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Community Issues:

July:

7/10/15: News 8 at 6pm - :30

“Comic Con”

Sci-fi lovers are beaming into Hartford this weekend all for CONNECT-I-CON. It's a multiple genre convention that's being held at the Connecticut Convention Center. There will be workshops and panel discussions on a wide range of topics. Featuring writers of comic books, animators and more. The event usually draws people who love everything Sci-fi and a lot of them dress up for the occasion. It's a gathering of common interest geeks and nerds alike interested in science fiction gaming, web comics and anything else on that spectrum. The event runs until this Sunday. For more information check out our website www.wtnh.com

7/20/15: Good Morning CT - :20

“Cooling Centers”

It's going to be another hot one day today. News 8 has your back this morning with where to go to escape the heat. In South Windsor you can head to the Community Center on Nevers Road. In Bridgeport there are two places you can go. The Greater Bridgeport Transit station on Water Street or the Public Library on Broad Street. In Hartford you have four options. The North End Senior Center, South End Wellness Center, Parkville Senior Center, and Hispanic Health Council will all be open to the public between noon and 5 p-m.

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“Anti-Violence Kick Ball”

There's been a lot of talk about the spike in violence in our state's capitol. Community members are gathering to try to kick the violence by playing kickball. It's been a violent summer in Hartford. With nearly 20 homicides this year alone. Officials says 80-percent of the violence is caused by a very small minority. And today in Hartford many in the majority have stood up and said they've had enough of violence and are going to work to inspire the younger generation to put down their guns. It's all part of an event called Kick the Violence Kickball Game, happening right here at Keeney Park. But there was more than just

athletics, there was plenty of food and time to talk about how to inspire those growing up in Hartford. Organizers estimate around 160 people came out today to show their support. It took three months of planning to make all this happen and those who were a part of it say they're looking forward to having similar events in the future.

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"Gathering of the Vibes"

And the gathering of the vibes music festival kicks off tomorrow. The annual concert takes place at Seaside Park in Bridgeport. It's going on from tomorrow through August 2nd. Some of the featured bands this year include Wilco, Weezer, Gregg Allman and Zappa Plays Zappa.

August:

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"Polluted Beaches"

A new list is out tonight of the dirtiest beaches in Connecticut. Save the Sound just released what they call the Sound Health Explorer. It hands out grades based on bacteria levels in water recorded over the past 5 years. Some of the worst? New London's Green Harbor Beach got slapped with an F. West Haven's Sea Bluff Beach earned a D minus...Branford Point got a C minus. West Haven officials say they ask dog owners to clean up after their pets...Branford says they're having a meeting about this report in the next few weeks.

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"Fairfield Animal Shelter Closure"

Officials in Fairfield have shut an animal shelter down temporarily. It's because they found parvovirus in some of the dogs housed there. Parvo is very contagious, it's passed through dog feces and spread by dog dishes, shoes and other items that come into contact with the virus. The virus can be deadly, and it spreads fast. The shelter will be closed for 14 days. That's the incubation period of the virus. Meanwhile the building will be sanitized.

8/13/15: Good Morning CT - :30

"State Street Bridge"

Some good news this morning for drivers in New Haven. The State Street Bridge will re-open today after years of construction. The project started back in 2009 and went over budget. The project began in 2009 and was supposed to be over in 2011, but it was cursed from the beginning. When the bridge designers drew up their plans, they were using a map of the bridge area that was wrong. They went to go build it and found there were pipes and support columns that were not where they were on the map, so they had to go back to the drawing board. Then, the soil and water around it was found to be contaminated and they had to clean all that up. It's been a big pain for commuters, and a real financial hit for businesses. The bridge has been out for so long, one local hangout, The Coffee Peddler, has actually opened since the bridge closed. Not helping things was the fact that this is a city bridge, but a state construction project, so as the delays mounted, the city blamed the state overseeing the work, and the state blamed the city for the bad maps and designs. All that seems to be in the past, however, as Mayor Harp and Governor Malloy will be out here to officially open the bridge together early this afternoon.

