He now faces six charges of home improvement fraud.

Marlboro College won't be merging with the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut after all.

In July, The schools announced they had signed a letter of intent, and hoped to be operational as a consolidated entity by July 2020. But on Saturday morning, Marlboro said merger talks had been suspended because of "insurmountable barriers to developing a compelling financial and academic model that supported both institutional missions."

Officials from both schools in July had said the tentative plan was that the Vermont school become the Marlboro College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Bridgeport. The merged school would have a single board - with five members from Marlboro - and existing tenure agreements with Marlboro faculty would have been honored.

~~The school's endowment stands at "a little north of \$35 million," Marlboro president Kevin Quigley said in an interview Saturday, and its debts only total about \$2 million.~~

The college had set out to find a potential college to merge with about a year ago. It ultimately received four written proposals, including from UB. Quigley said Marlboro, which is once again looking for a partner, would be returning to those potential merger partners.

Three schools in Vermont - Southern Vermont College in Bennington, Green Mountain College in Poultney and the College of St. Joseph in Rutland - have closed this year. A fourth, Goddard College in Plainfield, was put on probation by its accreditor, the New England Commission of Higher Education.

The state's public colleges, meanwhile, are contemplating systemwide reform to confront their demographic challenges.

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New Text Document

The University of Vermont has announced that it raised a total of \$581 million dollars and completed its eight-year "Move Mountains" fundraising campaign this summer.

The campaign was publicly announced under then-President Tom Sullivan in October 2015 with a goal of \$500 million. University officials told VTDigger.org the school passed that goal almost a year ahead of schedule, receiving gifts from 75,000 donors.

Of the \$581 million dollars, more than \$331 million went to "academic, athletic, research, student, and patient programs," according to the university. This includes the \$100 million dollars Helen and Robert Lerner gave to the College of Medicine, which is now named after them.

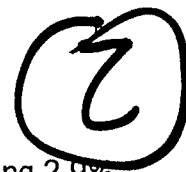
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The Lyndon campus of Northern Vermont University will stay open. The Vermont State College Board of Trustees gathered at their annual retreat in Fairlee. The Trustees directed Chancellor Jeb Spaulding to make specific recommendations before December third to position the State College system for a strong future. The recommendations include strengthening the newly unified Northern Vermont University, with campuses in Johnson and Lyndon, and to cap tuition increases at 2.9 per cent. Recent rumors hinted that one or both campuses could close. Spaulding said there was no proposal to close any campus at a community meeting last week in Lyndon. The board also approved a new Data Science program at the University.

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Trustees at the Vermont State Colleges have approved maximum tuition hikes averaging 2.9% system-wide for the 2020-21 school year.

VT Digger reports that individual college presidents may still set tuition at a lower level, meaning not all schools or programs will see that large a price increase.

Officials at the Community College of Vermont, for example, only asked to increase tuition by a maximum of 1.4%. And tuition for several graduate programs will stay as-is.

The state college system also includes Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College.

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The Vermont State Colleges board has passed a resolution supporting Northern Vermont University's two campuses as the state colleges system works to address challenges such as declining enrollment and low state support across its institutions.

The system is made up of Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, Vermont Technical College, and the Community College of Vermont.

The resolution said the board "continues to fully and unequivocally support and endorse Northern Vermont University's on-going unification efforts at thriving campuses in Lyndon and Johnson.

Spaulding was on the Dave Gram Show to say that there's no plan to close NVU's Lyndon campus ---

{0919SOT Jeb Spaulding} [Outcue: 44 "institution was."]

To hear the entire interview. Check out the Dave Gram Show podcast at WDEV Radio dot com and streaming services.



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Vermont health officials say strict new laws targeting e-cigarettes are aimed at curbing the sale of vaping products to young people. But critics say the higher costs will just drive people to smoke.

Vermont's new e-cigarette laws went into affect at the beginning of July and are designed to keep vaping products out of reach of children and young adults.

They include a 92 percent tax on all vaping products, the restriction of all online e-cigarette sales, and raising the smoking age to 21.

Before the new tax, a package of e-cig pods cost around \$20 dollars. Now, the same package will cost about \$45.

"I'm going to go out to a gas station and buy whatever's cheapest, because I'm kind of short on funds right now. Just out of college and got student loans to pay, and a nicotine addiction to crave," said Matt a former Champlain College student who preferred we not use his last name.

CDC research has shown that while vaping may be harmful, it is less dangerous than conventional cigarettes, and can be used to help quit.



