

# Quarterly Issues and Programming Report April 2015 thru June 2015

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## Community Issues:

### April:

#### 4/01/15: Good Morning CT - :40

##### **“Child Abuse Awareness”**

If you pass by the New Haven green this morning you'll see colorful pinwheels. They are designed to raise awareness of child abuse. Each blue pinwheel will represent a child treated at the "South Central Child Advocacy Center" at Long Wharf. If your child comes to you and says he or she's has been abused or if you think your child is being abused. You should immediately call the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and local law enforcement. Let the child know that you're going to talk with a professional and let them know they'll be safe and you're getting them help. Also, don't confront the alleged suspect. If you or your child is in immediate danger call 911. You can reach out to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families at 800-624-55-18 or 800-842-22-88 and The National Child Abuse Hotline is 800-4-A-CHILD. The awareness event on the green starts at 10 this morning and Mayor Toni Harp will also speak at the event.

#### 4/07/15: Good Morning CT - :20

##### **“Volunteer Fire Department Staffed”**

Volunteer fire departments across the state are struggling to find enough people willing to sign up. Most of the fire departments in Connecticut are made up of volunteers and eighty-percent of those departments are short-staffed. Volunteer chiefs say there are some incentives for those who apply - like tax abatements and retirement programs for those who qualify but they say they're competing against busy schedules. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, you can stop by your local department and apply.

#### 4/13/15: News 8 at 10pm - :20

##### **“Schwartz Marrow Drive”**

This Thursday-- for the 6th year-- the Yale athletic department will hold its annual "Be the Donor Drive" at the Yale Commons. It's a chance to become a match-- and potentially save someone's life. The event runs from 10am to 5pm. It's in honor of former Yale hockey standout Mandi Schwartz-- who lost her battle with Leukemia 4 years ago. This year-- Aurora Kennedy-- captain of the women's hockey team and her

teammates-- are doing something different to help the cause. It's kind of like the ice bucket challenge. They're calling it the whip and swab.

4/22/15: Good Morning CT - :25

**“Easton Fishing Permit”**

If you are unemployed or a military member past or present... you can get a free fishing permit. It's happening in Easton today. Aquarion Water Company is giving them out to anyone over 18. You do need a valid Connecticut fishing license to get one. If you're unemployed you'll also need official proof you don't have a job. Military members and Vets need to bring your military ID form. The event is happening today from 8 a-m until 3:30 p-m.

**May:**

5/07/15: Good Morning CT - :20

**“Hartford Fire Community Meetings”**

The Hartford Fire department continues its community meetings to answer questions about recent fires in the city. The majority of the fires have been caused by smoking, cooking and electrical overloads, all though none are connected. The meetings are being held in neighborhood revitalization zones. Tonight, members of the Fire Department and the Fire Marshall's office will be at the Metzner Recreation Center starting at six, to answer any questions about firefighting and fire safety in that community.

5/20/15: Good Morning CT - :15

**“CPR Training”**

Local American Medical Response employees are teaching folks a life-saving skill throughout New Haven County today. Twenty AMR workers are training people in compression-only CPR. Local schools and business will be hosting the free event. Learning this skill allows bystanders to keep someone's blood-flowing during cardiac arrest doubling or even tripling chances of survival. To find out where and what time the events are go to [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com)

5/30/15: News 8 at 10pm - :20

**“Save the Dome Protest”**

For months, the Oakdale Theatre in Wallingford has become a controversial topic ....Town officials told them they were too noisy after neighbors complained... Oakdale officials fought back...but town officials stood their ground. So, this afternoon dozens gathered in front of the old train station to show their support for the Oakdale. They say the theater is a great part of the town and they're worried actions like the cease and desist order may ultimately hurt their community. Town officials will meet with Oakdale representatives on June 8 during the next Planning & Zoning meeting.

**June:**

6/02/15: Good Morning CT - :15

**“Wear Orange”**

A new campaign is kicking off today to help reduce gun violence in America. It's called "Wear Orange". Orange is the color that hunters wear to alert other hunters that they are around. Today the trauma team at Saint Francis hospital will be wearing orange and talking about the impact gun violence has not only on the victim but their family, medical providers and the community

6/05/15: Good Morning CT - :15

**“QU Health Screenings”**

Quinnipiac University is offering free health services for those who don't have insurance coverage. Doors to the Community Access Imaging on the North Haven campus will open today. They are equipped with the latest high-tech tools which are donated by major corporations. Patients who are eligible -- must be

referred by Fair Haven Community Health Center or Project Access in New Haven. This only happens on Fridays starting in the morning.

