



## Quarterly Issues Report

April, May, June 2018

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NEWS: WQUN runs weekday news at 6:06, 6:30, 7:30, 8:08, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:30, 11:04, 11:30, 12:04, 12:30, 1:04, 1:30, 2:04, 2:30, 3:04, 3:30, 4:04, 4:30, 5:04, 5:30 and 6:04pm. The newscast includes interviews with local community leaders, compiling local stories and utilizing the Associate Press, Metro News Source and CBS Radio Network. We also provide local traffic and weather reports.

Headlines:

April 2018

- The family of Ethan Song, a Guilford teenager killed by a gunshot wound in January, filed a lawsuit against the family whose home Ethan died in.
- A survey showed that Dannel Malloy is the nation's least popular governor with a 21% approval rating.
- Due to a declining rate of young adult arrests in Connecticut, a Middletown state facility for delinquent young males closed.
- A New Haven man was sentenced for five years in prison for his role in a heroin trafficking ring.
- Two Terryville women were charged after stealing over \$600,000 from a New Haven senior.
- A New Haven man was killed from a gunshot wound after being shot in broad daylight on Chapel Street.
- Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal announced that he believes Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg should not be trusted.
- Yale University Police announced that the university violated a police officer's first amendment rights.
- Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro visited Hamden High School to discuss gun violence with students.
- State Trooper First Class Kevin Miller was killed in a crash with a tractor-trailer.
- Governor Dannel Malloy publicly disagreed with GOP gubernatorial candidates who favored the return of capital punishment (the death penalty).
- Governor Dannel Malloy appointed 11 individuals to be Superior Court judges.
- Amid criticism of her handling of a sexual harassment scandal in her office, Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty announced she would not be running for re-election in 2018.
- Medications were revealed to have dramatically helped people suffering with AIDS.
- An Elm City man was sentenced to 13 years in prison for his role in gang-related activity, including murder and drug trafficking.
- The suspect in the Nashville Waffle House shooting was caught by police.
- New Haven Board of Education officials announced that they were facing a 20 million dollar budget deficit.

- Eversource Energy announced they would be spending 80 million dollars to trim trees around 4,000 miles of power lines.
- Over 100 underage people were found drinking at a Hamden bar, with over 42 fake IDs being seized.
- A New Haven man who spent 17 years in prison for murder was released after police found evidence proving he did not commit the crime.
- 19 individuals were charged for their role in New Haven drug activity.
- About 2500 health care workers voted to go on strike on May 7th.
- The State House approved a bill joining an interstate compact seeking a national popular vote for president.
- Gas prices in Connecticut rose significantly due to a boost in crude oil costs.
- The state of Connecticut received a one-time windfall from the federal government of 910 million dollars.
- Governor Dannel Malloy signed a measure allowing the children of illegal immigrants to apply for financial aid at state colleges and universities.
- An East Haven man was arrested in a Hamden drug bust involving seven bags of heroin and \$315.
- Senator Richard Blumenthal expressed his concern about the proposed merger between Sprint and T-Mobile.
- 19 men were arrested for drug trafficking in New Haven.
- Former state police commissioner Arthur Spada died at the age of 85.
- A report from the AAA foundation found an alarming rise in fatal hit and run crashes.
- The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven announced their plan to make 28 million dollars in grants in 2018 to non-profits through charitable-giving.
- A Meriden man was arrested for illegally possessing several venomous snakes.
- An Elm City judge dismissed a weapons count against a Brooklyn man on trial for murder.
- Developers unveiled plans to build 70 apartments for low-income residents in New Haven's Dixwell neighborhood.
- The Yankee Institute conservative think tank set up 72 cut outs of "Toll Trolls" on the Capitol lawn, representing the number of electronic toll gantries lawmakers and the Governor want to install on Connecticut highways.
- A Quinnipiac University poll found that 63 percent of American voters support legalizing marijuana in the United States.
- A Bloomfield woman died in an early morning crash on I-84 in Farmington.

- The leading Republican on the budget-writing Appropriations Committee said the state is facing a deficit for 2018 and 2019.
- The story of a heroic New Haven dog from World War One was depicted in many local theaters.
- A Yale professor earned a Pulitzer Prize for his book, "Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America".
- Everquote announced that Connecticut has the highest rate of reckless drivers in the nation.
- Families of two Sandy Hook School shooting victims sued a Texas radio talk show host who claimed the shooting never happened.
- The State Labor Department announced that Connecticut lost 2,000 jobs in March.
- Democratic lawmakers released a budget plan calling for an additional 216 million dollars in spending.
- A Bridgeport man pled guilty to killing his parents and burying them in the yard of a Weston home.
- A Milford alderman ended his bid to challenge Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro in a Democratic primary.
- The state House approved legislation that could eventually lead to early voting in Connecticut.
- The New Haven Board of Education organized a panel to discuss school consolidation.
- Hundreds of Connecticut high school students took part in anti-gun violence rallies.