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Capitol police are trying to figure out who planted dozens of cannabis plants among the flower beds on the Statehouse Lawn.

Police say they could either be hemp or marijuana and they can't tell which. They got a report Monday that the immature plants were in the flower beds and managed to find and remove 32. They found a couple more later in the week to make the total 34.

Capitol Police Chief Matthew Romei says he's fairly certain it was not part of the state's horticultural landscaping plan.

Romei says they've made similar discoveries in the garden beds in previous years.



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The 92 percent tax on e-cigarette products that went into effect this month has put a spotlight on how to prevent youth from becoming addicted to nicotine through vaping devices.

The issue led parents to complain this year when advertising for the popular e-cigarette brand Juul appeared in the pages of the Rutland Herald. Critics said the ads amounted to an endorsement of the products.

Rutland Herald editor Steve Pappas joined The Dave Gram Show this morning to defend his paper's decision to publish the ads.

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This year the paper's editorial section DID support raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco and e-cigarette products from 18 to 21.

You can catch the full interview with Steve Pappas on The Dave Gram Show Podcast, available on streaming services and at WDEV radio dot com.



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A Berlin man is going to jail after admitting to several crimes, including breaking in to the Medical Marijuana Dispensary in Montpelier.

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The state's new 92-percent e-cigarette tax goes into effect today.

It's being billed as a way to dissuade teens from vaping.

U.S. health officials have called the surge in youth e-cigarette use as an "epidemic."

Democratic Representative George Till sponsored the legislation. He has said that kids who use the highly addictive products are four times more likely to become smokers.

Vermont is also raising the legal age to buy tobacco or e-cigarettes from 18 to 21.

That law goes into effect in September.

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E-CIG REGULATION

Lobbyists for the e-cigarette industry dropped \$200,000 during the legislative session fighting efforts to tax their products.

According to VTDigger, the lobbyists supported raising the legal age for smoking tobacco from 18 to 21 to show concern for youth nicotine use.

However, lawmakers also passed a proposal to levy a 92 percent tax on e-cigarette devices and the nicotine packages they use.

Gov. Phil Scott signaled strong support for e-cigarette regulation during a January address when he told lawmakers that he would support oversight of the products to discourage youth use.



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Kinney Drugs announced it has stopped selling e-cigarette and vaping products in its 22 Vermont stores. The announcement was made Friday and the new policy went into effect yesterday.

This follows a trend of both independent and chain pharmacies that have stopped selling some or all tobacco products in their stores in Vermont and across the country.

Kinney Drugs decided to stop selling vaping products to reduce access for children and teens.

This decision by the pharmacy went into effect the same day as the statewide tax increase of 92% on e-cigarettes and vaping products.

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It has been more than a year since recreational marijuana was legalized in Vermont, and Clarendon town officials say they do not want marijuana dispensaries coming to town in the event that retail sales become legal.

Art Peterson formed a committee and helped write a town ordinance banning marijuana dispensaries for both medical and recreational use. He says he modeled the language after the city of Newport --- who passed a similar ordinance last year.

Here's Peterson ---

{0805SOT Art Peterson}

[Outcue: 18 "those shops."]
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Killington will be holding public meetings in the near future about a possible dispensary ban in that community. Ludlow passed an ordinance that prohibits smoking on public property.

The Clarendon select board plans to officially pass the new ordinance August 26th. Those opposed will then have 44 days to get enough signatures in order to get the issue on the Town Meeting Day ballot.

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RIVERVIEW GARAGE BREAKIN

Princetonreview.com has ranked the University of Vermont as the No. 1 school of pot in the nation.

In its annual, book-length study published this month, Princeton Review said it asked 140,000 students at 385 selected American colleges and universities 80 questions, including "How widely is marijuana used at your school?" UVM ranked first, with Pitzer College in California, University of Rhode Island, and Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

The three least-likely-to-inhale colleges are the U.S. Air Force, Army and Navy service academies, followed by four religion-based schools: the College of the Ozarks in Missouri, Thomas Aquinas College in California, Brigham Young University in Utah, and Wheaton College in Illinois.

Marlboro College (9th) and Champlain College (14th) reportedly also were highly ranked. Smoking marijuana is not permitted on the UVM campus per university regulations.

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On Sunday, Vermont's more than 900 tobacco retailers will no longer be allowed to sell tobacco products to individuals younger than 21.

Gov. Phil Scott signed the new law in May. It makes Vermont the 14th state in the nation to change the legal smoking age from 18 to 21.