#### 6/11/15: Good Morning CT - :15

##### **“South Windsor Tip-A-Cop”**

You can help raise money for the Special Olympics of Connecticut by heading to South Windsor today. Police officers there will take part in the "Tip-a-Cop" program. It's happening at the Red Onion Restaurant on Sullivan Avenue. The officers will serve customers... with the tip money going to Special Olympics. All you have to do is dine there between 11 a-m and 9 p-m.

## **Health:**

### **April:**

#### 4/10/15: Good Morning CT - :15

##### **“Runny Nose Tips”**

Spring is here... or as some of us like to call it "sneezy season." And, I don't need to tell you, the sniffles are just plain annoying! Here are a few things you can do at home... so you can leave the tissues behind. Take a steamy shower or try drinking ginger tea! The ginger has enzymes that increase circulation... which helps clear out your nose. Stay clear of spicy foods though... they'll only make the situation worse. As always... if the problem persists you need a doctor... which I am not.

#### 4/13/15: News 8 at 10pm - :20

##### **“Pollen Count”**

It's allergy season and the pollen count is very high. There's a fine line between treating yourself at home and knowing when to go see a doctor. If you just have some stuffiness and watery eyes over the counter is right for you. If the symptoms get worse your doctor will have to determine whether it's an infection or severe allergies that aren't getting better. Also, you need to be careful with some of the decongestants because over the counter medication can raise your blood pressure. Make sure to check with your doctor before taking any products with pseudoephedrine.

#### 4/16/15: Good Morning CT - :20

##### **“Cardio Myths”**

You may be exercising but are you exercising effectively? Many people are not getting the most from their workout. Cardio is not the only way you are going to lose weight.. Think again. Losing weight is a numbers game. Calories must not exceed calories out. If you add in weight training to the cardio exercise- you'll build lean muscle- and that will help boost your metabolism and burn more fat. Doctors say any cardio exercise is good for you and your heart. Not only will you burn calories fast- but you are likely to burn calories for up to 38 hours after the workout- because you have revved up that metabolism. But no matter what you do doctors say getting up and getting moving is essential to good health.

#### 4/21/15: Good Morning CT - :25

##### **“Pet to Human Infections”**

Having pets has scientifically proven to have emotional and health benefits but a new study found that our household pets may carry infections that can lead to potentially dangerous illnesses in young children, the elderly and pregnant women. Bites and scratches are the most common forms of exposure to patients with compromised immune systems who are especially susceptible to developing severe disease. Reptiles, amphibians, exotic animals and rodents are the worst offenders. These animals can transmit infections even without direct contact. Here are some tips: Proper hand washing.... Discouraging face-licking from your pets.... Avoiding exotic animals and wearing protective gloves and gear when cleaning out a pet's habitat.

## May:

5/07/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Teen Mental Health Awareness”**

Today is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. A day that's dedicated to focusing on young adults and their mental health. Parents if you need help with your teen there's an event in Hartford tonight that reaches teens through social media. It's called Text, talk and act...it pushes young adults to engage on social media about mental health problems. For more information go to [www.creatingcommunitysoluitions.com](http://www.creatingcommunitysoluitions.com) .

5/21/15: News 8 at 10pm - :30

### **“Fighting Alzheimer’s”**

New technology could be a game changer when it comes to treating Alzheimer's. Alzheimer's disease can rob a person of their memory and it's heartbreaking for family members to cope with. Inventor Eric Knight has been working on some technology that can help treat the disease. It's been five and a half years in the making. It's based on medical research that used radio frequency to dissolve "plaque buildup" in the brain of mice with Alzheimer's. He says this could be a medical breakthrough turning Alzheimer's from a terminal illness to a chronic and managed illness. He wants to have this technology used on humans. So he's not charging scientists to use the patented technology.

5/22/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

### **“Potential Cancer Breakthrough”**

There's a potential breakthrough in the diagnosis of cancer leading our health news tonight. It's a test that can diagnose the disease before a tumor even forms. It's called a liquid biopsy, and it's being developed at Baylor hospital in Texas. Doctors there say In two to five years the screenings will not only be easy and frequent but they'll be less invasive than surgical biopsies, mammograms and colonoscopies.

