

## DAILY DIGEST

### WATERBURY

#### Sex abuse documents related to diocese ordered released

A Waterbury Superior Court judge has ordered the release of thousands of documents connected to sexual abuse lawsuits involving the Bridgeport Roman Catholic Diocese.

Judge Barry K. Stevens ruled Tuesday the diocese should release the sealed documents by Dec. 1. The files consist of more than 12,000 pages — including depositions, affidavits and motions — from 23 lawsuits against six priests settled by the diocese in 2001.

The U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to hear the diocese's appeal of a Connecticut Supreme Court decision ordering release of the documents.

— Associated Press

### SOUTHBURY

#### Emergency repairs ordered to parts of Lakeside Road

The public works department will make emergency repairs this week to stretches of Lakeside Road.

The pavement has deteriorated in places, to the point where Tom Crowe, public works director, said his department will make spot repairs even though the road is not scheduled to be worked on this year.

Work on the Purchase Brook Road reconstruction project has been suspended for the winter. The department has completed work from River Road to Little York Road this year, and will continue work north of the Little York Road intersection next spring.

### MIDDLEBURY

#### Land Trust dredging project for Fenn's Pond finished

Work crews have finished dredging Fenn's Pond off Artillery Road and Route 64 for the Middlebury Land Trust.

The dredging started in early October at the 2.4-acre pond for the Middlebury Land Trust, which owns the popular skating spot.

The land trust decided to pursue the project after the pond's depth became as low as one foot in some areas and small patches of land appeared above the waterline.

The land trust initially received approvals for the work in 2007 from the Conservation Commission, but required additional permits from the state and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The work cost the organization around \$320,000 for both the dredging and the installation of a pipe designed to prevent water from filling in the pond.

The nearly 15,000 cubic yards of fill removed from the pond is slated to be used by the town for sports fields under construction behind the Region 15 school district's offices on Maple Drive.

The pond has been dredged twice before, once in the 1940s, and in 1971.

### OXFORD

#### Town Hall meeting will discuss request for zone change

Residents can attend an informational meeting tonight at 7 in Town Hall about a proposed zone change on property off Route 67.

Belmar Farms and Salton Enterprises is asking for a zone change for property at 108-120 Oxford Road.

The proposal is before the Planning and Zoning commission.

The rear of the property is residential, while the front is commercial, said Herman Schuler, the town's economic development director. The applicant wants to change that rear portion to commercial.

The applicant is working on a site plan that will call for a campus to include a medical building, two retail/office buildings, a day care center and space for a future town library.

Joseph Pereira of Pereira Engineering Inc. of Shelton, will review plans for the site at the meeting.

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### St. John probes election



**Former Middlebury First Selectman Edward B. St. John has hired a lawyer to examine irregularities in last week's election.** PAGE 4B

### GOP dominates leadership

The Wolcott Board of Education, with a new 5-4 Republican majority, has wasted no time electing an all-Republican leadership team on Tuesday. PAGE 2B

### Judge clears city police officer

A federal judge has rejected in a lawsuit claims that a Waterbury police officer withheld medical treatment from a man who had been arrested for shoplifting. PAGE 2B

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# \$9 million gift aids seniors

## East Hill Woods property sale residue given to foundation

BY CHRIS GARDNER  
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SOUTHBURY — After they paid off the construction debt and taxes, trustees of the former East Hill Woods life care community wrestled with an important question.

What should be done with the roughly \$9 million left over from the sale of the property in 2007?

The answer came Wednes-

day, when it was announced the trustees have given \$9.2 million to the Connecticut Community Foundation, which will manage the assets and provide grants to area nonprofits that serve senior citizens.

That coincides with the mission of East Hill Woods, which was to support the needs of elderly people in New Haven, Litchfield and Fairfield counties.

The 169-unit facility, now known as The Watermark at

East Hill, was unique in that the Zoning Commission stipulated it be a nonprofit corporation when it was built in 1991. It was managed by a board of directors, which in 2007 received offers from three for-profit health care companies to sell.

The board picked The Freshwater Group, an Arizona company, which paid \$34.5 million for the property at 611 East Hill

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### VETERANS DAY

# HONORING HEROES

## Waterbury recognizes sacrifices of those who served



CHRISTOPHER MASSA REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Ed Karvelis of Waterbury, a veteran of the Korean War, salutes during the Waterbury Veterans Committee's Veterans Day ceremony on the Waterbury Green on Wednesday.

BY ROBYN ADAMS  
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**D**IANE THERIAULT was about 5 years old when her father, John Parsons, was shipped overseas to the Korean War.



Parsons

Parsons, 83, was away from his Boston home for a year.

“I saw an old letter we sent him when we were young,” said Theriault, who has three brothers and two sisters. “He kept it with a little picture of us.”

On Wednesday, she stood shoulder to shoulder with her dad who, dressed in his Navy uniform for the Waterbury Vet-

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## Soldier takes advantage of Post education

BY MICHAEL PUFFER  
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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Army Spc. Miguel Ellis and his wife, Keisha, pictured here with their daughter, Breonna, 2, take online courses at Post University for a special program offered to military service members and family.

WATERBURY — Army Spc. Miguel Ellis, 30, is stationed in Iraq on a base near the Iranian border.

His wife, Keisha Ellis, 23, stays at their home in Fort Benning, Ga., with their 2-year-old daughter. There are nervous stretches of days when she doesn't get a telephone call, but she finds comfort when the two meet in class.

Keisha and Miguel take online courses through Post University, which offers deep tuition discounts for members of the military and their families.

The 119-year-old university serves about 1,000 stu-

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# 3 arrested in Waterbury child pornography raids

## Police, armed with 7 search warrants, seize computers

BY JONATHAN SHUGARTS  
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WATERBURY — Police conducted a child pornography raid in the city on Tuesday, seizing computers they say contain videos and pictures of children having sex.

Police executed seven search warrants at homes throughout the city and arrested three peo-

ple, including a 17-year-old boy, on charges of possessing child pornography.

The local actions stem from a long-term, national investigation that targeted file-sharing Internet programs.

Police arrested Craig Rosa, 34, of 446 Perkins Ave., H-8, and Wilfredo Lopez, 20, 50 Poplar St., F3. Police say their computers contained a range of

fewer than 20 to more than 50 images of child pornography.

“An initial review of the computers immediately determined they contained child pornography,” said Lt. Christopher Corbett, a police spokesman.

A 17-year-old boy also was arrested Tuesday, but his name isn't being disclosed due to his

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Rosa



Lopez