

Quarterly Issues and Programming Report October 2016 thru December 2016

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Community Issues:

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“East Haven Officers Honored”

East Haven is being recognized for its community policing efforts. Chief Ed Lennone and Lieutenant David Emerman were honored at a ceremony in Washington DC last week. East Haven was one of just 12 departments in the country that got a community policing commendation award. The award recognizes police departments that maintain great relationships with the communities they serve...

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“New Haven Kindness Initiative”

New Haven mayor Toni Harp is hoping a little kindness will make things better in the elm city. Today mayor harp introduced the city's new kindness initiative at city hall. The goal is for city workers to make an effort to demonstrate acts of kindness and the mayor is hoping it will catch on. Mayor harp says she got the idea at a mayor's conference. She says other cities that have tried it have seen a drop in crime and bullying.

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“Vets Rock Preview”

It's coming up...the second annual Vets rock event at Mohegan sun casino. This brings veterans' and service members together and gives them to tools to get ahead in civilian life. At last year's event fifteen hundred veterans attended the expo. This year organizers say they expect to almost double that number. The founder of an organization called "til duty is done," started this. Justin Nash's original idea was to provide housing for vets but after last' year's event his focus changed. Vets rock includes a career fair, vendors to help get veteran's dressed for success and seminars. The day ends with a mega concert featuring several big artists including Madison Rising and Godsmack. The host of the concert is Tony Orlando.

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“Veteran Food Drive”

Veterans Day is two weeks from today and one organization is helping to make sure those who have served our country have enough food to eat. The Connecticut Food Bank mobile pantry helps transform this room at the VA community center in West Haven each month into a grocery store. The need is greatest at the end of each month when little money is left after paying bills and other needed expenses. If you'd like to help it doesn't take much. A single dollar provides two meals. The Connecticut Food Bank accepts donations of both money and food.

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“Learn About Medicare”

Griffin Hospital in Derby is hosting a free program today to talk about Medicare and state health insurance. That program will help those eligible for Medicare and their caregivers make the right health insurance decision. It's all part of Griffin's "Healthy U Program"-- a series of wellness talks that helps individuals with a variety of health questions. For those who are interested-- the discussion starts tonight at 6 o'clock.

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“New Haven Valet Parking”

Visits to downtown New Haven just got a lot easier. Park New Haven has launched a valet parking service. It'll be located right in the heart of the downtown restaurant and entertainment district. Authorities say valet service will run Thursday through Saturday nights from 5:30 to midnight. You can find more information on our website... And on the free news 8 app on your smartphone.

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“Scout Food Drive”

Scouts from all over the state are also working to try to make sure no one goes hungry. Girl scouts, boy scouts and cub scouts put notices on doors in Southington, Wallingford, Meriden, North Haven and Hamden all this week. Those notices were to let people know about A FOOD drive. Then today they picked up donations from people's porches and delivered them to local food banks. They also had collection sites in those towns. Last year, they collected close to 40-thousand pounds of food. They're hoping to get more this year. If you missed today's drive -- of course you can drop food off at your local food bank.

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“Yale Sanctuary Walkout”

Students at Yale University plan to hold more walkouts in support of undocumented immigrants in the future. Students at Yale and Wesleyan -- as well as at more than 100 other universities -- protested on Wednesday. They want their schools to protect them from deportation under president-elect Donald Trump's administration. Yale University says it is working to address the students' concerns and provide them with advice and support resources. And, Wesleyan is looking into becoming a "sanctuary campus".

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“Korvettes for Kids”

It was a parade of Corvettes in East Haven today. All for the 17th annual Korvettes for Kids. Corvette Club members collected thousands of toys then packed them into the cars. The caravan of corvettes THEN headed to Troop G in Bridgeport. That's where troopers will distribute the toys to children in need.

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“Orange Xmas Light Fight”

"Tis the season" for spreading some holiday joy. So whether it's donating food, your time or decking the halls. One things for sure. The holiday season would not be complete without some festive lights. Now for one family in Orange -- the holiday season means decorating their home with *thousands* of lights and figures for the community to see. All season long cars line Lincoln Road to see this home all lite up. Chris and Maria Small say their holiday light spectacular started out as a way to get into the spirit of the season when they were going through a difficult time. The family of five says the display took off back in 20-13 when their house was on ABC's Holiday Series "The Great Christmas Light Fight". Every year the Smalls pick a charity to collect donations for. Last year they raised about 1500 dollars -- which they hope to beat this year. If you want to check out the light display their house is on Lincoln Road in Orange. And they turn the lights on at 4:30pm.