## June:

6/05/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Women’s Viagra”**

An F-D-A advisory panel has approved a version of Viagra for women. This doesn't mean the pill will hit the markets anytime soon... it still needs approval by the entire agency. And the F-D-A has already turned the drug down twice. Both times say the benefits don't outweigh the risks. Side effects include low blood pressure, nausea, dizziness, and fainting. The F-D-A will make its final decision in August.

6/11/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

### **“Kids Not Getting Enough H2O”**

With the heat and humidity setting in, it's important to make sure your kids are getting enough water. A new study out of Harvard says that most kids aren't getting the amount of water they need to stay hydrated. Boys and younger children, ages 6 to 11 were at the highest risk for dehydration. If kids don't get enough water, their thinking and moods could be affected.

6/15/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Shellfish Health Warning”**

We've got your back with details about a deadly bacteria showing up on Florida Beaches. It could be in your seafood. It's linked to raw shellfish but the bacteria can survive in saltwater. The flesh-eating bacteria, Vibro vulnificus, has already killed two people in Florida and made five others sick. You can catch it by swimming in infected waters if you have an open cut. Some of the symptoms are fever, chills, skin lesions and even septic shock. It can be treated with antibiotics.

## Education:

### April:

4/06/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

#### **“Starbucks Free College”**

Starbucks is now offering more than just coffee. Today the coffee giant announced it will give some employees a college education for free. Baristas who don't already have a four-year degree are eligible to get an online degree from Arizona State University... for free. Full time and part time employees are eligible. The company says about 70-percent of employees don't have a bachelor's degree. The CEO of Starbucks says it will benefit the company because it helps to have a better educated workforce.

4/15/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“Student Loan Bill”**

College students in Connecticut have some good news. The House of Representatives unanimously passed the student loan bill of rights yesterday. If the senate passes it it would be the first of its kind in the country. It would establish a special student loan official to regulate student loan services and assist student borrowers and parents. No word yet on when the senate will vote on that bill.

4/18/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“New Education Commissioner”**

We now know who will be Connecticut's new education commissioner. Governor Dannel Malloy says it is Democrat Dianna Wentzell. Wentzell announced Friday she accepted the job. She served as the interim commissioner since January. She was the chief academic officer for the Department of Education and was previously a school teacher. Malloy says Wentzell is quote "the right person" for the job.

4/28/15: Good Morning CT - :10

**“Storrs High School Geography Challenge”** This morning high school students from around the state will descend on Storrs to compete in the 24th annual Connecticut High School Geography Challenge! Teams of 5 will go head-to-head to test their map-knowledge. It all kicks off at 830a at the Homer Babbidge Library.

### May:

5/07/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“UConn Community College”**

Some transfer students are getting a rude awakening when they come to UConn. A new study shows the university is rejecting about 20 percent of transfer credits from community colleges. One expert says the problem could be solved with agreements that would let students know which credits transfer. UConn is set to respond later today.

5/26/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“Norwalk Teachers”**

Right now Norwalk School district is trying to recruit more diverse teachers. The majority of the school's 882 certified teachers are white. But about 58-percent of the students are minorities. Now the district wants to promote diversity and is visiting job fairs and colleges to find qualified candidates.

5/29/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

#### **“SBAC Testing Bill”**

A bill is making its way through the state legislature that could mean one less test for high school juniors. A bill has passed the state senate that would do away with a controversial standardized state test and instead replace it with a college entry exam like the SAT or ACT with the state picking up the cost.

Teachers have been pushing the state to get rid of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium test so juniors can concentrate on their college entrance exams. It would cost the state about 2 million dollars a year to provide free sat and act tests.

## **June:**

6/03/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

### **“Connecticut Midterms”**

Midterm exams are being done away with in two high schools here in Connecticut. The Meriden board of education voted to axe midterms at Maloney and Platt high school for the upcoming year. School officials say teachers want more time for teaching and less time for exam preps. Final exams are state mandated and are still required. Teachers will now focus on consistent performance-based testing which experts say serve students and teachers better.

6/04/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

### **“New Haven School Dedication”**

Achievement First Amistad High School held a special dedication today at its new state of the art school building in New Haven. The high-performing, college preparatory public charter high school is part of a 35 million dollar construction project transforming the long-vacant Martin Luther King School into Amistad's new campus on Dixwell Avenue. Recently, U.S. News & World Report recognized Amistad as the number two high school in Connecticut in its "Best High Schools" rankings. Amistad High's graduating class had a 100 percent college acceptance rate.