VT Digger reports that two other nicotine-related bills passed this year. They prohibit the online sale of e-cigarettes and subject e-cigarettes to the same 92% tax rate that already applies to tobacco products.

Officials say the action was prompted in part by a significant spike in vaping among young people. It's expected to reduce teen tobacco use by 12%.



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This will be the last weekend for Vermonters under 21 who want to buy or have tobacco products.

That's because a new law will go into effect Sunday. It also includes e-cigarettes.

Health officials say increasing the buying age will help keep young people from getting addicted to nicotine.

It's expected to also reduce smoking rates over time since an estimated 95 percent of adults start smoking by the age of 21.

Vermont joins 17 states, DC, and hundreds of municipalities that have enacted Tobacco 21 laws.

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Vermont smokers under the age of 21 can no longer purchase tobacco or nicotine products.

Employees at smoke shops around the state were diligently checking ID's yesterday as the law took effect. It's the final step in a series of laws passed in July.

The first set included a 92% tax on all electronic cigarette and vaping products and a ban on all online e-cig and vape sales within the state.

The new law is meant to keep all forms of smoking products out of the hands of minors. But some retailers say their now-former customers under 21 have indicated, they'll just bring their business elsewhere.

Here's Justin Roberge of the Valley Vape Company talking to Channel Three.

{0902SOT Justin Roberge} [Outcue: 14 "can't buy online here."]

Smoke shops like the Valley Vape Company also received an age calculator from the FDA. Employees there say they haven't gotten any updated signage from the state yet.



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The Vermont Health Department is asking the state's health care providers to report cases of respiratory illnesses linked to e-cigarettes and vaping.

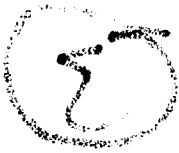
The state of Vermont is participating in an investigation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC says that as of Aug. 27, there have been 215 possible cases of severe pulmonary disease associated with e-cigarette products in 25 states, including one in Vermont.

There have been two deaths, one in Illinois and one in Oregon.

Last week, Vermont Health Commissioner Dr. Mark Levine requested that providers report cases of significant respiratory illness among individuals with a history of vaping or smoking any substance in the 90 days prior to symptoms.

Patients have experienced a variety of respiratory and other symptoms.



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Stores tested for compliance with new tobacco buying age

The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery says it's doing undercover checks to ensure that stores are abiding by the state's new law that raised the age to buy tobacco products to 21.

Eds: APNewsNow.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Department of Liquor and Lottery says it's doing undercover checks to ensure that stores are abiding by the state's new law that raised the age to buy tobacco products to 21.

Mynbc5.com reports that minors are being employed to try to buy cigarettes and vaporizers at stores. The minors are accompanied by a plainclothes agent.

Shops and clerks who sell tobacco products to underage buyers could face fines and license suspensions.

Skyler Genest, the department's director of compliance and enforcement, says about 90% of shops tested pass their undercover compliance checks.

The new law went into effect this month.

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A new study shows a majority of Vermont youth no longer feel regular marijuana use damages developing brains.

The Vermont Youth at Risk Survey shows that the percentage of Vermont youth who admit to using marijuana rose by two percent from 2015 to 2017.

One stat that concerns state health officials is the perceived risk of harm. Over three-quarters of young people in Vermont don't think marijuana use is harmful. The human brain is developing until the age of 25 and it has been shown that regular marijuana use up to that point can have very harmful effects on brain development.

The next Youth At Risk Survey will be conducted in Vermont schools this fall, and health officials are eager to see if the perception of marijuana use has changed or remained the same.



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NEW YORK (AP) - New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is pushing to enact a statewide ban on the sale of flavored e-cigarettes amid growing health concerns connected to vaping, especially among young people.

The Democrat announced Sunday that the state health commissioner would be making a recommendation this week to the state Public Health and Health Planning Council. The council can issue emergency regulations that would go into effect as soon as they are voted on and start being enforced in as soon as two weeks, following a short grace period for retailers, officials said.

In announcing the action, Cuomo sharply criticized the flavors that are for sale, like bubble gum and cotton candy.

Officials pointed to a significant increase of e-cigarettes by young people, which they said was driven by the flavors.

According to data from the state health department, nearly 40% of high school seniors and 27% of high school students overall in the state use e-cigarettes. High school use went from 10.5% in 2014 to 27.4% in 2018.

The select board in Clarendon has passed an ordinance banning recreational marijuana sales. (5)

The Board voted unanimously on Sept. 9 to approve the ordinance that will take effect within 60 days of its passing.