May 2018

- The Connecticut legislature sent a bill to the governor that would enter the state into the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.
- A 50-year-old New Haven man was accused of selling fentanyl that led to two overdose deaths.
- A New Haven grandmother said a gang of girls brutally beat her 13-year-old granddaughter at an area school.
- Hundreds of Quinnipiac University Students received their degrees.
- Yale University rescinded the honorary degree it awarded to comedian Bill Cosby in 2003.
- 16 people were arrested in a joint sex offender operation in New Haven.
- A North Haven man was charged with first-degree assault for running over his wife and dragging her to her death.
- The state medical examiner's office could not determine the cause of death for a Guilford teenager who died from a gunshot wound to the head in January.
- Governor Dan Malloy signed the Budget Adjustment Bill into law.
- A man was accused of groping women and exposing himself in the New Haven area.
- Connecticut's first female lieutenant governor died at the age of 80.
- Senator Richard Blumenthal called on the Food and Drug Administration to help solve the Epi-Pen shortage.
- New Haven's school board voted to close three schools in a budget-cutting effort.
- Yale University announced a 15-million dollar grant to expand its fund for scientific breakthroughs.
- Elm City residents said that approving a proposed 11 percent tax increase would make living in New Haven unaffordable.
- Governor Dan Malloy signed legislation that bans devices enabling guns to fire like automatic weapons.
- A Woodbridge woman was arrested after making a drug deal behind a restaurant in Orange.
- A white graduate student at Yale called police on a black graduate student who had fallen asleep in a common area of their campus residence.
- The sentence was set for a New Haven man who killed another man in an attempted robbery.
- Officials announced a plan to extend Tweed New Haven airport's runway by one thousand feet.

- President Trump announced that the United States would pull out of the Iran deal.
- A New Haven man and former Guilford janitor was accused of sexually assaulting an underage girl.
- Public health officials said that hospital emergency rooms have handled more than three thousand suspected drug overdoses this year.
- Governor Dan Malloy said Connecticut's prison population has reached its lowest level since 1994.
- A 22-year-old Woodbridge woman was arrested on counts of operating a drug factor and possessing drug paraphernalia.
- A retired Shelton teacher was accused of abusing a student he was mentoring almost 13 years ago.
- Hamden's Mayor and Police Chief arrived at a 250-thousand-dollar reduction in the police budget and the Legislative Council granted approval.
- A new president was sworn in at Albertus Magnus College.
- A Quinnipiac University professor was arrested for allegedly assaulting his girlfriend with a frying pan.
- Officials at Southern Connecticut State University unveiled a new remembrance garden to honor the victims of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.
- The state Supreme Court overturned the 1975 murder conviction of Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel.
- A 27-year-old man was struck and killed by an Amtrak train in West Haven.
- A barn exploded in North Haven, injuring several members of a tactical response team.
- Governor Dan Malloy said help was on the way for several towns and cities across the state hammered by tornadoes.
- The State Labor Department reported that the state of Connecticut lost 1400 hundred jobs in a month.
- The Coalition to End Homelessness reported that the number of Connecticut homeless people reached an all-time low.
- University of Connecticut President Susan Herbst announced she would step down after the next academic year.
- 4 individuals stole almost 60 thousand dollars' worth of painkillers from a Meriden pharmacy.
- A former Hamden police officer was arrested for possession with intent to distribute anabolic steroids.

- Vice President Mike Pence welcomed more than 200 U.S. Coast Guard cadets to their new journey as officers.
- Governor Dan Malloy signed a bill making it illegal for employers to ask about past salary history until a job offer with compensation is made.
- New Haven Alders accepted the city's new labor contract with New Haven's professional and managerial union.
- A 23-year-old woman was arrested for robbing and killing three people.
- A 15-year-old Hamden High School student was accused of bringing marijuana-laced cookies to school, hospitalizing five students.
- Senator Richard Blumenthal called for a congressional hearing on the federal government's response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.
- The federal government awarded Connecticut a 1.1 million dollar grant to help military veterans become school teachers.
- A New Haven man was sentenced to 90 years in jail after his February murder conviction.
- Quinnipiac University entered into a 10-year, 10 million dollar partnership with People's United Bank.
- A Milford man was accused of sexually assaulting a five-year-old girl.
- A New Haven murder suspect was arrested in North Carolina.

