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## 'Who's going to arrest me?'

### ICE agents defy Connecticut law on mask ban

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Two recent videos that show agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement not following a new state law that bars them from wearing masks has raised further questions about whether officials in Connecticut can, or will, enforce the ban.

One of the videos shows

members of the public confronting ICE agents as they carry out an arrest on May 18 near the state Superior Court in Hartford. One person can be heard telling an agent their mask violates state law.

"Tell them to arrest me," the agent responded. "Tell them. I dare you. Who's going to arrest me?"

At one point during the video, an agent can be heard telling the

person filming that the person being arrested "sexually assaulted somebody" although ICE did not provide full details of the Hartford arrests.

Another video shows members of the public confronting ICE agents in Danbury on June 4, when the agency carried out what it called a "targeted enforcement operation" that led to several arrests. Again, someone

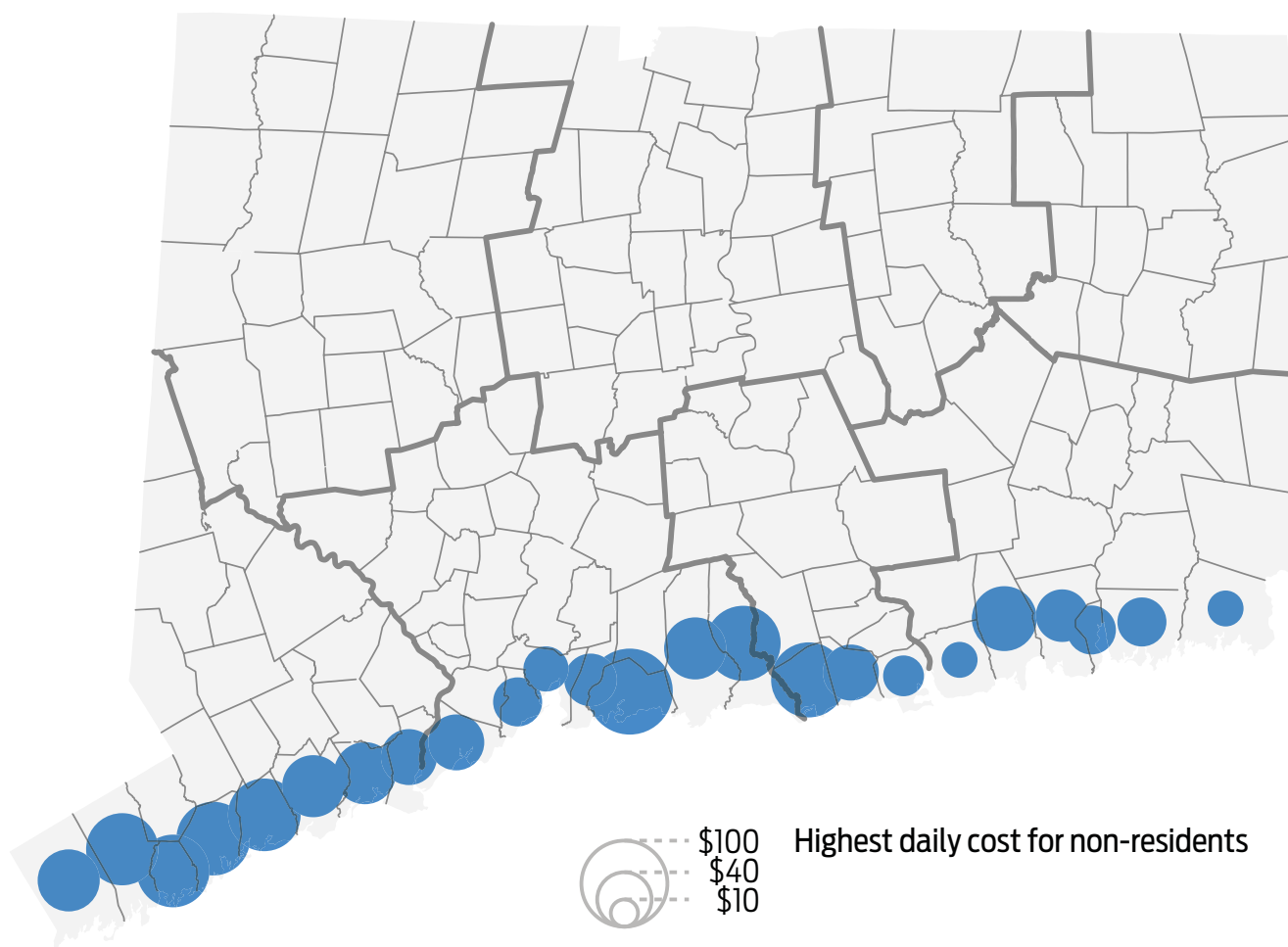
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An ICE agent is seen in a screen grab of a video in Danbury after arrests were made June 4. The agent is wearing a mask despite a recently signed state law banning them.

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## What it will cost you to head to the beach



## 'Absolutely ridiculous'

### State's beach towns charge nonresidents far more to park

By **Alex Putterman**  
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In Stratford, town residents can visit local beaches for free all summer, while out-of-towners must pay \$250 for a season pass.

Westport charges nonresidents \$545 for a season pass to park at the beach — about nine times the cost for a town resident — while capping the number of passes sold. Residents of the neighboring town of Weston are exempt from this cap and offered a discount compared to those from other towns.

In Darien, a one-day pass for a non-resident costs \$58 during the week or \$70 on weekends or holidays, while residents can pay \$58 for a season pass. Nonresidents are not permitted to buy season passes, unless they're nannies or caregivers of resident children.

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## New Clinton food trailer draws crowds with lobster melts, rolls

By **Susan Braden**  
STAFF WRITER

CLINTON — The Drifting Galley, a new food trailer in town, is becoming known for its gooey, cheesy lobster melts, which, owner Stephanie Kowalsky says is a "fancier word" for what is essentially a grilled cheese stuffed with lobster meat on Texas toast.

"You get that nice thick bread with the gooey cheese, the warm

buttered lobster," she said of the sandwich that uses provolone, mozzarella and Vermont Cheddar cheese.

"People around this area come in and they're like 'All you guys need to do is lobster melts, nothing else,'" she added.

But the lobster rolls are a hit too, as well as her steak tacos made with diced premium grade chuck. All three can be had at her food trailer at

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Courtesy Stephanie Kowalsky

**Stephanie Kowalsky with her 5-year-old son Joe Kowalski at The Drifting Galley, her new food trailer that she operates on Riverside Drive on private property.**

## What's behind McMahon's 'History Rocks!' tour



**Philip Bump**  
COMMENTARY

Truly, what better way to celebrate America's 250th anniversary than with a roiling blend of commercialism, partisanship and racial insecurity!

Perhaps I'm being a bit more cynical than is warranted here. So allow me to make the case that I am not.

On Friday, Education Secretary Linda McMahon made a stop at a school in Seymour as part of a national tour — called "History Rocks!" — that according to a department press release was intended to bring Education officials to all 50 states. It's an initiative that seems anodyne to the point of soporific, a program so inherently dull that they had to build in an exclamation point.

But this is not simply a government functionary trudging around the country to read first graders a book about George Washington and the cherry tree. That's obvious from the contact information sent to press about McMahon's visit: for more information, one should contact Beckett Events, not a member of the Department of Education's communications team.

Beckett Events is a Virginia-based

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## Tigers take first state title



Patrick Sykes/For Hearst Connecticut Media

Top seed Hand defeated No. 2 Branford 14-7 to win the CIAC Class M girls' lacrosse championship.

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