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“New Haven Homeless Camps”

Time is running out for the homeless living in one encampment in the East Rock section of New Haven. The city plans to clear the area one week from today. The city says there are several reasons for taking down the encampment...winter is coming and with that comes health and safety concerns. 6 truckloads of trash from the area has already been removed. The people we spoke with who lived there did not want us to identify them. Case workers are working to connect everyone to some type of housing. The Homeless Coordinator for New Haven is working with Liberty Community Services, Columbus House and New Reach to help all who will be displaced.

Health:

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“Breast Cancer & School”

A new state law will require breast health education to be taught in public schools. According to the New Haven Register, the age at which it starts will be at the schools' discretion. But all students must receive age and developmentally appropriate instruction in performing self-examinations for breast cancer. They must also be taught how to identify health problems and to seek help by talking to a parent or doctor.

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“Blood Pressure & Depression”

A new study reveals some high blood pressure medications could increase your risk of depression. The research finds people who take beta blockers or calcium channel antagonists double their risk of being hospitalized for depression or other mood disorders. Researchers warn the study has caveats. But they also say it builds the case of linking mental health to treating heart patients and others with blood pressure issues.

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“Stress of City Living”

What stresses you out? Bumper to bumper traffic? Maybe crowded streets? Mental health professionals now putting a new emphasis on reducing the negative impacts of urban life. Studies showing city dwellers more likely to suffer from anxiety and mood disorders. They say to simmer down you can go to the park, walk or ride your bike to work and be aware of the area around you. Even though you may not be able to stop it knowing the cause can reduce your stress because it increases that feeling of control.

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“STDs at Record High”

An alarming new report from the centers for disease control and prevention. It shows some cases sexually transmitted diseases are at an all-time high. According to the CDC, cases of Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Syphilis hit an all-time high .in 2015. All three STDs can be cured with antibiotics. But the CDC says most infections go undiagnosed and untreated and young people are most at risk. There are about 20 million new STD cases each year. And about half of them happen in people between ages 15 and 24.

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“Peanut Allergy Treatment”

There's a new study out that shows wearing a skin patch can help your child if they suffer from peanut allergies. Apparently, the patch delivers small doses of a peanut protein into the skin and that helps protect kids who are allergic to peanuts. The national institutes of health says nearly half of those taking part in a study were able to eat at least 10 times more peanut protein than they could before the treatment.

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“Pregnant Women Healthcare Guidelines”

A new set of guidelines for pregnant women. The world health organization is recommending women should get health care services at least eight times during pregnancy. That's double the agency's previous recommendation. The WHO says about 300-thousand mothers die while pregnant or in child birth. And more than six-million babies die before they are a month old. The agency says many of the deaths could be prevented with trained health care workers.

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“The New Second Hand Smoke”

Local health experts are taking a new look at second hand smoke. They say, it's not only cigarette smoke that can make you sick. You could be exposed right in your own backyard. New Englanders have been burning wood for decades but times have changed - we live much closer together than in colonial times. Nancy Alderman is a member of a group of physicians and public health workers in Connecticut working to create awareness of the new second hand smoke - Wood smoke. One of the reasons it's a problem is the particulates in wood smoke are so small. Fire pits are becoming more and more popular. Health experts warn that the smoke is a lot like cigarette smoke, and in a close knit communities, that smoke on a windy day can float right into back yards with kids playing, repeated exposure could pose a health risk. Also gaining in popularity are outdoor wood furnaces. They look a lot like a shed and they put out as much smoke as 22 indoor wood furnaces. More Americans are using wood - especially in the northeast. New England states saw at least a 50% jump from 2005 to 2012 in the number of households that rely on wood as the main heating source, according to the last us census. More wood means more smoke. Right now, there is not a lot of regulation on wood smoke. Wood smoke has the same components as cigarette smoke. People need to at least be aware of it.