September:

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"Free Well Testing"

If you use well water there will be free water testing this weekend by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The agency will give out free test kits to homeowners who visit the Goshen Fair. The event is being held on Old Middle Street which is also known as Route 63. The kids will go to the first 100

people who visit their booth. Booth hours are This Saturday and Sunday...from 8am to 8pm. And Monday September 7th from 8am to 6pm. Those test kits will check for arsenic and uranium.

9/15/15: News 8 at 11pm - :20

“New Haven Guardian Angels”

While police search for the suspects who have been attacking women in the popular Wooster Street neighborhood of New Haven the local community service group called 'Guardian Angels' are taking things into their own hands. Tonight, the goal was to simply walk around and make sure people are not making themselves targets and we found a few...a few too many who were doing exactly what the guardian angels say is a big mistake - walking alone with your head down staring at the phone.

9/18/15: News 8 at 5pm - :30

“Q Bridge Party”

Though cars aren't allowed on the southbound bridge yet, there were trucks on it today as crews got ready for tomorrow's celebration. And there will be more trucks here tomorrow - food trucks. As well as music. The festivities will kick off with a ceremony. The bridge is expected to open about eight months ahead of schedule. And it's the first of its kind built in the United States. Tomorrow folks will be able to see it up close. The bridge won't be the only area off limits to cars tomorrow. Exit 2 off I-91 northbound will also be closed. That's where people will walk to get up to the bridge. People will be able to drive across this bridge soon. It'll be opening up to traffic next weekend, depending on the weather. Crews worked on it today getting it ready. But the bridge is ready for the public to come out and see it. And that's what those who have worked on it for years are hoping for.

Health:

July:

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“Preventing Diabetes”

Scientists are testing whether a pill can prevent diabetes. They're testing that idea in children and adults in a big study funded by the National Institutes of Health. Those in the study are at risk for developing Type 1 diabetes. A smaller, preliminary study by different researchers showed that the immune systems of children changed when they took insulin pills.

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“Codeine in Children's Medicine”

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is investigating the potential risk of codeine in children's medicines. Codeine is a type of narcotic that is used to treat pain. Side effects could include difficulty breathing, confusion or unusual sleepiness. Health officials say parents should follow the instructions on drug labels and use caution giving medicines to their kids. The FDA says they will evaluate the issue.

7/09/15: Good Morning CT - :20

“Anti-Depressant Birth Defects”

There's a new study out, led by the CDC that focuses on the use of antidepressants by pregnant women. It turns out women who use Paxil and Prozac in the first trimester may be more at risk for having a baby with birth defects. The CDC looked at previous studies plus new data from about 28-thousand births and found a slight increase for those two drugs. Other antidepressants in the same drug class did not show an increased risk. The CDC says this does not mean Paxil and Prozac actually cause birth defects and you should not stop taking medication without talking to your doctor.

7/30/15: Good Morning CT - :20

“Kitchen Germs”

When it comes to germs the kitchen competes with the bathroom as the dirtiest place in your home. But you can avoid a nasty encounter with a virus or bacteria. One of the biggest culprits is rinsing raw meat in the sink and leaving plates with food overnight. The most important thing is to wash your hands. Keep surfaces clean. Be mindful of how germs spread - you want to use one cutting board for raw meats and a different one for vegetable. You may want to have one sponge for counter tops and a different one for dishes.

August:

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“Back to School Germs”

Back to school is always an exciting time. But sharing classrooms with lots of children can also lead to health problems. That's because when children are younger, they touch their faces, mouths and noses and then touch other kids, which is how they pick up all kinds of germs, like colds, pink eye and strep throat. What to do to protect your little ones? Avoid the water fountain. Have your child bring their own water bottles to school and ask them not to share with anyone. Use hand sanitizer, especially before eating their lunch. Cafeteria trays are a hot bed of nasty germs. Make sure your child gets enough rest to keep the immune system healthy. Sleep experts say 10 to 11 hours of sleep a night is the best. Keep your kids active and well fed. A good nutritious breakfast, including vitamin c, can build energy and resistance to germs. And, doctors say, bundle up their overcoats. Studies have shown people who protect themselves from "old man winter's" wrath are less likely to catch colds later on in the year. All good tips to keep the germs away from your school kids, as well as your family.

