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**Meeting Soccer Stars...Marlborough girls met the U.S. women's national soccer team at Rentschler Field in East Hartford Oct. 22 at the team's practice the night before facing Germany. Pictured with midfielder Heather O'Reilly are Sarah Egazarian, Taylor Baran, Chelsea Egazarian, Grace Baran, Jayna Baran and Grace Egazarian. All the girls were also very happy about meeting and getting pictures with goaltender Hope Solo.**

## Osten Tops Coutu for State Senate

by Geeta Schrayter

Last week, Republican Chris Coutu expressed optimism in his chance of being elected to the 19th Senatorial District seat. But when the results rolled in Tuesday night, it turned out it would be his opponent, Democrat Cathy Osten, who would occupy the seat held for the past 18 years by retiring state Sen. Edith Prague (D-Columbia).

Osten was Prague's endorsed candidate, and on Wednesday she said she was "so proud" of Osten.

"I know that she will do a very good job for the people of the 19th District. I have endorsed Cathy since day one," Prague stated. "She's strong, she's very people oriented, she works hard, she cares a great deal and I'm very happy that she won."

On Wednesday Osten, who has been the first selectwoman of Sprague since 2007, was similarly excited.

"I'm ecstatic," she said, attributing the win to a lot of hard work and "a great team of people."

The 19th District currently covers 11 towns. However, due to recent redistricting, in January the district will feature 10 towns, and will include the *Rivereast* towns of Hebron and Marlborough, as well as Columbia, Franklin, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Norwich, Sprague and a portion of Montville.

Osten beat Coutu by a combined vote of

20,471-18,858.

However, in both of the *Rivereast* towns in the district, Coutu was the preferred candidate. In Hebron, Coutu took the lead with a vote of 2,701-2,101, and in Marlborough he was ahead with a vote of 1,812-1,496.

But that wasn't enough to overcome the Osten's victories in the other towns, including Coutu's hometown of Norwich, where she won by 1,689 votes.

On Wednesday, Coutu said he did "pretty well" and had received "a lot of support" – just not enough to win the seat.

"We worked really hard and I don't really see much that we could have done different," he said, adding he was thankful for the four years he's been able to represent the people in the 47th Assembly District, which covers Norwich, Canterbury, Scotland and Sprague. But despite enjoying his time in politics, Coutu said he had no plans to run again, at least "not now."

"I think I really am just going to try to disconnect a little bit from politics," he shared. "I think it will be good for me and my family to take a breath and sort of get a breath of fresh



**Cathy Osten**

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## Linares Edges Crawford in 33rd District Race

by Joshua Anusewicz

In a battle of candidates from the town of Westbrook, Republican Art Linares beat out Democratic state Rep. Jim Crawford for the soon-to-be vacant seat in the state's 33rd Senatorial District, which represents 12 Connecticut towns, including Colchester, East Hampton and Portland.

"I'm very happy and honored," said Linares on Wednesday. "I'm humbled by the whole experience and the ability to serve the people of this district."

A newcomer to state politics, the 23-year-old Linares surprised many by winning the Republican nomination in August, but left no doubt Tuesday as to whether he was a suitable candidate for the job.

Linares performed well in all *Rivereast* towns in the district: in Colchester, Linares beat Crawford 3,587-2,994, with Green Party can-



**Art Linares**

didate Melissa Schlag of Higganum picking up 610 votes; in East Hampton, Linares comfortably defeated Crawford 3,497-2,359, with Schlag earning 491 votes; in Portland, Crawford was able to beat Linares 2,146-2,094, with Schlag winning 294 votes.

Linares will now take the seat currently occupied by the retiring Democrat Eileen Daily, the former first selectwoman of Westbrook who has served the 33rd District for the past 20 years.

Linares is a recent graduate of the University of Tampa, where he worked as a legislative aide for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. Since returning from Florida, Linares has worked for his family company, Greenskies, a Middletown-based company that provides solar energy to businesses along the East Coast.

Linares said Wednesday his victory hadn't "entirely sunk in yet," but that the consequences of six months of hard campaigning were finally catching up to him as "the adrenaline wore off." In recent weeks, Linares could be seen throughout the district, including last week when he stood at the foot of the Arrigoni Bridge in the chilly early morning air to wave to voters as they passed.

All of that hard work was worth it in the end, Linares added, as he won the voice of the district and its residents.

"It was the people's message, coming through my campaign message," Linares said of his election. "Since day one, I've had the attitude that I'm here to get things done, by working together and working for the people. This is their victory."

Linares also commended his opponents for their campaigns, adding that he had "respect and admiration" for both candidates. Despite the loss, Crawford, 62, fared well in the district, earning over 20,000 votes and winning his hometown of Westbrook. Crawford could not be reached for comment this week, but released a statement on his campaign's Facebook page, thanking his supporters and congratulating Linares, a former student of his when he was a teacher in Westbrook.

"Very sad to report that I lost the election, but I couldn't be any more pleased by how incredibly hard my staff worked," Crawford stated Tuesday. "I feel privileged to have had all of your support these past few months."