The town's residents will have 44 days to circulate a petition to vote on it and must have 5% of the registered voters' signatures.

The ordinance would prohibit both the sale and dispensing of recreational marijuana, including edibles and solvents "within the established limits" of Clarendon. The only exception is medical marijuana provided by a licensed dispensary.

Select Board Chairman Mike Klopchin says the board began to discuss the ban last year after citizens expressed concerns at the Legislature considering laws that would allow the sale of marijuana for recreational use.

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An unidentified illness related to the use of e-cigarettes has made its way to Vermont.

~~Today~~, the Department of Health confirmed the first case of vaping-associated severe respiratory illness in a Vermont resident. Health officials say five additional possible cases are currently being investigated.

As of last week, 380 confirmed and probable cases and six deaths have been reported to the CDC from 36 states and one territory.

The majority of patients have a history of using e-cigarette products containing THC, the intoxicating ingredient in marijuana. But health officials aren't sure of the exact cause of the illness. Symptoms including coughing, shortness of breath and fatigue.



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Vermont Health officials have confirmed one case of pulmonary disease linked to vaping and five other cases are being investigated.

In recent weeks, several people have died and more than 400 cases linked to e-cigarettes are being investigated around the country.

The health department is making a plea to parents, teens, and anyone using e-cigarettes to stop right now.

In the last two years, the percentage of high school students who vape went from 30 to 34 percent. And according to a youth risk behavior survey taken by high school students, teen vaping went up 75 percent.

It's still unclear exactly what is causing the illnesses across the country.

Health Commissioner Doctor Mark Levine says symptoms to look out for are cough, chest pain or pain after a deep breath, as well as possible gastrointestinal symptoms.



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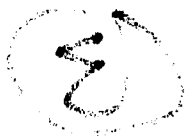
Officials say Vermont Gov. Phil Scott is exploring whether the state should institute a ban on the sale of vaping products.



The Bennington Banner reports Scott is considering similar steps to the ones taken in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Scott's communication director Rebecca Kelley says he is "concerned" about the health impact of vaping products on young people in Vermont.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed a ban on the sale of flavored electronic cigarettes Sept. 15. On Tuesday, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker ordered a four-month ban on the sale of all vaping products in retail stores and online. Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo signed an executive order banning the sale of flavored electronic nicotine-delivery system products on Wednesday.



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A state judge has denied the vaping industry's request to delay a New York emergency ban on flavored e-cigarette sales. (3)

Acting state Supreme Court Justice Gerald Connolly on Friday refused to issue a temporary restraining order on the regulations approved on Sept. 17 by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Health officials issued them in response to worries that vaping may cause illnesses and that its use is growing among teenagers.

The 90-day emergency regulations ban possession, manufacturing, distribution and sale of all vaping flavors except tobacco and menthol. The ban must then be extended or passed into law. The governor applauded Friday's court ruling, saying he wants to also ban sales of menthol-flavored e-cigarettes.

The Vapor Technology Association and two retailers sued Wednesday requesting the temporary injunction on the regulations.



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Governor Phil Scott is calling on the Legislature to pass stricter laws on flavored e-cigarettes.

This comes after Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker put a four-month ban on the sale of ALL vaping products earlier this week.

Medical experts say several deaths and hundreds of illnesses across the country are linked to vaping, including 17 confirmed cases of illness in Vermont.

Scott says he wants to wait for the federal and state legislatures to make the first move on banning flavored e-cigarettes, and that he is not considering an all-out ban.

In his State of the State address, the governor said he's concerned about the impact of e-cigarettes on young people in the state.

{0927SOT Phil Scott} [Outcue: 11 "into the vaping products."]

Vermont has already raised the purchasing age of nicotine products to 21 and banned online sales.



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Some Vermont businesses may see more customers in their stores looking for vaping products as a result of a temporary ban on ALL vaping products in Massachusetts.

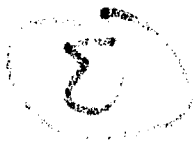
Stores in Brattleboro say they've already seen customers from Mass.

New Hampshire stores may also see an uptick in business since the state's smoking age is lower, and it doesn't impose the same 92 percent tax that Vermont does.

Chris Antoniello is the co-owner of Harmony Underground in Brattleboro. Here he is talking to NBC 5 ---

{0926SOT Chris Antoniello} [Outcue: 12 "E-Vapes."]

The temporary ban in Massachusetts goes until January 25, 2020.



