

Lamont lays out his plans for third term

Energy costs, housing among top priorities, governor says

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WEST HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont's campaign for a possibly historic third term was set to kick off in Bridgeport on Friday, the first of several

statewide stops culminating in Waterbury, as he meets voters and promotes plans to lower Connecticut's energy costs, widen day care opportunities and build more affordable housing to promote economic growth.

"We're going to go to four different towns, each with a different theme, trying to emphasize what this next four years is going to be all about," the governor said in a wide-ranging interview Thursday afternoon a few miles

from the State Capitol. The campaign flavor in Bridgeport will be job training, then it will be on to New Haven, Groton, Hartford and Waterbury.

But the big question is why? Why a third term for *Lamont continues on A4*



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Gov. Ned Lamont during an interview Thursday in The Camelot, a West Hartford apartment building.



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The Cape Henlopen ferry takes off for New York's Long Island on Nov. 3 in New London. The ship was used as a landing craft during D-Day invasion during World War II.

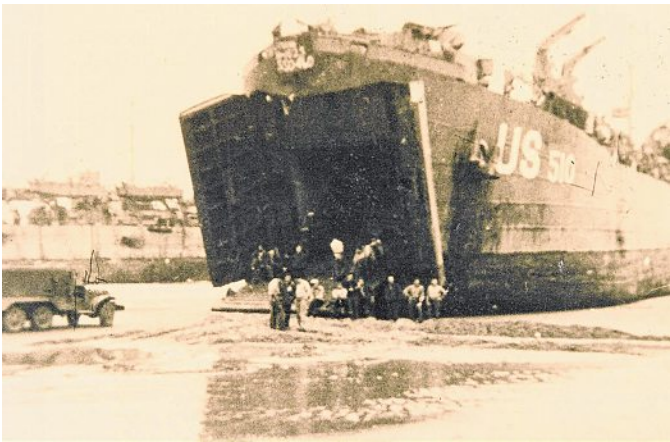
Historic D-Day landing ship serves new purpose

Vessel ferries people from Connecticut to Long Island

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NEW LONDON — Cape Henlopen eased into its terminal on a recent weekday morning, completing the roughly 16-mile voyage from Long Island's Orient Point under clear skies and gentle winds.

It's a peaceful journey that the ship — owned and operated by New London-based Cross Sound Ferry — has made several times a day for the past four decades. But this same vessel once carried troops, tanks and heavy artillery into battle.



Courtesy of Cross Sound Ferry  
USS LST-510 on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France around 1944. It delivered troops and tanks to support the D-Day invasion during World War II.

Nearly 80 years ago, before it ferried passengers across Long Island Sound, Cape Henlopen served as a U.S. Navy landing craft — part of the armada that stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and helped turn the tide of World War II.

In 1943, the 328-foot vessel that would later become Cape Henlopen was built at a shipyard in Jeffersonville, Ind., and commissioned as USS LST-510, short for "landing ship, tank." It was two years after the U.S. had entered World War II, and so many ships were built that the Na- *Ship continues on A7*

Affordable housing bill passes in legislature

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HARTFORD — The two-day special session of the General Assembly pushed briefly into a third day Friday before the Democrat-dominated state Senate finally approved compromise legislation aimed at increasing affordable housing opportunities.

The 24-10, party-line vote came at 1:06 a.m. Friday, after six failed Republican amendments over a nearly five-hour debate. The bill was the product of five months of negotiations between Democratic leaders and Gov. Ned Lamont, who vetoed the original legislation in June after a campaign of complaints from many suburban towns that it would threaten their local autonomy. The bill was approved in the House on Wednesday.

"Connecticut's housing shortage is *Housing continues on A4*

Longtime Norwalk jeweler to close store, move online

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A Norwalk family-owned jeweler is closing up shop after 45 years and will start selling only online.

The owners of Kosta Jewelers, Nik and Kosta Almirakis, announced Thursday they would close their retail store at 49 Wall St. at the end of next February. Starting Nov. 28, Kosta will start offering discounts on jewelry up to 70%.

The owners attributed the decision to *Close continues on A4*

Norwalk schools saw exodus of over 200 staff members last school year

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NORWALK — Norwalk schools lost over 200 staff members last school year, with some leaving after the controversial budget session at the end of the

school year.

Overall, 213 staff members either retired or resigned last school year, according to data presented during a Norwalk Board of Education workshop meeting Wednesday. Of those former employees, 137 were cer-

tified staff, while 76 were uncertified staff members such as para-educators, nurses and secretaries.

The vast majority of the departures were resignations, as only 36 of the former employees left through retirement.

The largest exodus was in special education, where 30 teachers and 31 para-educators left the district. Fourteen math teachers and 14 science teachers also departed.

At the meeting, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Robert

Pennington said special education, math and science are "hard-to-staff areas."

Many Connecticut school districts have had trouble filling staff vacancies in recent years. As of this past August, there *Exodus continues on A4*

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