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“Vegan Diet”

Meat -- for most Americans, it's what's for dinner. So it may come as no surprise that in this nation of carnivores, only about one out of every 30 people declares themselves a vegetarian or vegan. But popularity aside, is cutting out all the meat from your diet a healthy - or even safe

approach? This week, a top group of nutritionists and dietitians, issuing an official statement to say yes - vegetarianism and veganism can be healthy. But only with proper planning. Authors of the statement - pointing to evidence showing that plant-based diets can lower risk for health problems like heart disease, obesity and even certain cancers. The trick, these authors say, is to make sure these diets are well balanced. Just because something is labeled vegan, they say, doesn't automatically mean it's healthy. Well-planned vegetarian and vegan diets contain vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts and seeds. And even though pastries and french fries can be vegan, they won't be doing much for your health. And as with all diets, check with your doctor before making big changes. An important first step for turning over a new leaf, when it comes to your diet.

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“Flu Shots during Pregnancy”

Good news and bad news tonight about the number of pregnant women getting the flu shot. Health officials say that number is up this year. Still-- only 40 percent of pregnant women are getting the shot. Pregnant women and their babies are more likely to have severe illness from the flu because of weakened immune systems. When mom gets a flu shot -- it's also passed on to baby.

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“Teens & Drug Use”

New research shows that teens may be more resistant to the lure of illicit drugs than we thought, finding use is at an all-time low since the early 1990's. The exception to this decrease is marijuana use, which has remained the same over the last few years, particularly among older high school students. The study also looked at the use of amphetamines, prescription narcotics, heroin, ecstasy, and bath salts - the use of all of which dropped substantially among these teens and adolescents. Furthermore, daily alcohol consumption and binge drinking have fallen by half among high school students in the last two decades.

Education:

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“Improving Math Learning”

A state report is showing that schools need to have a clearer and more consistent understanding of the state's math standards. The report from the state education commissioner also calls for better training to make sure those standards go into effect. The study says this is for all grades, districts and teachers across Connecticut. In the latest SAT results released in August just over 39 percent of 11th graders who took the test met or exceeded the achievement standard for math.

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“No Community College Tuition”

Community college students in our state will be breathing a sigh of relief. Officials at the schools have backed off a plan to raise tuition and fees for now. That's according to the Connecticut Mirror. The paper reports that the college administration will study the idea instead. The tuition hike was supposed to help the education department cut costs to help balance the state's budget.

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“New Britain Developmentally Disabled Pre-schoolers”

New Britain is working to restructure its education system because the state says it's not doing enough to support developmentally disabled pre-schoolers. According to the Hartford Courant the

state found a pattern of problems like not providing special education to some children despite documentation of impairments. And, failing altogether in terms of documenting disabilities.

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“School Superintendents”

Garth Harries is officially out as the superintendent of the new haven public schools. He had been in charge for a little more than three years- and often clashed with the board of education. Harries lasted about as long as the average for superintendents in urban American school districts. A survey-done by the Council of the Great City Schools found the average big city superintendent lasts about three-point-two years. According to the New Haven Register, the New Haven Board of Education last week voted to make Dr. Reginald Mayo the district's interim superintendent while it searches for a permanent replacement.

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“Decrease in Chronic Absences”

The Department of Education is saying that the number of student absences across the state are on the decline. A new report says that number dropped to 9.6 percent in 2016. That's down one percent from last year and down two percent from 2014. And although minority students have a higher rate of absences compared to their white peers this data shows that their absentee rate has dropped as well.

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“Madison School Downsizing”

One shoreline school district is considering downsizing -- in an effort to tackle declining enrollment and reduce costs. According to the New Haven Register, the Madison Board of Education is looking at plans to shift from six schools to five. The board is considering closing one of its three elementary schools and renovating the other two schools. Officials say class sizes would not increase and teachers would keep their jobs. The board will not make a decision until the spring.

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“State Education Survey”

The state Department of Education wants your opinion. It's launched an online survey asking about the most important factors in making sure students succeed. Such as keeping at-risk students engaged in school. And ideas to transform low-performing schools. Feedback from the survey will be used to help drive the state's educational goals. The survey can be found on the Department of Education's website.

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“UCONN Fee Increase”

Parents who have students at UConn. You may notice an increase on your bill each year. The university announced they want to hike a number of its items we're paying for. Including more for room and board, transit and academic programs. If the board of trustees approves the increase at a meeting this morning, room and board will go up by 3 percent each year for the next three years. Transit fee will go up more than 120 dollars a year.

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“Yale Low Income Students”

Yale University is taking on a new initiative to expand the number of students on its campus who are from low and moderate income families. Yale is joining some of the nation's other most respected colleges and universities in the American Talent Initiative. Yale university president Peter Salovey says an upcoming student body expansion and opening of two new residential colleges- will make an education there accessible to even more students from lower-income families.

