

Paid by Conn., living elsewhere

Hundreds of state employees working remotely from outside state

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A top official at Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management earned over \$140,000 last

year while — with the state's blessing — mostly working remotely from his home in Philadelphia.
The entire staff of the Connecticut Paid Leave Authority,

which administrates the state's medical leave insurance program, works remotely because the department does not have a centralized office. While most work from within Connecticut,

others are scattered between Texas and Maine.
Other state workers are authorized to report remotely to their supervisors from beyond the Nutmeg State, including

from Texas, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Washington D.C, New Hampshire and Delaware. The vast majority of out-of-state remote workers live
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Greenwich High linebackers Jack Kelly, Santi Parra, both seniors, and junior Justin Carroll. Below, Parra, left, and Carroll converge on Stamford's Mario Heron in the Cardinals' 37-7 win over the Black Knights last September.

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State has 22 charter schools

Several more are approved to open

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Connecticut has 22 charter schools in operation, representing a small but steady share of the state's education system, with several more approved for opening.
This school year, a new all-boys charter school in New Haven, Edmonds Cofield Preparatory Academy for Young Men, opened its doors to more than 50 fifth and sixth grade students.
Earlier in the year, the state Department of Education granted initial approval to five additional charter proposals, which must
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Cardinal crushers

Defending Class LL state champ Greenwich returns all 3 havoc-wreaking linebackers

By Scott Ericson
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GREENWICH — Three of the fiercest tacklers in Connecticut high school football are back for another run at a state title. After anchoring a defense that surrendered fewer than 10 points a game, racking up 347 tackles and 11 sacks, all while powering their team to a CIAC championship, the trio of linebackers return this fall hungry to dominate again and prove last year was just the beginning.
The unit that will play in the middle of Class LL champion Greenwich's 4-3 defense consists of seniors Santi Parra and Jack Kelly and junior Justin Carroll, all three of whom started for the Cardinals staunch defense last season, leading them to the school's 10th CIAC championship.
"What was it 330-something tackles they had last year? They were all over the place," Greenwich coach Anthony Morello said of his trio, who are all 5-foot-10, with Kelly at 185 pounds, Carroll 200 and



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Parra 210. "To have that kind of strength in the middle part of our defense is something we are really excited about. All three linebackers are explosive, love the sport, care about the sport and love their teammates and this culture."
But how does a defense improve from allowing 9.3 points a game?
"I love how aggressive (Kelly and Carroll) are and it makes me so confident playing with them," Parra said. "We have to keep

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being aggressive and add on to what we did last year. Last year is over and it is a new us this year and we have to build off what we did last year."
The schedule is a bit tougher this season with the FCIAC's new balanced

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Plum Island researchers treated for eye irritation

'Routine operation' led to treatment, feds say

By Austin Mirmina
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SOUTHOLD, N.Y. — Seven employees of the Plum Island Animal Disease Center were taken to a medical facility Tuesday to be evaluated for eye irritation, federal officials say.
The staff members complained of eye irritation "during a routine operation" and were sent for medical evaluation "out of an abundance of caution," a Department of Homeland Security spokesperson said. DHS oversees the island, located in Long Island Sound about 8 miles off the Connecticut coast, in partnership with the U.S. Department of
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12-unit Greenwich Ave. condo plan OK'd, 6 years, 5 versions later

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GREENWICH — After years of deliberations and debate beginning in 2019, plans for new construction at the Bank of America lot off 240 Greenwich Ave. have been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.
The proposal for a new residential building, J Lofts on West Elm, will create 12 units of condo-

miniums in three stories and preserve the old bank building facing Greenwich Avenue. Earlier plans by developer John Fareri proposed a 40-unit, four-story plan in the drive-through lot behind the bank, and an earlier version with 60 units and six stories.
The approved plan also calls for the addition of 2,500 square feet of office space in the existing bank building on a new level in-

side it.
"I think we're creating something appropriate for the site," said the attorney representing the developers, John Tesei, "It's been a long, collaborative effort on everyone's part."
The development team came in with a new design for the structure in recent weeks, which removed a number of decorative arches from the structure that
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Plans to build condos in the drive-through lot off 240 Greenwich Ave. have been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission.
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