June 2018

- A federal judge ordered stricter guidelines to reunite families separated at the US-Mexico border.
- Protesters disrupted an event launching a coffee house inside New Haven's main library branch.
- A Hamden man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for his role in a drug-trafficking operation.
- Senator Richard Blumenthal spoke out against the Supreme Court ruling on President Trump's travel ban.
- The state of Connecticut launched a new program designed to help young people who have become addicted to opioids.
- The New Haven Police Department and Newtown Foundation hosted a gun buyback event.
- The World Refugee Day Festival was held on the New Haven Green.
- A former East Haven woman pled guilty to embezzling more than one million dollars from her employer.
- Hamden High School seniors received their diplomas.
- New Haven Police arrested a man who set as many as 30 fires in a 16-acre area.
- Two New Haven police officers resigned their positions after they allegedly falsified information about officer candidates.
- A teenager charged with manslaughter in connection with a deadly crash in Manchester last year was prosecuted as an adult.
- The state Board of Regents voted to approve a revised consolidation plan for Connecticut's 12 community colleges.
- Governor Dan Malloy swore Justice Richard Robinson in as Chief Justice of the state Supreme Court.
- The Travelers Championship was held in Cromwell, CT.
- "Habitat for Humanity" of Greater New Haven's Sleeping Giant Build held a groundbreaking ceremony for its 10th home on Saturday.
- Senator Blumenthal demanded an end to the practice of separating illegal immigrants from their children at the border.
- The potentially last Jerry Springer Show was filmed in Stamford.
- A study showed that New Haven is one of the worst real-estate markets in the country.

- Governor Dan Malloy announced that Connecticut will purchase power from offshore wind for the first time.
- New Haven Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro visited the Mexican border.
- Groundbreaking took place for the Barack Obama University Magnet School on the Southern Connecticut State Campus.
- Officials announced that the state of Connecticut added four thousand jobs during the month of May.
- The Trump administration took legal action to overturn Affordable Care Act protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
- CT drivers shelled out more than 75 dollars a month this summer for gas compared to last year.
- A New Haven man was arrested on charges of wire fraud and stealing money from programs receiving federal funds.
- FEMA visited the town of Wallingford in order to conduct preliminary damage assessments for last month's microburst.
- A New Haven cop resigned after officials discovered she lied on background-check reports.
- Governor Dan Malloy and his wife Cathy will relocate to Essex after he leaves office next January.
- The Hartford Line launched its first commuter rail trip.
- A Hamden resident was charged with murder and tampering with evidence after admitting to killing his mother.
- President Trump said the US will stop conducting war games with North Korea.
- A New Haven gang member was sentenced to 11 years in federal prison for his role in several crimes.
- The 50th annual Connecticut Special Olympics took place.
- A federal court case between Senator Richard Blumenthal and President Trump began.
- A Quinnipiac University poll said that First Lady Melania Trump has a 49-percent approval rating.
- Governor Dan Malloy vetoed two bills that were passed by the legislature in its recently ended session.
- A reward was set for a New Haven man who killed his wife's best friend in front of her two children.
- Governor Dan Malloy vetoed a bill regarding education funding.

- A Connecticut agency announced the temporary closure to hunting of a New Haven area along the Quinnipiac River.
- Governor Dan Malloy ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in memory of a state Trooper who died yesterday.
- Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro spoke to Milford High School students about the dangers of vaping and e-cigs.
- A Long Island woman accused of false rape allegations against two Sacred Heart University football players was sentenced.
- A 40-year-old man shot and killed his ex-girlfriend before shooting himself in Naugatuck.
- A woman in her late 30's was found dead in her yard in what Southington Police called a "suspicious" death.
- Oxford Police discovered a dead body in the water near Stevenson Dam.
- CT officials announced that a new bridge on Interstate 95 between New Haven and West Haven would fully open to traffic after a \$141 million replacement project.
- Officials announced that the Church Street South housing complex in New Haven would be demolished.
- A Superior Court Judge in New Haven dropped murder charges against a New Haven man in a 2010 killing.
- Quinnipiac University President John L. Lahey presented the town of Hamden with a voluntary check of 756 thousand dollars.



Reporter-At-Large Guests  
Saturday mornings 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.

## **APRIL**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Jody Goler  
Hamden School Superintendent Jody Goeler talks about the school budget and potential layoffs, the safety of students, a traffic safety study and school upgrades.
- 13<sup>th</sup> April Capone  
Former East Haven Mayor April Capone. She's one of the organizers of PoliticaCT.org, a women's organization supporting progressives running for the legislature, formed after the 2016 election.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Scott McLean  
Quinnipiac University Political Science Professor Scott McLean talks about Connecticut's Governor's race, state Supreme Court Justice Andrew McDonald, Fifth District Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty and the Trump presidency.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Will Ginsburg  
Community Foundation for Greater New Haven CEO and President Will Ginsburg talks about the need for the Greater New Haven area growth to be more inclusive. CFGNH is 90- years old this year and will distribute 28-million in grants to non-profits this year.