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“Head Start Underfunded”

A scathing report out overnight questions the effectiveness of a federal program that provides education, nutrition and health services to low-income children and their families. That report claims head start is both underfunded and unequal. According to the Washington Post the 478-page report suggests the program does not get enough money and is administered so differently from state to state that children do not benefit equally. The report calls for a near tripling of the program's budget to more than 20 billion dollars to fully meet its goals of serving three and four-year-old children living in poverty.

Crime:

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“New Haven Shooting Investigation”

New Haven police are trying to figure out if two shootings in the Elm city are connected. Officers were called to Derby Avenue this afternoon. When they got there, they found the victim, Taevon Alston. He'd been shot but is expected to be okay. Minutes later another man walked into Yale New Haven hospital with a gunshot wound. Police think the shootings are connected ... but they're still investigating. If you know anything, give New Haven police a call.

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“West Haven Creepy Men in Truck”

West Haven police are still searching for two men who approached some kids in a gray pickup truck and asked them if they wanted candy. The suspects also yelled obscene comments at people. Parents are concerned about what happened. Jim Dixon was startled when he had a brief encounter with the suspects. Parents who have pre-k through sixth grade kids in West Haven got an automated message from the West Haven school district. Police are asking for your help. If you have a tip call the West Haven Police Department.

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“New Haven Gun Arrest”

New Haven police tried to make a traffic stop, and ended up making a gun bust. Officers tried to pull over Alexandro Streeter Wednesday after they say he ran a stop sign. When they hit the lights and siren, he hit the gas. Eventually Streeter stopped and took off running. Officers say they saw him toss a gun to the ground while he was running. Police caught him, and Streeter is now facing several charges.

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“Bank Robbery Duo”

State police are asking for your help to find twin brothers wanted for a bank robbery in Canterbury. Both Vance Coffin and Vince Rollins, originally from Norwich, are wanted on felony charges. The robbery happened late last month. Police believe they are driving an older black

Chevy Tahoe. They are considered armed and dangerous. If you know of their whereabouts give state police a call.

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“Manchester Gas Station Robbery”

Manchester police are looking for your help to find a man who robbed a gas station. It happened at the Best Gas on Tolland Turnpike two weeks ago tonight. Take a look at these surveillance photos. They say he's about 6 foot 4 inches tall and in his late 20's. He took out a knife and stole cash before getting into the passenger side of a dark colored car and took off. If you have a tip, call Manchester police.

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“Shoreline Car Thefts”

State police are looking for at least 3 people in a four town crime spree. A Jeep stolen from Hamden crashed into an East Haven home after a chase early this morning. Before the crash -- the suspects drove the Jeep to Clinton where they stole two other cars. They took the cars to Old Saybrook and tried to break in to another one. Police chased the cars on I95. They got off at exit 56 in Branford. One crashed into the parking lot of Dunkin Donuts. One crashed into the house in East Haven. And the third got away.

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“UI Scam Day”

News 8 has your back tonight with a warning about phone scammers claiming to be with United Illuminating. The crooks are getting more sophisticated. A hair salon in Hamden got a call from a scammer who told the owner she was late on her bill. They threatened to turn off her electricity unless she paid nine hundred dollars. She didn't fall for it. In the last two years UI says there have been dozens of similar reports with customers losing more than 33-thousand dollars that they know of. UI says if you get a call from a scammer call police as well as your utility company.

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“Property Crime Prevention”

The police break up a major theft ring operating in the New Haven area. Police say they're using the 91-95 Merritt Parkway, Corridor to get in in the neighborhood quickly and get out. The problem is most of the people that are doing this are not local and they're coming from out of the area. The burglary ring has been hitting sheds and garages in Milford, West Haven, New Haven, North Haven, Orange and Branford. They have made two arrests and are looking for the third man, so how do you protect yourself one houses all around you were being hit. Police say one of the best ways to protect yourself is to remember out of sight out of mind. Don't leave items on the side of the house or in the garage and the garage door up. Store all your equipment in a locked shed or garage.

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“Police Chiefs Scam”

A warning from the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association tonight, after they received several complaints about a scam. The scammers call, asking for donations. But that is not how the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association solicits donations. If you get one of these calls, don't give them any information, especially credit card info and let police know about the fishy phone call.