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The minimum age for buying tobacco products in New Hampshire is going up, but not as much as some advocates wanted.

After a bill to increase the purchase age from 18 to 21 stalled in the Senate, much of its language resurfaced in the state budget. But Republican Gov. Chris Sununu vetoed the budget in June, and the compromise he signed this past week includes a provision to raise the age only to 19.

Several New Hampshire communities, including Dover, Keene and Newmarket, already have enacted so-called Tobacco 21 ordinances.

More than a dozen states have increased the minimum age for buying tobacco to 21, including Maine and Vermont.

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A report released last week by the Public Utilities Commission says that Vermont is lagging behind a goal to register 50,000 electric vehicles by 2025.

The goal is part of a Comprehensive Energy Plan to reduce carbon emissions.

Public Utilities Commission Chair Tony Roisman says that the goal can be reached if the state focuses on the issue as a top priority.

Roisman appeared on The Dave Gram Show this morning to discuss the issue.

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[Outcue: 00:36 "go up against"]

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You can listen to the full interview on The Dave Gram Show Podcast, available on streaming services and at WDEV radio dot com.

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The cover story of the latest issue of the Montpelier Bridge is all about how climate change will affect Vermont.

The Bridge's Mike Dunphy had a chance to talk to Radio Vermont meteorologist Roger Hill about that very subject ---

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THERE IS MORE ON THIS STORY IN THIS WEEKS MONTPELIER BRIDGE, ONLINE AT MONTPELIER BRIDGE DOT COM.

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The mandated energy-efficiency rating of properties at the time they are sold in Montpelier will be the focus of a meeting at City Hall next Friday.

The meetings follow legislative approval earlier this year for an ordinance requiring energy-efficiency ratings on properties to meet the citywide goal of fossil-free energy use by 2050.

When the article was first approved by voters, initial discussion by the City Council proposed that the buyer of a building in the city would have to upgrade its energy efficiency to a standard that met city or state guidelines.

The proposal sparked a backlash among some realtors, rental property owners and developers concerned about increased costs.

In response to those concerns, the House Government Operations Committee decided to water down the language, only stipulating disclosure requirements for energy efficiency when a property is sold.

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Several southern Vermont ski areas are looking at adding or upgrading snowmaking, as concern grows about the effects of climate change.

From the tiny, nonprofit Prospect Mountain in Woodford to the state's largest ski area at Killington --- the thinking is the same. Climate change means natural snow is less reliable and needs to be augmented.

Adam White of the Vermont Ski Areas Association tells VTDigger that while some ski areas are looking to add new snowmaking capacity, others are working to increase the efficiency of current systems.

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Brattleboro's annual Strolling of the Heifers Parade grinded to a halt last month when demonstrators staged a "die-in" --- blocking the parade's path.

Seventeen year-old Rio Daims (DIMES) was one of those protesters who demanded that the town of Brattleboro declare a climate emergency. Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman --- who was narrating the event for Vermont PBS --- urged the protesters to move on after they had interrupted the parade for a few minutes.

Both Zuckerman and Daims joined The Dave Gram Show this morning for a discussion on activism. Zuckerman offered his support of activism, but offered three rules for would-be protesters.

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[Outcue: 00:26 "the message that you're telling"]
{MORE VO}

Zuckerman offered his critiques to the "die-in" at the parade, but said the demonstration overall struck a "reasonable balance" of proving a point without being overly disruptive.

You can listen to the full discussion between Daims and Zuckerman on The Dave Gram Show Podcast, available on streaming services and at WDEV radio dot com.

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State Street in Montpelier is back to normal weekday traffic flow after a climate action group's protest temporarily shut it down Tuesday morning.

The protest saw about 35 members of Extinction Rebellion Central Vermont come out to oppose a proposed ownership change of the corporate parents of Green Mountain Power and Vermont Gas.

VTDigger reports that the protest came just as a Vermont Public Utility Commission hearing on the utility deal was getting underway.

A group of environmentalists intervening in that case say it could bring more gas pipelines to the state.

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\$3m grant for electric buses and car charging stations

The Vermont congressional delegation says the state Agency of Transportation will receive a \$3 million federal grant to buy electric buses and install vehicle charging stations in the Upper Connecticut River Valley

Eds: APNewsNow.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont congressional delegation says the state Agency of Transportation will receive a \$3 million federal grant to buy electric buses and install vehicle charging stations in the Upper Connecticut River Valley.

Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy, independent Sen. Bernie Sanders and Democratic U.S. Rep. Peter Welch say the electric bus project will help Vermont reduce local air pollution, improve public transit infrastructure and support the state's goals to eliminate carbon emissions and combat climate change.

It will also help expand the benefits of its electric bus fleet into rural communities.

The grant was from the Transportation Department's Low or No-Emission Vehicle Competitive Program.

The project will be implemented in partnership with Green Mountain Power and Advance Transit, which provides service in Vermont and New Hampshire.

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The Public Utility Commission released a report last month detailing how Vermont can accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles to try and reach up to 60,000 on the road by 2025.

The state had close to 3,000 registered electric vehicles in January --- and reaching the aforementioned goal would require a 54% annual increase for the next six years.

The report's recommendations include improving access to charging stations and transitioning to EVs for the state's fleet.

The report also recommends the electrification of mass transit systems.

That process is already underway in Burlington --- where Green Mountain Transit plans to acquire two electric buses in the fall.

The report also recommends offering rebates and discounts to make the vehicles more affordable.

Green Mountain Power customers can get up to \$2,500 in rebates to buy or lease an all-electric car or plug-in hybrid.

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High schoolers shut down a key Montpelier intersection for almost an hour yesterday, demanding an education that will prepare them for a “collapsing climate and economy.”

The students came from across the country to learn about activism at Uprise Youth Action Camp, a Northeast Kingdom summer program focused on climate justice.

The student argued that there were two big things missing from schools’ curricula — alternative economics and climate resilience — things they say students will need more and more as the climate continues to change.

The activists called on school administrators to shut down classes on Sept. 20 for the Global Climate Strike, and to not penalize the students who walk out.

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Efficiency Vermont could be getting a new mission from state regulators as part of an effort to make sure Vermont utilities are all working toward the same goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Act 62 study focuses on three things: whether Vermont needs an "all fuels" efficiency utility, whether efficiency services need to be expanded, and how to pay for all of it.

Efficiency Vermont director Rebecca Foster joined the Dave Gram Show ~~this morning~~ --- she says when they were founded 20 years ago --- cutting back on electric seemed the like the way to go.

But now she says cutting back on fossil fuels in transportation or home heating --- which would INCREASE electric use --- may become part of their mission.

{0821SOT Rebecca Foster} [Outcue: 46 "into the future."]

You can check out the entire interview on the Dave Gram Show podcast --- available at WDEV Radio dot com.

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An energy economist visited Burlington ~~on last night~~ to discuss the need for substantial investment in curbing climate change.

Dr. Claudia Kemfert laid out a policy road map for renewable energy and public transportation plans she believes would notably cut back on carbon emissions.

Her presentation at the ECHO Center was hosted by the Vermont Council on World Affairs.

Kemfert emphasized the importance of making sweeping climate policies affordable for everyday taxpayers, pointing to investments in renewable energy and public transportation as key steps.

Here she is talking to NBC 5 ---

{0905SOT Claudia Kemfert} [Outcue: 20 "in the long run."]

The economist argued investing into green energy programs would benefit future markets and kick-start economic growth.

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One of the most ambitious climate change goals in the country was announced yesterday in Burlington.

Mayor Miro Weinberger and other city leaders unveiled a plan to reduce all of the city's man-made greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 through its Net Zero Energy Roadmap.

It calls for making buildings-- even those deemed historical-- energy efficient and requiring new construction to use renewable energy.

The plan would significantly expand electric vehicles and charging stations, and turn some streets into bike- and bus-only streets.

It would create an energy district capturing waste heat from the sewer system and the McNeil Generating Plant.

Burlington Electric General Manager Darren Springer joined the Dave Gram Show ~~podcast~~ ~~meeting~~ to talk about the economic benefits of the plan ---

{0910SOT Darren Springer} [Outcue: 37 "in the regional economy."]

You can catch the entire interview on the Dave Gram Show podcast on streaming services and at WDEV Radio dot com.

The mayor says they're looking at permitting changes and savings through efficiency to help pay for these initiatives. And incentives will help residents and businesses switch to greener alternatives.

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Vermont school districts are grappling with how to handle plans by many students to walk out of classes on the first day of a global strike to raise awareness about climate change.

Several school administrators tell VT Digger students may face penalties including in-school suspensions if they leave school campuses without permission. Protests are set to start today.

Many schools are telling students they need to get parents to sign off on plans to be away from school.

Education Secretary Dan French and other state officials are leaving decisions about how to handle student strikes to local districts.

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Brattleboro has rejected calls from a local group to declare a climate emergency.

