

DOW JONES
Up 44.73
Close 11,105.85

NASDAQ
Up 37.06
Close 2,532.15

OIL
Up \$2.02
Close \$90.21

GOLD
Up \$16.80
Close \$1,830.10

S&P 500
Up 10.60
Close 1,172.87

10-year T-bills
Up 0.06
Close 1.99%

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Gas gauge

Some of the lowest regular unleaded prices in Greater New Haven, excluding membership retailers such as Costco or Sam's Club, or discounts for cash payment:

\$3.75

Hess, 345 Elm St., West Haven

AVERAGES: Yesterday Year ago

Gr. New Haven	\$3.91	\$2.76
United States	\$3.64	\$2.71

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IN OTHER BUSINESS

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Stocks inch higher, but sentiment weak

NEW YORK — Stocks edged higher Tuesday in another day of choppy trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 44.73, or 0.4 percent, to 11,105.85. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.60, or 0.9 percent, to 1,172.87.

The Nasdaq rose 37.06 points, or 1.5 percent, to 2,532.15. Among tech companies, Apple shares rose more than 1 percent after Morgan Stanley analysts said the tech giant was more likely than ever to reward investors with a dividend or through buying back its stock.

Best Buy Co. shares plunged after the electronic retailer reported a fall in quarterly profit. Sales in stores open a year or longer dropped 2.8 percent.

A weak reading of business sentiment kept the market's gains in check. An index of small business conditions from the National Federation of Independent Business dropped to a 13-month low in August.

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BOTTOM LINERS



"Rehabilitation must be working. I'm a blue-collar inmate now capable of committing white-collar crime."

New Walgreens on Derby agenda

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DERBY — A proposal is coming before city officials to reconfigure a Pershing Drive shopping plaza to include a new Walgreens pharmacy.

The Inland Wetlands Commission is scheduled to review the plans at its meeting at City Hall, 1 Elizabeth St., tonight at 7.

The plan is for a Walgreens on the existing commercial site at 60 Pershing Drive, which is by the intersection with Division Street.

Currently, the property includes an Xpect Discounts store and several smaller businesses, includ-

ing Towne Squire Diner, Suds Laundromat, Radio Shack, Crown Fried Chicken and Smoke Junction. There are also several vacant storefronts in the plaza.

Under the plan, a portion of the plaza — 29,460 square feet — would be demolished to make way for the freestanding, 14,524-square-foot pharmacy. The project will increase the number of parking spaces from 338 to 372, according to the plans.

A storm water management system will be reconstructed to control runoff, as the site experiences flooding after heavy rains.

Larry Brozek of Walgreens said of the plaza, "We have quite a bit of empty space, so it will be reconfigured. We are seeing what the

city's reaction will be."

Mayor Anthony Staffieri said Walgreens already owns the shopping center, and has been in contact with the city for a while about redeveloping it. "It will be an awesome-looking plaza when they are done," Staffieri said.

While Xpect Discounts will stay in the same location, Staffieri said other tenants will be relocated within the plaza.

"Nobody will be displaced," he said. "I'm very excited about the project."

Sheila O'Malley, city director of the Economic & Community Development and Grants Administration, said the plans are good for the Pershing Drive and Division Street area.

"Having a new Walgreens with a drive-through pharmacy will generate more customers and bring more people to that area," O'Malley said.

Building Official David Kopjarski said if the proposal receives approval from the Inland Wetlands Commission, it would still need to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission before it could proceed. Plans are available for the public to review in the Building Department at City Hall.

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GREEN by design



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Rich Stevens, left, chairman of the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, presents a plaque recognizing Whitney Center for its conservation efforts. Accepting the plaque are Greg Gravel, center, CEO and president, and David Pearson, director of Whitney Center.

Whitney Center earns kudos

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HAMDEN — For its soon-to-open building, dubbed the "Renaissance Expansion," Whitney Center already has been recognized by the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

On Tuesday, Whitney Center President Gregory Gravel accepted an Energy Efficiency Leadership plaque and a \$58,000 rebate for installing energy efficient features in anticipation of future savings.

The energy efficient lighting, motors and controls, as well as its green roof and roof top air conditioners, will reduce operating costs over the life of the building, according to Roy W. Haller, manager of commercial and industrial energy services for United Illuminating Co.

UI administers the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund for its customers. Consumers, through the combined public benefits charge

on their bills, fund the program. The fund supports programs to help provide services and education for customers to learn how to use energy wisely.

"This is a new building from the ground up that's designed with energy efficiency in mind," said Rich Steeves, vice chairman of the fund.

Haller said UI works with engineers and designers to build in an energy-efficient manner, and encourages increased efficiency in new construction and retrofits.

"They told us we did a good job and we got a big check," Gravel quipped. He added, "It's better for the environment, and you spend less on fuel."

The plaque presentation took place in the new cultural arts center, which is part of the Renaissance Expansion, a new seven-story building with 88 apartments and other amenities.

Mayor Scott D. Jackson was also there. "We're on the cusp of doing something new in Connecticut, which is really developing energy efficiency products as a

way to reduce costs. It's what we need to bring in business to the state," he said.

UI officials and others in attendance got an impromptu tour of the nearly finished project, which is about three weeks away from completion.

Cork flooring in the new bistro is another renewable product in the building. The green roof can be seen from the second floor and has plants that serve as insulation for heating and cooling.

Two local businesses, Joiya Day Spa and Lucian's Greenhouse, will have a presence in the "Main Street" portion of the new building.

The addition has wide hallways that will serve as a revolving art gallery. New Haven Paint and Clay is the first group to display its works.

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App taps area's cuisine, art scene

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Those looking for a certain type of restaurant to try or are wondering what shows are coming to the area can access dining and entertainment listings at their fingertips with an iPhone application from the Arts Council of Greater New Haven.

The app is called ANDI — for Arts, Nightlife, Dining Info — and is available to download for free from iTunes and in the iPhone App Store on users' phones.

"A big piece of our mission is promoting the arts in our region," said Cindy Clair, executive director of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven. After hearing from members of the council's marketing roundtable, she said, "we decided we really wanted to develop (an app)."

The app lets users search for events happening in the region by type of event — music or theater, for instance — as well as by date. The database contains listings for events scheduled up to a couple of months into the future, Clair said.

Those who find an event they want to share can email friends the details directly from the app.

ANDI also includes restaurant listings that are generated based on the users' location. Listings also are searchable by cuisine type.

The app is available only on the iPhone, but Clair said the arts council hopes to generate enough interest and funding to develop an Android version as well.

The iPhone app was developed by Bruce Seymour of MEA Mobile. Seymour, who is based in New Haven, worked with his development team in New Zealand to produce the app. In addition to the arts council, the driving forces behind the app are the online news site New Haven Independent and Visit New Haven, which promotes tourism.

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