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“Back to School Anxiety”

There's a lot of anxiety these days from kids heading back to school. While a-lot of them are scared about homework and tests... social pressures can also take a toll. Experts say the 'best way' to help your child... is to watch and listen... so you know what's going on in their lives. Then you can offer ways to help them solve problems... so any anxiety can be kept 'in check'.

8/28/15: News 8 at 5pm - :20

“FDA Cholesterol Drug”

The FDA has approved a new cholesterol-lowering drug.'Repatha' is an injectable drug from Am-gen. It works by making the liver more efficient at getting rid of "bad" cholesterol. High levels of LDL cholesterol in the blood, have been linked to heart disease. According to Am-gen, the drug will be available as soon as next week.

September:

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“Turf Health Concerns”

Many sports teams play on synthetic turf fields. But a Yale University report shows these fields may not be as safe as once thought. They were looking at ones made of crushed tires. They found nearly 100 chemicals. The report found some are known to cause cancer and can irritate people's eyes, nose and lungs. The State has also looked into this and a 2 year investigation found these fields are not a significant health risk. Rom Reddy, a spokesman for the artificial turf company Sprint Turf gave us this statement, "Synthetic turf fields using crumb rubber are safe. More than 75 studies from academic, federal and state government organizations, including the Connecticut department of public health, have all had one thing in common - all have found no connection between these fields and cancer or other health issues." He also says the report is not a peer-reviewed study and that it is not supported by any actual data or evidence. To learn more about this just log on to WTNH.COM.

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"West Nile"

State health officials say two people in Bridgeport have been treated and released from local hospitals after testing positive for the West Nile virus. They were hospitalized and have since been discharged. State officials say lab tests confirmed the presence of West Nile in both of those people. So far this year mosquitos in 20 towns have tested positive for West Nile. Some tips on staying safe now...Always remember to dump out any standing water around your house, use repellent, wear long sleeves and pants to cover any bare skin, avoid going out during dusk and dawn, if you can, and make sure you have screens on your doors or windows.

9/18/15: News 8 at 5pm - :25

"Smoking and Diabetes"

There's a new study out supporting more reasons to quit smoking. Doctors now saying that smokers are more likely to develop diabetes. An international team of researchers combed through a total of 88 past studies -- finding that smoking is linked to a 37 percent higher risk of developing diabetes. Heavy smokers fared much worse than their non-smoking counterparts -- with those smoking the most seeing a 57 percent increased risk. Researchers also finding -- the added diabetes risk extended to family members of smokers as well. Showing that secondhand smoke, too, seemed to have an effect.

Education:

July:

7/21/15: Good Morning CT - :30

"College Spending Skyrockets"

There's a new report out on college spending that shows families are spending a lot more to send kids to college. The report is put out by "Sallie Mae" and found out a few different things about how people are paying for college. First of all... you should know the average cost for college this past academic year was more than 24-thousand dollars... with more than 10-thousand of that coming out of pocket. When it came to taking out loans... 35-percent of families start paying them back while the student is still in school. And the kids aren't slacking off either... 73-percent of student borrowers are also holding down a job. Overall Sallie Mae found... families are more willing to shell out the big bucks for an education because they are more confident in the economy and their own financial health.

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"CT Top 1,000 Schools"

The Center for World University Rankings just released their annual rankings of top universities based on the quality of education, alumni employment and number of academics who've won awards one local university made the top 15. Yale University came in 11 on the list. The list actually lists the top 1-thousand universities around the world. The University of Connecticut came in at 90 and Wesleyan University came in at 351.