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“Car Warm-up Theft”

You could be making yourself a potential target of crime if you leave your car running to get it warmed up in this cold weather. But you may not know -- leaving it unattended is also illegal. It's a violation of Connecticut law to leave it running for more than three minutes with no one around. New Haven police say if you do step away for a moment -- keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk. Always roll up the windows and lock your car. And make sure you only park your car in busy well-lit areas.

Consumer Issues:

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“Baby Food Recall”

Sammy's Milk baby food is being recalled. It could be contaminated with a deadly bacteria known as Cronobacter. It can cause severe or deadly blood infections. Even meningitis in infants. If you bought this product and it has expiration dates of November 2016 TO 2018 don't use it. You should take it back to the store where you bought it for a refund.

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“Facebook’s Marketplace”

Facebook is now competing with sites like E-bay. The social networking giant has launched a new app called Market Place to help users buy and sell products. Facebook says more than 450 million people already go to the site's group section to find and get rid of stuff. Market Place is designed to make that process easier. You just search for a product, browse around until you find something you like and then make an offer. Facebook says the service will soon be released globally for people 18 and older.

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“Checked Bag Refunds”

The transportation department is taking new steps to protect airline consumers. They are proposing that airlines refund fees when checked luggage is delayed or mishandled. The department is also issuing a rule that would force airlines to report flight delays by all planes that fly under their banner. Right now, major carriers often do not include delays of flights operated by regional carriers. Consumer advocates say that makes those carriers' records look better than they really are.

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“Top Halloween Costumes”

As for the kids this Halloween forget about the witches and princesses. Superheroes are king this year. For the first time in eleven years, princesses are not the number one Halloween costume for kids. The national retail federation says the top kids costumes are animals and characters from Batman or Star Wars. Halloween isn't cheap either. Americans will spend more than three billion dollars on Halloween this year.

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“Smoke Detector Recall”

Check your combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarm. Kidde is recalling more than 3 million Nighthawk combination alarms. If you replace the batteries once the alarm reaches the

end of its seven year life it might stop chirping leading people to think it is still working. If you have one of these alarms contact Kidde. We've got specifics about the recall on www.wtnh.com and in the News 8 app.

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“Gravy Recall”

Kraft has recalled Heinz Homestyle Pork Gravy. The gravy could have milk and soy ingredients that aren't listed on the label. It's not harmful if you don't have those food allergies. There's more information about both the recall on our website, www.wtnh.com.

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“Trouble in Toyland”

A new report from a toy watchdog group shows toys once recalled due to safety issues are still on store shelves. Remember those exploding Hoverboards? The Connecticut public interest research group found recalled Hoverboards still for sale online -- and that's not all. But the Toy Industry Association says not every item listed on that report is a toy. It says -- quote."the inclusion of these products in a supposed "toy" safety report undermines the toy industry's deep and ongoing commitment to ensuring that toys are among the safest consumer product categories found in the home. For a link to the report -- and a list of the toys it warns about -- go to our website -- www.wtnh.com.

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“Washing Clothes”

How do you wash your clothes? A lot of us think the hotter the water the cleaner the clothes. But now we're learning that's not necessarily true. Consumer experts say there are now detergents formulated to work better in cold water. In fact, consumer reports says the cold cycle is more effective at cleaning your clothes and removing stains. If the water hits higher than 75 degrees the detergents become less effective. And the heat may help stains dig deeper into your clothes.

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“Yankee Candle Recall”

There is a voluntary recall on some Yankee Candles. It is for the *luminous collection* only. The glass jars the candles are in could crack. The recall is for the following *luminous collection* fragrances...sea salt and coral, blackberry and sage, apple blossom and melon, sugarcane and honey, pine and sandalwood and cinnamon and cedar. If you have one return it to a Yankee Candle retailer. They'll give you a new candle.

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“Cuisinart Recall”

We've got your back with a big recall involving eight million food processors. There are concerns that pieces of the blades can break off- and end up in the food. The recall covers 22 models of Cuisinart food processors- sold between 1996 and 2015. Dozens of people say- they found pieces of blades in their food -- some suffered broken teeth or cuts of their mouths. Owners should stop using the machines -- and contact Cuisinart for replacements.