6/10/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Hamden Positions Cut”**

Changing student populations had the Hamden Board of education cutting its school budget last night. The board reduced its proposed 85-million dollar spending plan by nearly six-hundred thousand dollars. A drop in the number of students at both the middle school and the high school level led to the reductions. At the same time, expenditures had to go up because of more students in the special needs department

## **Crime:**

## **April:**

4/01/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Crime Victims Bill”**

Today advocates for crime victims will head to the capitol to push for a new bill to be passed. The bill would help keep certain convicted sexual predators from becoming eligible for the "Early Release" program. Former state senator Len Suzio will be on hand as family members of victims share personal stories on the issue later this morning. That will happen at 10 a-m at the Legislative Office Building.

4/03/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

### **“UConn Noose”**

A possible hate crime on the UConn campus. A noose was found hanging at a construction site. Details are limited at this point. Turner Construction sent a statement saying they found it on Wednesday and they immediately called police. They say they helped and will continue to help officers investigate. UConn released a statement today saying "There is no room on UConn's campuses - and in a civil society, for that matter - for any form of harassment and intimidation, and we condemn this action in the strongest possible terms."

4/29/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Hartford Urban Area”**

North Hartford is being designated as a new “urban promise zone”. The Obama administration is singling out eight economically struggling communities for special attention from the government. It's part of a new push to create jobs and reduce crime in low-income neighborhoods. The city will get federal money for new projects, and improvements. Hartford is one of only 6 cities in the country to get the designation this year.

### **May:**

5/01/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

#### **“New Milford threat”**

Students at a school in New Milford were asked not to bring backpacks today after a bomb threat was found on the bathroom wall at the school. They were told to put their things in a clear plastic bag. School officials consider this to be a low-level threat and they're taking every safety precaution. Police have still not found the person responsible.

5/11/15: News 8 at 10pm - :20

#### **“New Britain Serial Killer”**

We have an update tonight to that serial killer graveyard we've been telling you about in New Britain. Now four more bodies have been found. It's the same spot where three bodies had already been found behind a strip mall on Hartford Road in New Britain. Officials say they think it's the work of a serial killer but want to assure the public there is no risk. They're confident the killer won't be able to strike again. The latest victim to be identified is Melanie Camelini. She went missing from Waterbury back in 2003.

5/18/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“Avon Bank Robbery”**

Police in Avon are on the hunt for a bank robber. It happened at the T-D bank on Main Street. Police say a man showed a gun and got away with cash in a black S-U-V. No one was hurt. If you know anything about the crime... call police.

5/27/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“Pastor Shot Hate Crime”**

Police in Hartford are investigating whether a pastor shot while placing flags outside his church for Memorial Day was the victim of a hate crime. 54-year-old Augustus Sealy of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts was shot outside the First Church of Nazarene Sunday morning. Police say the church is accepting and open to gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender people. Sealy is recovering in the hospital and is expected to be okay.

### **June:**

6/05/15: Good Morning CT - :15

#### **“Child Porn Arrest”**

A Clinton man heads to court today on is on child pornography charges. 27 year old Justin Bloom was arrested at his home yesterday. Police say they were alerted by the Internet Crime Task force that Bloom was accessing child porn online. Police say they found dozens of videos and hundreds of still images of child pornography. Bloom is being held on 100-thousand dollars bond.

6/12/15: News 8 at 10pm - :20

#### **“Darien Burglaries”**

Officials in Darien are warning people - about a scam where people come to your house, pretending to be from the water company. An elderly person was tricked yesterday and had cash and jewelry stolen. It happened on Ledge Road. Police say one person distracted the victim while another snuck in the house.

We've got your back tonight with a few tips to avoid this from happening to you - be suspicious of anyone who comes to your door claiming to be a public utility worker, a person claiming to be lost asking for directions or searching for a lost pet or someone asking about working on the property and always ask for identification.

6/17/15: Good Morning CT - :15

**“Griswold Hit List”**

You need to know about a hit list at Griswold Middle School. The Superintendent says... a 7th grader put together a "death note" booklet. It contained the names of people at the school the student wanted to hurt. Police and the school district are taking care of the student behind the list. The Superintendent says end-of-year events will go on as planned.