7/27/15: News 8 at 12pm - :45

"Horizons at Foote School"

Not all summer gatherings of young people are camps, focusing on things like arts and crafts and nature walks. There's a new program in New Haven geared towards boosting grades of low-income students. This is not a camp nor is it summer school. It's called Horizons and it's something in between and different, and you can see that difference as soon as these kids arrive in the morning. Summer days at New Haven's Foote School begin with hugs for the few dozen children lucky enough to get into Horizons. It's an academic and cultural enrichment program and it is not just for the best students. It's also for ones that need some help. After a sit down breakfast, they sit down in classrooms. Studying math and reading for this six weeks helps prevent the dreaded "summer slide." Summer slide is a very unfortunate thing that happens to kids where they build up all these academics over the year and they go home for the

summer and they're not practicing that. It's not just classwork. They go swimming in addition to field trips, games, and music. The program costs the parents nothing. It is a full scholarship program however, there is a nominal enrollment fee. The program is independently funded. All the kids in the program this summer just finished kindergarten, first or second grades. They get to come back and do this again every summer until eighth grade, and every year they will add a new class of kindergarteners. If you're interested in getting your kid involved, we have more information on our website, wtnh.com.

August:

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"SBAC-SAT Replacement"

Governor Dannel Malloy made a big announcement today when it comes to standardized tests. This fall he says the 11th grade Smarter Balance Assessment - or S-B-A-C exam - is being replaced with the SAT. And the SAT, which now costs 50-dollars, will be free for students to take. State leaders say this change will...reduce over-testing... student stress, and address concerns raised by parents. Currently 48 districts are using grant money to analyze all of their tests to make sure they reflect district priorities remain aligned to new state standards and provide maximum value.

8/14/15: News 8 at 12pm - :25

"Teachers Supplies"

It's not just parents... spending money on back to school supplies these days. Teachers are also spending... to help their students 'excel' in the classroom. But... all those Pencils, erasers, paper, and more can all add up to a pretty hefty bill! One teacher News 8 spoke with says... she's spent thousands on books for her students. Another says she's had to take on a second job... to cover costs. Education experts tell us... this is all pretty common. Again, when you hit the store to shop for your own kids consider checking with their teachers... to see if you can pick up anything for the classroom.

8/25/15: Good Morning CT - :15

"Goodwin College New Centers"

Goodwin College is opening two new Business and Manufacturing Centers. The space is 35-thousand square feet and will help students with hands-on experience in manufacturing. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held this afternoon at 4:30 on One Pent Road in East Hartford. After the ribbon is cut, you will be able to take a tour of the brand new facilities.

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"Test Scores"

Some new test scores are in for Connecticut students and they're pretty good. Students exceeded expectation in English and met expectations in math. These are results from the new statewide Smarter Balanced exams. The exams are given to students in 3rd, 8th and 11th grades.

September:

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"Exchange Students"

As we all know, it's back to school for students in Connecticut but some teens looking for an opportunity at education may be left out unless people step in and help out. Right now there are dozens of foreign exchange students ready to come here for an American education. But, there aren't enough volunteer families to host them. The American Institute of Foreign Study is based here in Connecticut. They tell News 8 that for the first time ever, they're having trouble finding hosts for all their students. The organization typically places about 800 students a year. Most of the students remaining are from Germany and all of them are high school age.

9/04/15: News 8 at 5pm - :25

“Student Bill of Rights”

Some help for those that feel buried in student loan debt is on the way from the state. For over thirty years the State of Connecticut has offered student loan help through the 'Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority.' known as CHESLA. The current rate is 4.95 percent. Today the Governor signed a law that will make CHESLA's low interest rates available to those who have graduated but are stuck with high payments. A key component of the act is that it offers the ability to refinance existing student debt, the goal is to have it available in the spring of 2016. What's also reassuring for parents and students is a second new law that will give the state Banking Commissioner jurisdiction over private student loan institutions.

