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## **Programs & Issues List**

### **The Radio Vermont Group**

4th Quarter 2022

**January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

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: **COVID Developments**

Issue 2: **Higher Education Economic Woes**

Issue 3: **Police Behavior, Staffing Issues**

Issue 4: **Housing Shortage**

Issue 5: **Transgender-Related Violence and other Issues**

Issue 6: **Homelessness Housing and Violence**



## WDEV-FM and AM

### **Programs and Issues – 2023**

The Programs and Issues in this file are “representative” of our news and public affairs efforts – but do not fully demonstrate the breadth 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 Alexandra Montgomery 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 News & Citizen (Morrisville) – Tommy Gardner, Reporter  
Tuesday: The Addison Independent (Middlebury) - John Flowers, Reporter  
Wednesday: The Valley Reporter (Waitisfield) –Erica Nichols-Frazier, Reporter  
Thursday: The Gazette (Hardwick) – Ray Small, Publisher & Editor  
Friday: The Herald (Randolph) – Tim Calabro, Publisher

#### **Vermont Viewpoint: 9-11am**

This is our newsmaker public affairs interview program that provides detailed analysis of the news plus a Vermont perspective on world events. His guests are varied and represent a wide spectrum. During the legislative session, The program originates direct from the Vermont Statehouse in Montpelier (Fridays and during special event days). The 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 Afternoon 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 Calvin Cutler from WCAX-TV News around 4:05PM and at 5:05PM, VT Digger.org reports – the state’s leading on-line investigative news site.

Waterbury Roundabout (Monday) – Lisa Scagliotti, Editor

Seven Days (Tuesday) – Courtney Lamdin, Reporter

Vermont Business Magazine (Wednesday)—Tim McQuiston, Editor

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 airs CBS Radio Sunday Morning, and “The Takeout with Majhor Garrett”, 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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The victim in that stabbing 38 year old Gabriel DeAngelis is slowly recovering Julie Bond co-executive director at the Haven, says he could be released

The incident was followed by another knife attack at the Transit Center Monday. In that case, police arrested 18-year old Ayden Justice, of Marshfield, and charged him with stabbing a worker for the Good Samaritan Haven, which operates a warming shelter inside the center.

Markham was due in court in Barre on Thursday.

threatened him with a knife.

Police later arrested 33-year old Michael Markham after they say he followed another homeless man from the Taylor Street. Transit Center to the bridge that leads to Shaws, and

Saturday evening near the Montpelier Transit Center. Montpelier Police responded after a caller said homeless people were yelling at each other and threatening to kill one another.

A homeless man in the Montpelier area faces aggravated assault charges after police say he threatened another man with a knife last weekend in the Capital City.

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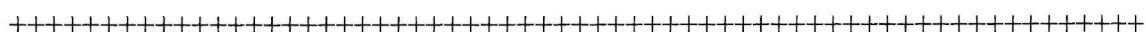
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Radio Vermont › Thursday ANS - 2/23/2023 › B11 Montpelier Attack

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Montpelier Police have made an arrest from an angry argument among homeless people this past weekend.

Saturday evening, a local resident called police to say there were homeless men engaged in a verbal altercation, yelling that they were going to kill each other.

A few minutes later, one of the men, 26-year old Randy Tatro, called to say 33-year old Michael Markham had followed him, with a knife, from the bus stop at the Transit Center to the bridge that leads to Shaw's supermarket.

Investigating officers say Markham committed aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

He was arrested Wednesday, and jailed in Saint Johnsbury.

His arraignment is this afternoon in Barre.

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The town of Berlin has worked out a deal to offset the impact of all of those calls to the police coming from the Hilltop Inn.

Data from the department shows in 2021 police responded to more than 600 calls for service just to that motel. In 2022, the number increased to 880 calls. And that does not include fire or EMS response.

Berlin Police Chief James Pontbriand tells WCAX News his department responds to the Hilltop Inn for drug-related issues, citizen disputes, thefts, assaults, and more, and it's straining their resources.

(031623SOT James Pontbriand)

The new agreement between the town and the Hilltop Inn would require the hotel to pay a \$70-an-hour fee to emergency services that respond when called. It also includes installing more security cameras, staff rounds within the hotel every hour, and an updated guest policy.

The Hilltop Inn serves as one of 82 homeless hotels in the state. The program currently serves more than 1,700 people statewide.

The agreement also requires stakeholders from the town and hotel to meet weekly to discuss how things are going.

Chief Pontbriand says their call volume has also dropped significantly since the start of the month. But he cautions that the agreement is only temporary.

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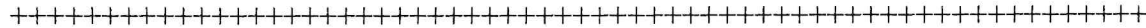
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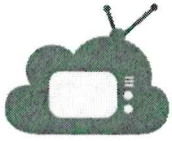
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Radio Vermont › Tuesday ANS - 3/21/2023 › A6 Emergency Housing

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Gov. Phil Scott will allow a wide-ranging spending package that extends emergency housing in hotels for unhoused Vermonters to pass into law without his signature.

The bill sets almost \$19 million aside to keep those currently in hotels there until May 31. After that, eligibility will narrow to people fleeing domestic violence, families with children, those aged 60 and over, pregnant people, people with disabilities and certain households that recently lost their housing.

Each year, lawmakers pass a budget adjustment act to ~~fine~~<sup>fine</sup>-up the current fiscal year's budget. Once a sleepy affair, the legislation has ballooned in size and importance in the pandemic era as Montpelier has contended with unprecedented surpluses and federal aid packages.

This year, the most contentious item concerned Vermont's housing programs in hotels, which the state dramatically scaled up in the early days of the public health emergency, and for which federal funding dries up March 31.

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