The Brattleboro Reformer reports that the group, Brattleboro Common Sense, had pitched the emergency declaration at previous Select Board meetings.

It was rejected in a 3-2 vote Tuesday.

The declaration called for the town to strive for zero emissions by 2030. Among other things, it sought regular reports from a sustainability coordinator and for the board to hear ideas for solutions.

A proponent of the declaration says it would put Brattleboro at the forefront of climate rescue movements.

The board vice chairman called the declaration vague and said it assumes power and authority the board doesn't have. He pointed to the fact that the town is getting about 90% of its electricity from renewable sources.

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A Vermont group is calling attention to climate actions with a visible campaign.

The Extinction Rebellion group put up large banners on all of the overpasses on Interstates 89 and 91. Group members say they are dedicated to nonviolent climate activism and will put up banners to engage Vermonters in the conversation.

One sign on Hinesburg Road Monday read: "Rebellion October 17th Montpelier."

Organizers say they've been working on the 120 banners for more than a month.

Officials with the group acknowledge that hanging a sign on a highway overpass is not allowed but they say civil disobedience is needed in a time of crisis.

But Vtrans says not so fast. They call the banners a safety hazard for travelers below. They also say the banners violate Vermont's billboard law, so they are taking them down.

Monday's action is one of several planned events to address what they claim is a 'climate crisis'.



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Protesters blocked Chittenden County roads during rush hour Monday, demanding action on climate change.

Protesters gathered at the Exit 14 on-ramp in South Burlington at 4 p.m., then spent two hours walking up and down Main Street in Burlington blocking traffic in both directions.

Protesters stood in the road for about three minutes each time they stopped in an intersection. They chanted, banged on drums and held up protest signs.

Protesters say we have continued to increase our greenhouse gas emissions despite activists raising awareness of the dangers and imminent threats to our health and the environment in the last decade or so. They also accuse politicians of failing to pass sufficient bills on climate change.

The protest is part of strike week --- which is a globalist effort to raise climate change awareness.



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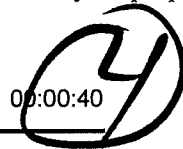
Vermont regulators have signed off on an ownership deal related to two utilities that critics worry could bring more fossil fuel infrastructure to the state.

The Public Utility Commission on Friday approved the complex deal that will indirectly increase Canadian pipeline company Enbridge's ownership over both Green Mountain Power and Vermont Gas.

Julie Macuga, an activist with 350 Vermont, organized a protest yesterday. She says the deal "is another case" where the state is heading toward a "fossil fuel monopoly and a consolidation of power."

Jim Porter of the Department of Public Service, which represents ratepayers, says the department concluded that the deal will not have any significant impact on how the two utilities operate in Vermont.

Protesters gathered outside Vermont Gas in South Burlington Monday afternoon.



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The City of Burlington has joined dozens of other U.S. municipalities in declaring a climate emergency days after thousands gathered in Burlington for the Global Climate Strike.

The declaration also comes weeks after Mayor Miro Weinberger announced a plan to make Burlington a net zero energy city by 2030. The city council voted 11-1 yesterday to pass two resolutions which both declare "climate emergencies,"

Kurt Wright was the lone "no" vote.

More than 1,000 local governments in 19 countries have declared climate emergencies, according to the Climate Mobilization, the group which is pushing for climate emergency declarations in its campaign.

In the U.S., New York, Austin, San Francisco and New Haven, Connecticut are among the

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MONTPELIER – Activists staged a rally on the State House lawn Wednesday to protest a Capital City lobbying firm that represents fossil fuel companies and other corporations blamed for climate change and the incarceration of migrants.

About 40 people gathered on the State House lawn to challenge McLean, Meehan and Rice, which represents local, national and multinational companies.

The event included speeches and a performance by Bread and Puppet Theater. Protesters then marched to MMR's offices on Court Street to deliver demands for the lobbyists to stop working for companies that hurt the planet and people.

A statement from MMR stated the firm worked on behalf of its clients to develop "non-partisan solutions" to difficult challenges locally, nationally and globally.

"We absolutely support the right to speech and assembly and believe that in this polarized political environment, we must listen to each other and work together on solutions. MMR remains steadfastly committed to progress over protest," according to the statement.

Wednesday's event followed the start of Climate Strike Week, which began Friday with a call to action for students to skip school to march, protest and commit acts of civil disobedience, and to demand political and civic leaders respond and act to combat climate change.