9/07/15: News 8 at 12pm - :20

“Study Tips”

With so many of your little ones heading back to school this week we went to find some tips to help students excel in the classroom. Educators say get them in a routine. Post a calendar and make sure you talk with their teachers to set goals. Then relay those goals to your child. A few other tips that will make it a great school year for your child are – create a routine sleep schedule, make sure they have a designated place for homework, get a weekly meal plan going for the family and map out sports, dance and all other activities they have throughout the week.

Crime:

July:

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“Stamford Armed Robbery”

Stamford police are looking for a man who they say held up a check-cashing business early Friday morning. Officials are linking evidence and surveillance video to 34-year-old Parim Vrzivoly of Stamford. It all happened at the mega express check cashing business on West Main Street. Police say two women let him in when they opened up for the day. That's when the man pulled a gun and ordered them to open the safe. Cops say the suspect got away with some money. Police are asking anyone with information to call the Stamford police department.

7/09/15: News 8 at 12pm - :30

“State Police Recruits”

Some future crime fighters are getting an idea of what 'life is like' in the police academy. A group of teens is spending this week training right along-side police recruits. The 16 and 17 years old are getting the true police academy experience...from shooting guns to driving police cars...to getting up at the crack of dawn. At 5:15 this morning, reveille went off and everybody was out of bed and lined up in the hall in about three seconds. That's how it's been every day this week. The academy instructors try to cram as much of the six month police academy program as they can into this one week. It starts off with those instructors yelling and assigning pushups. Basically, everything you imagine boot camp would be like, because many of these teens are interested in a life in either law enforcement or the military. Their training this week included learning about weapons like police batons, guns, and tasers. The teens also got to drive police cruisers around a course, and in about an hour, they will get a visit from Lifestar. They've been doing this for 16 years now, and more than a dozen of them have gone on to be Connecticut State Troopers.

7/16/15: News 8 at 12pm - :20

“West Haven Burglary Arrest”

West Haven police say they've caught the man behind two car burglaries in that city and possibly other incidents in nearby towns. Cops say Devyne Drayton broke into the cars last month. They were stolen

from Captain Thomas Boulevard. Detectives connected Drayton to the crime through forensic evidence. They were able to identify him using some items he left behind.

August:

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“Waterbury Car Break Ins”

A crew of criminals were targeting cars and making their way through the streets of Waterbury this past weekend... and it was all caught on camera. Take a look at these five men seen casing cars in this Wilson Street neighborhood at around 11:45 Saturday night. They go from car to car checking inside and ransacking them to see if there's anything worth taking. Nicole Burke says her boyfriend's car recently got hit and then the driver took off. After that happened he installed security cameras. Nicole says in this case the crooks got away with her \$200 dollar pair of sun-glasses. Burke says she usually locks her car, but admits in this case she didn't. Police are still trying to track down the suspects. If you know anything about these break-ins on Wilson Street... you're being urged to give the Waterbury police department a call.

8/23/15: Good Morning CT - :25

“New Haven Diner Stabbing”

At 12:33 AM, Officers responded to the Olympia Diner at 604 Ella T. Grasso Boulevard to investigate a reported stabbing. The victim, thirty-one year old Ernest Clark, of New Haven, was being treated at the scene by Firefighter/ EMTs for a laceration to the left side of his abdomen. He told Officers he was approached inside the diner by a man he didn't know. He said the man asked him to step into the vestibule. He said once there, the stranger displayed a knife and pointed it toward his neck. The victim said the man patted down his pockets and the two began to fight. He said the man fled outside and he realized he'd been stabbed. Moments later, Officer Scott Shumway was in the area of Thorn and West Streets when he saw a man throw down a knife and some illegal drugs. Officer Shumway detained the man and suspecting he could be connected to the nearby stabbing. He told the Officer his name was "Marvin Jones". He lied but would come clean with Detectives later on. His name is Marvin Maurice Dempsey, of White Street in New Haven. Dempsey told Detectives his encounter with Clark wasn't random. He said they knew each other and that his attack on Clark was to settle a score. He claimed Clark had recently assaulted him - striking him on the head with a bottle. The investigation continues. In the meantime, Dempsey was arrested and charged with assault in the second degree, four narcotics crimes, breach of peace, criminal mischief in the third degree and interfering with Police. Clark's injury is not life-threatening.