**Consumer Issues:**

**April:**

4/01/15: Good Morning CT - :15

**“Prom Spending”**

A new survey shows families with lower incomes actually spending the most for the senior prom. The report from Visa says... that families with household incomes of less than 25-thousand dollars will spend on average nearly 14-hundred dollars on prom night. That adds up to more than 5-percent of a family's annual income. Meantime families with incomes over 50-thousand a year say they plan to spend about 800 dollars for the prom.

4/07/15: Good Morning CT - :15

**“Nissan Safety Issue”**

A new investigation into Nissan Versa and Versa Note subcompact cars. The driver's foot can get caught in the trim panel that holds the carpet. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been looking into the issue since last June. This week, the agency said it's looking at 360-thousand cars from the 2014 and 2015 model years. At least one crash was reported. The driver suffered minor injuries. 24 other complaints were reported.

4/09/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

**“Sabras Hummus Recall”**

Before you pack your lunch tomorrow morning we've got an important recall to tell you about. Sabra is recalling 30-thousand cases of hummus. They may be contaminated with listeria. That bug can cause serious, sometimes even deadly, infections in children, the elderly and pregnant women. The recall is for the "classic hummus" flavor. If you have that at home throw it out. The FDA says you should not eat it. Stop and Shop is yanking the hummus off store shelves.

4/15/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

**“Baby Food Recall”**

There's a baby food recall out there you may want to know about. It's the brand 'beech nut'. Specifically the "stage 2 beech-nut classics sweet potato & chicken". There are concerns there could be pieces of glass in the food. Nearly 8 thousand jars of it have been sold nationwide. The jars have an expiration date of December 2016. There is one report of a baby injuring their mouth. If you have some of it in your pantry you can return it to the store for a full refund.

**May:**

5/05/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

## **“Jet Blue and Amazon”**

Jet blue is teaming up with Amazon to offer its prime members free Wi-Fi on its flight. You'll be able to stream from Jet Blue's inflight Wi-Fi service. It's called fly-fi you'll be able to rent or buy movies or watch any of the free instant videos. Jet blue is one of the few airlines to offer free Wi-Fi . The only other airline offering free Wi-Fi for entertainment is southwest.

5/14/15: Good Morning CT - :15

## **“Walmart Shipping”**

Walmart stores will test a new shipping service for online shoppers this summer and will cost half the price of Amazon prime. Walmart's shipping subscription will cost \$450 a month and orders will arrive in three days or less. Currently the retailer offers grocery delivery and pick up service in five markets but this new unlimited shipping program shows how serious Walmart is about accelerating the growth of its online business.

5/28/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

## **“Ford Recall”**

Ford announced two major recalls today covering nearly half a million cars. The vehicles affected include the 20-15 Mustang - it has a problem with the gas tank. The second recall is due to a power steering issue - it affects Ford, Lincoln and Mercury. Owners should expect a notice from ford on where to get free repairs. For more information on specific models being recalled just head over to [wtnh.com](http://wtnh.com).

## **June:**

6/01/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

## **“Egg Prices Rise”**

The Avian Flu has led to egg shortages from the Midwest down to Texas and here in Connecticut it is also having an effect. Herman's Diner in Colchester says a case of eggs went from 40 dollars to more than 60 dollars in one week. So even though farms in Connecticut still have healthy birds and can meet growing demands they are concerned about the rising prices. Many local farms are taking added sanitizing precautions to avoid the spread of Avian Flu to Connecticut chickens and turkeys.

6/11/15: Good Morning CT - :15

## **“Children's Furniture Recall”**

We've got your back with an important recall for parents. A warning on children's furniture that can tip over. "Pali's Designs" is recalling about 18-thousand armoires, dressers, and hutches. They were made between 2006 and 2010. The company is offering a free kit so you can fix the furniture. We'll have the number and website to visit for more information... on [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com).

6/16/15: Good Morning CT - :20

## **“More Honda Recall”**

After a push from the federal government Honda has added a million vehicles to the recall over those faulty airbags. At first, Honda was only recalling cars in high humidity states. Now they are recalling the bad airbags nationwide. That adds just over a million 2001 to 2005 Civics and 2003 through 2007 Accords. Those are two of Honda's three biggest sellers. So far Honda has recalled about 21 million cars because of those bad Takata airbags.