## **MAY**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Amy Johansson  
Amy Johansson of Branford. She started a non-profit called Smile Anyway Inc., honoring her son, lost to drug addiction. She's hoping to build a transitional facility for those 18-to-28. Individuals will be given support to create their own sober lifestyle.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mark Contreras  
Quinnipiac University School of Communications Dean Mark Contreras discusses the state of media, his plans for the school's department, the Sinclair Broadcast Group's proposed purchase of Fox-61 and tweets by President Trump.

## 19<sup>th</sup> Don Sawyer

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Diversity officer at Quinnipiac University Don Sawyer the third discusses diversity, what it means and his thoughts on how to make QU more inclusive through student staff and faculty representation.

We also discuss the recent incident at Yale involving a black Yale student falling asleep at a dorm and the reaction of a white student.

## 26<sup>th</sup> Gary Lessor

WQUN meteorologist Gary Lessor talks about the accuracy of weather forecasts, as well as what happened to Spring, use of the "European model" for forecasting, whether weather is any more extreme than in the past and "Sky Warn."

## JUNE

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Kenn Venit

Broadcaster and journalism Professor Kenn Venit talks about his role in putting together the "Action News" format at New Haven's WTNH-TV in the mid 1970s. The station is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. Venit remembers such Connecticut personalities at Gov. Ella Grasso as well as covering covering civil disobedience and various changes in journalism.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Dr. Thomas Danehy/Evelyn Rossetti Ryan

ACES executives Thomas Danehy and Evelyn Rossetti Ryan.

He's Executive Director and she's Chief of Marketing and Outreach. ACES stands for Area Cooperative Educational Services. We Talk about the educational offerings from those with special needs to the magnet schools, the high school being reconfigured at an already existing building on Leeder Hill in Hamden and the Summer Arts Institute.

### 16<sup>th</sup> John Picard/State Senator Tim Larson

Tweed Airport Executive Director Tim Larson and Airport Authority Chairman John Picard. We talk about the need to extend the runway to one thousand feet. They say the move is an economic driver that benefits, consumers, universities and businesses. It still needs approval from the General Assembly. The guests also talk about continues noise mitigation efforts and how the airport has tried to be a good neighbor.



*Great music & local news*

**23<sup>th</sup> State Senator Len Fasano**

State Senate Republican leader Len Fasano of North Haven talks about the state budget, possible structural changes, Tweed New Haven Airport, tolls, marijuana legalization and how the legislature has changed since he was first elected in 2003.

**30<sup>th</sup> State Senator Joe Markley**

Southington Republican state Senator Joe Markley chats about the state budget, a possible move toward tolls, marijuana legalization and his run for lieutenant governor.



DIALOGUE 2018 QUARTERLY REPORT: APRIL, MAY, JUNE  
GUESTS AND SUBJECT MATTER DESCRIPTIONS  
Saturday 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

April 1, 2018 – Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ned Lamont

Subject Matter: Lamont, who ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senator and Governor in the past, explains why he is back for another try at the governorship. He discusses the challenge of running as a Democrat trying to succeed Dan Malloy, one of the most unpopular governors in years. Lamont also talks about how he'll deal with the state's ongoing deficit problems and how he will address controversial issues such as a return to highway tolls.

April 8, 2018 – State Sen. Mae Flexer (D-Danielson).

Subject Matter: Flexer, a long-time advocate for women's issues in the legislature offers her views on Connecticut Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (D-5th Dist), who decided not to seek reelection after claims that she protected her male chief of staff after serious allegations of sexual harassment surfaced. Flexer also discusses various bills in the 2018 legislative hopper designed to improve Connecticut's protections against sexual harassment and domestic violence.

April 15 – Brian Flaherty, vice president for public policy at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA).

Subject Matter: Flaherty, speaking for the state's largest business lobby group CBIA, discusses the state budget battle and whether lawmakers can find a bipartisan solution again this year, instead of slipping into an ongoing budget stalemate. Flaherty also offers CBIA's view of proposed legislation on sexual harassment, the minimum wage, paid family and medical leave, and the so-called "captive audience" labor issue in the workplace.

April 22, 2018 – Shawn Lang, deputy director of AIDS Connecticut.