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“Bridgeport Carjacking”

Bridgeport police have just released the surveillance video of a carjacking on Wood and Olive Streets from last Friday. Police say the carjacker is in the white shirt. He can be seen talking to the victim, who's in the orange shirt, before pulling a gun on him. The victim punched the carjacker and ran off. The carjacker then fired a few shots but no one was hurt. The carjacker then went and stole the victim's car and took off. Anyone who knows anything about this should call police.

8/31/15: News 8 at 6pm - :20

“New Haven Gas Station Attack”

A man was attacked while he was pumping gas. It happened in New Haven on Whalley Avenue. Police say 34 year old Kenneth Bogan was hit from behind by a man that he's seen around before. It happened Friday around 7:20 at night. Bogan fought the man off. He took off on a scooter but then two other men started hitting and kicking him when he was down. Bogan is now recovering from an eye injury. So far no arrests have been made.

September:

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“Hartford Homicides”

The capitol city could break records for violent crime by the end of the year. In a matter of nine hours there were two fatal shootings in Hartford. This morning's shooting in the blue hills area marks the 24th homicide in Hartford this year. Last night 32-year-old William Prieto was shot to death on South Prospect Street. Locals there say Prieto was sitting on the porch when he was shot multiple times. Then after 8 o'clock this morning Hartford police responded to a call a man down on Pershing Street. Police say 32-year-old Desmond Wright was shot in the temple. Locals say the violence is getting worse. Police continue to investigate both shootings. No arrests have been made.

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“Wooster Square crime”

It's one of New Haven's most well-known neighborhoods, full of restaurants that double as tourist attractions but some troubling signs are being posted around the area lately. The Wooster Square Neighborhood Watch is saying that three women were mugged, all within the last month. Two of the attempted muggings happened at opposite ends of Wooster Square Park. The most recent happened last Friday along Wooster Street. Where a woman was reportedly attacked from behind while walking home from work. The thieves are said to have stolen a cell phone and cash. New Haven police just named a new district manager for Wooster Square to help oversee the area. Police now patrol in several different forms to keep up a presence in the neighborhood... but personal vigilance, is still needed since the woman were apparently targeted for being alone, and carrying a cell phone..

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“Family Violence”

State lawmakers received a report today that confirms what many have been fearing. Family and 'intimate partner' violence in Connecticut is an escalating problem and current policies are not helping to stem the tide. The research data shows that in 2012 there were more than 20-thousand arrests in family violence cases. In 2013 there were over 26-thousand protective orders in family violence cases and over 5-thousand restraining orders. The data also agrees with previous studies that children who witness abuse in their home are at risk of becoming a victim or an offender into their adult years with co-occurring behavioral health disorders and medical problems. Drug and alcohol addiction are among the greatest risk factors. The conclusion; family violence is like a contagious disease.

Consumer Issues:

July:

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“Mastercard Security”

Mastercard is out with a new feature to increase security for cardholders. Instead of using your fingerprint to authorize transactions like “Apple pay” the credit card company will allow you to take a “selfie”. That feature is still in the early stages of development and Mastercard plans to test it out with a few hundred customers before expanding the policy.

7/07/15: Good Morning CT - :20

“Amazon Prime Day”

Amazon is bringing Christmas in July to its prime members. The retail giant says it will mark its 20th anniversary on July 15th by holding "prime day". Amazon describes "prime day" as a day filled with more deals than black Friday and cyber Monday. Deals for prime members will begin at midnight that day, with new deals starting as often as every 10 minutes. Amazon is also offering 30-day free prime memberships for non-members who want to take advantage of "prime day". Amazon prime is typically 99 dollars a year and includes free shipping.