Government, Economy, & Law

October:

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“New October Laws”

October has officially begun which means a number of new laws go into effect. Those laws include: anyone who has a temporary restraining order against them will have to give up their guns. Domestic violence prevention advocates backed this bill. Critics say it unjustly scrutinizes gun owners. Terminally ill patients could get experimental drugs not approved by the federal government. They still have to get their doctors to sign off on it. Desmond's law is named for a dog that was tortured to death in Branford four years ago. The law now lets a judge appoint volunteers to speak on behalf of cats and dogs who are involved in court cases. The penalties for illegally operating all-terrain vehicles is going up. First time offenders face a fine and a judge could also order the vehicle sold at public auction.

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“More Jobs Coming to CT”

More jobs are making their way into the state. The German company Henkel has announced that they will be bringing their headquarters from Arizona to Connecticut. This will open 266 jobs in sales, product testing and hi tech positions. The state is giving Henkel 25 million dollars' worth of tax breaks. But, business officials say the move won't affect taxpayers. Senate president Martin Looney of New Haven is on the same page. He believes the tax breaks are a way the state can fight for high-paying jobs.

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“Shellfish Initiative”

Connecticut Sea Grant is working to create a blueprint for how to boost the shell fishing industry. Growing, harvesting and eating shellfish from Connecticut waters could benefit the state's economy and marine environment. Commercial shellfish beds in 14 coastal towns -- already generating 30 million dollars in revenue a year -- employing 300 people at 45 shellfish companies.

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“Reducing Uninsured Rate”

A new report says there's been a reduction in the number of Americans without health insurance this year. The number of uninsured dropped by 200-thousand between 2015 and the first six months of this year. According to the centers for disease control and prevention-the study indicates President Obama's signature health care law may be reaching a limit to its effectiveness. The nation is politically divided over the government's role in guaranteeing health coverage.

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“Same Day Voter Registration”

If you're not yet registered to vote you still have time to do so. State law allows people to sign up to vote on Election Day. The secretary of state says people who want to register Tuesday should get to their local voter registration site as early as possible because there may be lines. To find where you can register to vote on Tuesday we've got a link in the News 8 app.

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“Stocks & Dow Jones”

Stocks capped off a strong week with the Dow Jones closing at a new record high. Investors' concerns about Donald Trump's upset election win turned to hope that the president-elect's

policies could boost the economy. The Dow was up nearly 1,000 for the week to finish at a record 18,848 on Friday. The broader S&P 500 saw a 3.8 percent gain for the week despite a 3 point decline on Friday to close at 2164. Tech stocks didn't react quite so positively - gaining 1.9 percent for the week, despite falling 1.1 percent after the election.

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“Care 4 Kids Budget”

Because of the state budget crisis, thousands of Connecticut families could be in danger of losing their day care and after school care in a program called "Care-4-Kids." According to the Governor's budget office close to 20-thousand parents use the child care subsidy every year. "Care4Kids" costs more than 100 million dollars a year. About half of that has been coming from the federal government with the state paying the rest. Changes in the federal rules mean the state will have to pick up an additional 33 million. A spokesman for the Malloy Administration says they believe in the program and they are continuing to evaluate all options before moving forward with any changes but childcare agencies have told News 8 they have been told that the cancellation notices are ready to be sent.

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“Unemployment Rate 4.6%”

The first jobs report since the election signaling good news, as the Obama administration winds down. The unemployment rate right now, just 4-point-6 percent. The lowest it's been in nine years. The labor department says U.S. economy added 178,000 jobs in November - the 74th consecutive month of gains. Keeping U.S. jobs have been in the spotlight for president-elect Trump this week. Securing a deal with carrier to keep 1,100 jobs in Indiana, rather than move them to Mexico.

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“Congress Avoids Shutdown”

Lawmakers avoided a government shutdown with less than an hour to spare. The senate cleared a bill late last night to fund the government through the end of April. The 63-36 vote came just before the midnight deadline. Both parties argued over expending expiring health benefits for retired coal miners. Coal-state democrats wanted that to pass but had to settle for a short-term fix.

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“Northeast Corridor Plan”

The federal government wants to move forward with a railroad plan. Some folks along the shoreline have been speaking out against it. But Connecticut's leaders say it's not going to happen. To improve the northeast corridor -- the federal railroad administration wants to put new tracks right through Old Lyme and some other shoreline communities. One change -- they now recommend tunnels through Old Lyme instead of bridges. Leaders say in order for this plan to move forward it would need approval from the state. And it won't get that. They want existing track to be upgraded