

# Sunday Republican



## FEC: Top donors give \$25M

### State's wealthiest residents give to Dems, GOP and PACs, data shows

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Election season is nearing, and that means some of Connecticut's wealthiest residents are opening their checkbooks.

According to the most recent data from the Federal Election Commission, the state's top 50 individual contributors have given \$25 million to campaigns or political action committees during the current election cycle, accounting for about 40% of

all contributions in that time.

The true figure could be even higher, as CT Insider's analysis of bulk FEC data may have missed some money from donors who contributed under multiple different names or from different addresses.

These large donors have given to both Democratic and Republican candidates and PACs, both in and out of Connecticut,

ahead of midterm elections this fall that will determine which party controls Congress. Money from Connecticut this cycle has already reached all 50 states, as well as, naturally, Washington D.C.

Here are the political donors from Connecticut who have given at least \$500,000 this cycle, plus other notable contributors

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## WHAT'S NEXT

UConn legend and Connecticut Sun President Jen Rizzotti is at a crossroads as the team prepares to move to Houston.

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## MIDSEASON REPORT

Pomperaug's Andrew Vongsouvanh is one of the breakout players in the SWC in boys volleyball this year.

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## ETHICS CHANGES WOULD ALLOW UCONN TICKETS

State legislators would be allowed to accept two tickets annually to one home game for either the UConn men's or women's basketball teams under a proposed change to the state ethics code.

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## LIQUOR BOTTLES BRING IN MONEY

About 48.57 million "nip" bottles were sold statewide from October 2025 through March 2026, generating about \$2.4 million for municipalities like Waterbury, according to The Wine and Spirit Wholesalers of Connecticut.

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## SHOES FOR STARS

Lauren Brinkers, of Cornwall Bridge, has made shoes for "Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker and appeared on Project Runway. Brinkers' shoes will soon be at Howard's Bookstore in Torrington.

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Naugatuck's Hillside Intermediate School. Under a proposed new \$200 million school construction plan, Naugatuck would build a new grades 5-8 campus at the Cross Street Intermediate School site. The plan calls for two new educational facilities, one serving grades 5-6 and the other 7-8.

# 'The time is right'

### Naugatuck revives plan to create new \$200M campus for grades 5-8

By Michael Gagne  
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NAUGATUCK — School officials are seeking to build a new intermediate and middle school campus at the existing Cross Street Intermediate School site, according to education specifications for the project the Board of Education approved at a recent meeting.

*"Unfortunately, many of our school buildings have outlived their useful life years ago."*

Bob Mezzo, chairman of the Naugatuck Board of Education

The proposal would relocate Hillside Intermediate and City Hill Middle schools to the Cross Street site, creating a new con-

solidated grades 5-8 campus, upgrading Naugatuck's facilities for those grades.

The proposal calls for the

construction of two new buildings, at an estimated cost of around \$200 million.

The education specifications outlined a vision for two new buildings, with one housing grades 5-6 and the other grades 7-8. The two schools would share kitchen services, an auditorium and athletic space.

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## Masks on ICE officers, lawsuits and more

### What to know about the new law

By Paul Hughes  
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HARTFORD — Connecticut law will soon allow federal immigration agents to be sued for civil rights violations and criminally prosecuted in state courts for unjustifiably using deadly force.

Gov. Ned Lamont announced that he plans to sign the legislation, which the **ICE continues on A8**



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**An agent of Immigration and Customs Enforcement waits in a hallway outside of a courtroom at New York Federal Plaza Immigration Court.**

## 2 Meriden officers fired after sexual relationship with teen

### Complaint triggers investigation

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It was in 2016 that a then-14-year-old Meriden girl gave serious thought toward wanting to become a police officer when she graduated from high school.

She was dealing with mental health struggles, issues at

school and over the next two years was reported missing over a dozen times after running away from home during her parents' divorce.

She formed connections with city police officers during those incidents. She said she felt drawn to the department and soon joined the youth police cadet program.

"They all told me if I stuck around them, I could be a cop," **Officers continues on A9**

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