7/13/15: News 8 at 11pm - :25

"Barber Food Recall"

We've got your back tonight, with word about a chicken recall. Barber foods is pulling millions of pounds of frozen, stuffed chicken off the shelves tonight, because it may be contaminated with salmonella. That chicken -- sold at Shop Rite stores here in Connecticut. It includes - raw chicken packaged in 6 individual packages per box - including, Chicken Kiev, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Chicken Tenders, and Chicken Broccoli Cheese. 1.7 million pounds are being pulled. The packages have sell by dates of April 28, 2016, May 20th, 2016 and July 21, 2016. They were sold between February 17 and May 20. To see those sell by dates again, to make sure the chicken you feed your family, isn't affected, go to our website wtnh.com.

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"Two Dollar Gas"

Expect to see lower gas prices this fall. Experts say the days of two dollar a gallon prices could make a comeback. It's all connected to the Iran nuclear deal that was announced yesterday. Iran hasn't been able to sell gas in the U-S since 1995 because of sanctions. When the new deal goes into effect, Iran will become an additional source of crude oil. That will lead to a drop in prices at the pump.

August:

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"Gas Prices to Drop"

Good news for drivers...Prices at the pump are down by nearly 70 cents from a year ago and that trend is expected to continue into the fall. In fact, 'Gas-buddy' says the price for a gallon of regular un-leaded could drop below two dollars... in at least 20 states by Christmas. The easing of sanctions against Iran and a slow-down of the Chinese economy are a couple of reasons... why those prices are expected to drop.

8/12/15: Good Morning CT - :20

"Best Airlines"

A new report is revealing which airlines are making the best and worst list. The government released its rankings of the leading airlines for on-time performance in June. The federal government considers a flight on time if it arrives within 14 minutes of its scheduled arrival. Topping the list for being on time - Hawaiian airlines, Alaska airlines and Delta came in the top spot. At the bottom of the list, Spirit airlines which came in with just under a 50 percent performance rate for on time arrivals.

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"Car Max Scam"

Is the state's largest retailer of used cars selling dangerous vehicles with outstanding, unrepaired recalls? An investigative report found that in July and August 16 percent of the cars offered for sale by CarMax in East Haven and 10 percent of the cars offered for sale by CarMax in Hartford had unrepaired safety recalls despite their highly touted 125 point safety checks. CarMax says this information is not hidden from buyers and that they "Provide vehicle-specific information about open recalls to every retail customer prior to purchasing a used vehicle." Senator Blumenthal is asking the Federal Trade Commission to forbid these kinds of sales and sponsoring federal legislation to make it against the law.

September:

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"Black Friday Shopping"

Are you looking to save money on cars, appliances and even some back to school items? It looks like you don't have to wait for Black Friday. Experts say this is the time of year to buy cars, appliances and back to school items. Avoid purchasing grills and televisions. Among some of the sales out there, Best Buy is offering up to 30 percent off major appliances. And Target is offering up to 25 percent off on select

clothes, shoes and accessories as well as select home items. And of course Staples has back to school necessities available for up to 75 percent off.

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“Car Seat Recall”

Recaro is recalling more than 173 thousand car seats because the top tether can detach from the seat in a crash. Pro-Ride and Performance Ride seats made before June 9 of this year are affected. Recaro will send owners replacement parts. Last week the government urged parents to register their car seats with the manufacturer to get faster notices about recalls.

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“Caramel Apple Recall”

Stop and Shop is pulling Tastee brand Caramel Apples off of store shelves. It's because they could have peanuts in them even though it doesn't say so on the label. There haven't been any reported illnesses so far but people with peanut allergies could have a serious, even life threatening reaction. If you've got the caramel apples and you're concerned, just take them back to stop and shop.

Government, economy and law:

July:

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“223K Jobs Added”

The US economy is showing signs of warming up. The labor department says we added 223-thousand jobs in June. That's the third straight month of healthy job gains. The national unemployment rate also fell to 5.3 percent last month. Those levels have not been seen since before the 2008 financial crisis.