## **Government, Economy, Law:**

## **April:**

4/01/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

## **“CT Religious Freedom Law”**

We have a religious freedom law here in our state. So we did some digging so we could break it all down for you. The law in our state dates back to the early 1990's. Experts say it was designed to protect people against government infringement when it comes to their religious beliefs. But our law has \*three major differences than the one passed in Indiana. First, Connecticut has a state-wide statute that protects gays and lesbians from discrimination. Plus, the law in our state applies only to people. In Indiana the law applies to businesses and corporations too. Lastly our version of the law allows a person to state their defense against the government.

4/06/15: News 8 at 10pm - :15

### **“Gaming Latest”**

A new report says that job losses in Connecticut because of new casinos in Massachusetts and New York could be catastrophic. The report says that if nothing is done close to ten-thousand Connecticut residents will lose their jobs over the next four years. And for the State Government that means at least the loss of 100 million dollars a year in revenue.

4/15/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Unclaimed Taxes”**

\$13 million in unclaimed 2011 tax refunds is just waiting to be claimed and there's only two more hours to do so. Senator Richard Blumenthal wants to remind Connecticut taxpayers those unclaimed tax refunds are up for grabs but you must meet tonight's deadline to file. More than 13,400 Connecticut residents had yet to file their 2011 tax returns as of last month. Those refunds will go back to the government if they're not claimed and there's no penalty for filing a late return that qualifies for a refund.

4/18/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Hamden Special Election”**

The town of Hamden is still in need of a mayor after former mayor Scott Jackson said he will be taking a job in Hartford with Governor Dannel Malloy. And election day has just been announced. The election will take place Thursday May 28th. Polls will open at six o'clock in the morning and remain open until 8 p.m. You can turn in an absentee ballot at the Hamden government center on Dixwell Avenue. We also have a list of the nine district polling places on our website [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com).

**May:**

5/07/15: news 8 at 10pm - :20

### **“Anti-Mandate”**

Local officials around the state are blowing the whistle tonight on a proposal before the General Assembly this week that The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities says the proposal would establish what's called a 'rebuttable presumption' for firefighters who contract a variety of cancers. It would affect both career and volunteer firefighters. Advocates of the bill say that there is indisputable evidence that links firefighting and cancer and that the costs to the towns would be minimal. City and town leaders say it would be another unfunded state mandate. The mayors say the science is inconclusive and if a job correlation is established, then the current medical coverage would apply.

5/19/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Criminal Background Checks”**

School workers will have to undergo more extensive background checks in the future if a bill being considered by the General Assembly ever becomes law. Under the proposed measure anybody hired by a public school would have to undergo a criminal background check within five days of accepting the job. Right now those checks have to be done within a month. That measure has already cleared the house and is now in the hands of the senate.

5/26/15: Good Morning CT - :15

### **“Grads and Jobs”**

Young folks are graduating college all over the country but are the job prospects there? According to a new survey eight in ten said they considered the job market in their intended field before selecting their major. With the nationwide unemployment rate at a seven-year low, the class of 2015 seems willing to compete for more than just a paycheck. The survey found young people looking closely at development opportunities, work-life balance and company culture. A combination of optimism and the improving economy, helping the class of 2015.

## **June:**

### **6/02/15: News 8 at 10pm - :20**

#### **“CT Budget and Companies”**

Lawmakers at the state capitol working late into the night trying to reach a deal on the state's budget. They've only got twenty-four more hours to reach a deal or lawmakers will have to go into special session. They're trying to rework the budget deal to reduce corporate taxes. Late this afternoon the big drug company, Boehringer Ingelheim, joined the chorus of big companies saying taxes are just too much. G.E. and Aetna have already threatened to leave the state. To try and decrease the proposed tax hikes on businesses law makers are considering raising the cigarette tax or taxing you for things like digital downloads.

### **6/05/15: Good Morning CT - :15**

#### **“Biggest Hack Ever”**

U-S officials say China is behind a major hack on government computers. Investigators told CNN the Chinese military is creating a massive database of Americans. The reason for that database is not clear. The hack happened last month and targeted nearly every federal agency. Now 4-million past and present workers are at risk for identity theft. China is denying involvement in the hack... saying such attacks are difficult to trace... and so is figuring out the guilty party.

### **6/16/15: Good Morning CT - :15**

#### **“Colt Bankruptcy”**

Colt gun manufacturer is filing bankruptcy to try and pull itself out of debt. It's being reported the company owed half a billion dollars. This comes after it lost a big government contract a few years ago. Now it's agreed to sell and restructure the company. Colt says is not planning on laying anyone off or moving from West Hartford.