The school strike for climate movement – also known as Fridays for Future, Youth For Climate and Youth Strike 4 Climate – was sparked by Greta Thunberg, the Swedish student who left school in August last year to protest outside the Swedish parliament. Thunberg testified before Congress last week and the United National General Assembly this week. She has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Wednesday's event at the State House was organized by 350Vermont, one of several climate activist groups involved in Climate Strike Week.



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The Energy Action Network also holds monthly events.



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Seven Days is reporting that opioid manufacturers and distributors sold enough pills in Vermont to provide 191 of them for every man, woman and child during a seven-year period that ended in 2012.

The total number of oxycodone and hydrocodone pills sold at wholesale in the state during that period was well over 119 million.

The figures come from a database released by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration detailing purchases of prescription opioids from 2006 through 2012.

Oxycodone and hydrocodone purchases peaked in 2011. That same year, Vermont medical providers wrote over a half a million prescriptions in a state with a population under 627,000.

Between 2006 and 2012, the University of Vermont Medical Center's Burlington location purchased the highest number of opioid pills --- at 3.4 million. Its Colchester outpatient location purchased an additional 1.1 million pills.

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Vermont's efforts to fight opiate addiction are getting a big boost in federal funding.

Senator Patrick Leahy announced that the University of Vermont will get \$6.6 million of \$20 million in new federal funding for three rural centers of excellence fighting opiate addiction around the country.

The Vermont Democrat is vice chairman of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee. He says Vermont has been recognized for its innovative hub-and-spoke system of addiction treatment.

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Burlington warns about 3 drug overdose deaths in 5 days



BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Officials in Burlington say police have responded to three drug overdose deaths in the past week in Chittenden County.

They believe at least two of the fatal overdoses were from opioids, although toxicology reports are still pending.

The Burlington Police Department said that there is no reason to believe the deaths are due to a particularly lethal drug.

It says the deaths could be a coincidence but says there is cause for concern.

It says it wants to use this as an opportunity to stress safe drug consumption practices, such as never taking drugs alone and always having the overdose reversal drug naloxone on hand.



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Vermont Drug Task Forces arrests 59 in statewide sweep

WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) - The Vermont Drug Task Force says 59 people were arrested during a statewide drug sweep from one end of the state to the other.

The task force partnered with the Vermont Department of Health to provide information on treatment and recovery services to those who need them.

The operation was carried out over the last several weeks.

Among other charges, the investigations resulted in 53 individual charges of selling heroin and 43 individual charges of selling crack cocaine.

All the suspects were charged with state drug offenses. They were cited and release with future court dates.

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Vermont not signing on to Purdue Pharma opioid settlement

The state of Vermont will not be signing onto a tentative settlement with a pharmaceutical company for its role in the nation's opioid-crisis

Eds: APNewsNow; will be updated.

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - The state of Vermont will not be signing onto a tentative settlement with a pharmaceutical company for its role in the nation's opioid-crisis.

A spokeswoman for Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan said Thursday the Vermont would not be participating in the settlement reached between governments and OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma and state and local governments across the country.

Donovan Chief of Staff Charity Clark said Donovan would be issuing a more complete statement explaining his reasoning later Thursday.

Nearly half the states and some 2,000 local governments have agreed to a tentative settlement with Purdue Pharma over the toll of the nation's opioid crisis.

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OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma has filed for bankruptcy protection.

But that doesn't mean the company or the family that owns it is off the legal hook.

States are divided on whether to accept a tentative settlement with the company as part of the bankruptcy.

Several of those who have declined it have made it clear that they plan to object to the bankruptcy and push forward with their claims against members of the Sackler family in state court.

It will be up to a bankruptcy judge to decide if those suits can move ahead. And even if he stops them, he could consider their claims in his court.

The bankruptcy filing Sunday will likely get Purdue out of a trial over the toll of opioids scheduled for October in Cleveland.



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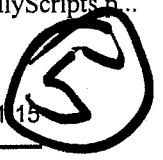
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The nonprofit agency that provides drug treatment and other services in Chittenden County is suing the drug industry.

The Howard Center filed a lawsuit in state Superior Court against 21 opioid drug manufacturers, distributors, and retailers, saying they got thousands of people hooked and caused "extraordinary economic damages."

The Howard Center opened the first methadone treatment clinic program in 2002.

Seventeen years later, they have opened more opioid help centers and created programs not only for those who use but for family members impacted by the drugs.

The organization says it has experienced financial loss because of the added caseload and they want the drug industry to pay up.

Here's the Howard Center's Bob