7/03/15: Good Morning CT - :25

“Aging Infrastructure”

Taxpayers are paying up for the state's aging infrastructure. Senator Richard Blumenthal says the country needs 800 billion dollars to bring the infrastructure up to date. Blumenthal is calling on lawmakers to pass a long-term highway transportation bill and to set up a fund that allows cities to borrow money at low rates for public works. He has some bipartisan support, but says a gridlocked congress is stopping further progress. The senator says public works will provide jobs for many Connecticut residents.

7/16/15: Good Morning CT - :20

“Malloy 9 Vetoes”

This coming Monday in the capital city house and senate leaders will take part in a veto session. The meeting will be held to respond to Governor Malloy's 9 vetoes which were made during the recent legislative session. Lawmakers are required by law to consider overriding those vetoes. One of the topics on the table -- resurrecting a bill that created standards for the next education commission as well as a bill doubling student membership on the UCONN board of trustees.

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“UCONN Hacked by Chinese”

The University of Connecticut is saying China is responsible for a data breach at their school of engineering. Their IT team first detected a security breach back in March but they say it could have been going since September of 2013. As of now they don't know what data, if any, was taken but the school is now reaching out to nearly 200 government and private research sponsors who have contracts with the university.

August:

8/17/15: News 8 at 5pm - :20

“Council State Government”

Governor Dannel Malloy is meeting with other lawmakers in Delaware tonight... all in the name of economic growth. And, it's not just American lawmakers... officials from Puerto Rico to Canada are also on hand at the conference. They're discussing a lot of things that go into 'economic growth'... like transportation, energy, education and healthcare. The meeting is the Eastern Regional Conference of the council of state governments.

8/18/15: News 8 at 6pm - :20

“Narcan First Responders”

It was just last month Governor Malloy signed a law making it much easier to get the miracle anecdote for people overdosing on heroin. It's called Narcan. The drug can completely reverse the effects of a heroin overdose in a matter of minutes. As of July 15th Narcan can be distributed by pharmacists. Connecticut State Police already carry the drug. They've used it to save over 30 lives.

8/21/15: News 8 at 5pm - :20

“Dow Record Low”

A record low on Wall Street. The Dow Jones plummeting 531 points. That's the biggest loss of the year. And it marks the worst week since 2011. The three big reasons behind this week's worries...Concerns China's economy is slowing down faster than its government has said. Some uncertainty in the market. Investors were getting ready for the U.S. Federal Reserve to raise its benchmark interest rate next month but now the bank is giving mixed signals. And, oil prices dropping below the key 40-dollar level. They're now the lowest since 2009.

September:

9/01/15: News 8 at 5pm - :20

“Concussion laws in Connecticut”

We know many of your kids are back to school and that means back to sports too. So how can you protect your kids when they're on the field? We're taking a deeper look at the strict concussion laws in our state. Every school system has to give concussion training to coaches, athletes and parents. That training includes the symptoms of concussions. The medical treatment available if you think your child has a concussion. The dangers of playing a sport with a concussion. The rules of returning to the game after a concussion. And ways to prevent it from happening. All youth coaches have to go through training so they can recognize a concussion in their athletes. If a child shows any sign of head injury. They must be removed from the field immediately!

9/02/15: News 8 at 12pm - :15

“Manufacturing”

A bad sign for the nation's economy today...The numbers are in for August... and they show... manufacturing is slowing... falling to a two year low. The report was made by the Institute for Supply Management. Manufacturing was expected to increase in the second quarter... but a rising dollar has hampered u-s exports... while low oil prices have curtailed energy investments.

9/11/15: News 8 at 12pm - :15

“Cyber Attacks”

A dire warning from the U.S. Director of National Intelligence about more high profile cyber-attacks. James Clapper telling a Congressional committee.... that hackers will continue to do damage... because the often face... little... if any consequences. The intelligence boss says... Russia, China, Iran and North Korea pose the top threats against our government.