Subject Matter: Lang discusses the challenge of promoting AIDS awareness at a time when other illnesses have captured the spotlight. She says testing for HIV is still an important strategy, and Lang addresses the overall drug treatment picture including the exploding incidence of opioid overdoses.

April 29, 2018 – State Rep. Melissa Ziobron (R-East Haddam), ranking House Republican on budget-writing Appropriations Committee.

Subject Matter: As the end of the legislative session approaches, Ziobron gives her views on the potential for a bipartisan budget deal. She discusses several issues at play including: the rainy day fund, how to pay for transportation improvements, pension issues, and whether or not Democratic Gov. Dan Malloy should play a role in achieving the final budget package.

May 6, 2018 – Robert Klee, Commissioner of the State Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP).

Subject Matter: Klee discusses the increasing challenge of meeting clean air standards in Connecticut, now that the Trump administration appears to be siding with Midwest powerplants and other polluting sources that send bad air into Connecticut on a daily basis. He is asked whether individual states can make a difference in promoting clean air if official Washington turns a blind eye to the problem.

May 13, 2018 – Brenda Watson, executive director of Operation Fuel in Connecticut.

Subject: May 1 was the cutoff date for the winter protection against utility shutoffs for non-payment of bills. Watson explains that the financial challenge remains as the weather gets milder and discusses what her organization is trying to do to help those families in need. Watson indicates that the picture of who needs utility bill assistance is changing. It is not just the poor and the elderly, but increasingly it includes millennials.

May 20, 2018 – State Sen. President Pro Tempore Martin Looney (D-New Haven).

Subject Matter: Looney, the top Democratic leader in the State Senate, discusses the recently-achieved bipartisan budget deal and how it was crafted despite the intense political pressures of an election year. Looney talks about key elements of the package including a plan to save the Medicare Savings Program and measures to protect funding for cities and towns. He also tells why several controversial issues such as legalization of marijuana, sexual harassment legislation, and highway tolls failed to gain approval this year.

May 27, 2018 – Assistant Senate Republican Majority Leader Paul Formica (R-East Lyme).

Subject Matter: Formica brings a Republican view on why a bipartisan budget deal was achieved this month for the second year in a row despite political pressures. He explains why GOP lawmakers signed onto the deal even though it did not include changes in collective bargaining procedures that they sought. Formica explains why Republicans continue to battle against any return to highway tolls, and he comments on what the state legislature may do now that the U.S. Supreme Court has cleared the way for legalized sports betting.

June 3, 2018 – Amy Parmenter, AAA manager of public and government affairs.

Subject Matter: Parmenter offers expertise of why gas prices in Connecticut and elsewhere spiked bigtime this Spring, and how long the upward trend might last. She discusses how prolonged high gas prices impact tourism and other elements of the economy. Parmenter discusses in detail the so-called “100 deadliest days” of summer that often see a rise in teenager driving deaths. Parmenter talks about the importance of parental involvement with the driving habits of their teenage children.

June 10, 2018 – Independent gubernatorial candidate Richard “Oz” Griebel.

Subject Matter: Griebel, a former business executive, explains why he decided to try a run for governor as an independent, a difficult task because of the dominance of Connecticut’s two major parties. Despite the tough odds, Griebel has chosen not to seek



public financing for his campaign and he discusses how he can raise the funds to be a viable candidate. Griebel voices his views on key issues including job growth, tax policy, education, and highway tolls.

June 17, 2018 – Democratic State Comptroller Kevin Lembo.

Subject Matter: Lembo explains why he decided against a run for governor this year after several months of exploring the field. He discusses his ongoing effort as Comptroller to fight the skyrocketing prices of many important prescription drugs. He also assesses the state budget situation, some reforms that are still needed, and the plusses and minuses of Connecticut's dependence on revenues tied to the stock market.

June 24, 2018 – Michael Lawlor, criminal justice advisor to Gov. Malloy.

Subject Matter: Lawlor discusses the raging controversy over immigration enforcement in the United States, including the separation of parents and children at border stations. On the home front in Connecticut, Lawlor goes into the reasons why the state's prison population continues to decline. He addresses concerns that the effort to keep the prison population low may be allowing some dangerous individuals to get back on the street. Lawlor also comments on the status of juvenile justice in Connecticut.

July 1, 2018: Dr. Theodore Andreadis, director of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Subject: Andreadis offers details on this week's warning that the tick population in Connecticut is peaking now, and more importantly, that higher than average tick infection with Lyme disease is being seen, along with higher infection of another worrisome illness babesiosis. Andreadis also discusses the state's ongoing mosquito management program that captures and tests mosquitoes around the state for West Nile virus and other dangerous mosquito-borne diseases.

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