Running as a third party candidate, Schlag

had a particularly strong showing for a candidate in her position, earning 9 percent of the vote, including 25 percent of the vote in her hometown of Haddam (of which Higganum is a part). Schlag is a small business owner and cofounder of Citizens for Protection of Public Lands, a group that was integral in stopping the controversial Haddam land swap that would have let private developers acquire state-owned land in Haddam in exchange for less valuable land elsewhere in the town.

Running without donations from taxpayers, Schlag stated on her Facebook page Tuesday that she was proud of her grassroots campaign and that it gave her inspiration to run for state office again in the future.

"You haven't seen the end of me; I'm not going away," Schlag stated. "If people thought I ran a good campaign this year, wait until you see what I will do in two years."

She continued, "The numbers really are amazing and it shows there was a shift this year, either to voters realizing they have a choice and doing their research to find the best candidate, or a shift to a move away from the polarizing two-party system."

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air and enjoy life outside of Hartford.”

Coutu furthered that he hoped the state “gets in order,” and as far as Osten is concerned, “hopefully she’ll be a part of the solution” he said.

Now that Osten’s been elected, she said the next step is to start gathering data from the towns in the district to see what they need.

“My number one issue has always been jobs,” she said, adding it “continues to remain my number one priority.”

And as she tackles that issue, Osten stated she’ll have the issues facing the 10 towns at heart, too – and she can’t wait to get started.

“I’m looking forward to getting to start the real work of governing – not campaigning,” she said. “I love governing.”

Last week, Osten elaborated on some of the other issues she considers important including farmland preservation, open space, education, senior issues and infrastructure repairs within

the district. She said she had “a long list” of things that need attention, and already had some ideas for addressing them.

To help with job creation and retention for example, Osten mentioned she’d market the jobs bill, a \$626 million program passed last October as a way to grow jobs and strengthen the state’s economy, to local businesses. She also mentioned cleaning up brownfields and placing new businesses on those areas that were previously unusable.

In addition, Osten said she wanted to help ensure seniors could stay in their home for as long as possible – which included helping ensure property taxes were kept down – and look into providing seniors with additional resources.

“The challenges to the state are great,” said Osten, “and I’m looking forward to working with other committed folks to work on those.”

## Fire Engulfs Portland Home, Displaces Family

by Joshua Anusewicz

A fire on Monday afternoon ripped through a Portland home, leaving the dwelling heavily damaged and the family of two displaced.

According to Fire Marshal Ray Sajdak, the fire occurred just before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5. The Portland Fire Department, with mutual aid from Glastonbury and Middletown, were dispatched to the structure fire at 16 Riverside St., where flames had engulfed the first floor and basement of the one-and-a-half story home, Sajdak said.

Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, Sajdak said, and performed “salvage and overhaul” of the structure. Sajdak said that the fire damage was confined to the first floor and

basement in the vicinity of a fireplace and chimney; he added that water damage was also present throughout the basement and living room.

Sajdak said that the family was home at the time of the fire, but were able to escape with the aid of working smoke detectors. The family has been displaced by the fire and, according to Sajdak, is temporarily living with family members.

Sajdak said that the fire originated in the basement near the fireplace, but that the cause of the fire is still under investigation pending an examination of the chimney construction and an inspection from the town building official.

## Fire Leaves Colchester Home Uninhabitable

by Melissa Roberto

A fire at a Chestnut Hill Road home last week dislodged two residents, and while the blaze is still under investigation, a generator may be to blame.

A residential ranch-style home at 364 Chestnut Hill Rd. caught fire last Wednesday, Oct. 31. Fire Chief Walter Cox confirmed that the Colchester Hayward Fire Department arrived to the scene within nine minutes of the call. The Bozrah, Montville, Oakdale and Salem Gardner Lake fire departments also reported to the blaze.

Cox said there was heavy smoke and fire coming from the right side of the house, and that the fire extended into the attic.

It took the fire departments 30 minutes to put out the fire, and an additional hour and a half was spent making sure the fire did not resume elsewhere in the house. The house is

located in a non-hydrant district, Cox said, so water was brought to the scene from fire trucks that hold up to 1,000 gallons of water, as well as “several” water tankers.

Fire Marshal Reed Gustafson said the elderly couple living at the residence, Thomas and Wanda Glemboski, were able to escape the home with their two dogs, without any injuries. He said Red Cross was contacted, although he does not know where the couple are currently staying.

Gustafson said the cause of the fire was “more than likely electrical.” He said a generator was in use at the home, as it did not have power due to Hurricane Sandy. However, when asked how the generator may have caused the blaze, Gustafson said he was not going to speculate.

## From the Editor's Desk

# Observations & Ruminations

by Mike Thompson

Okay, because of our publishing schedule, I wrote the bulk of this column Tuesday evening, before the presidential race was determined. I didn’t expect Obama-Romney to be decided until very late into the night Tuesday, possibly on Wednesday, or maybe even later than that. (I remember 2000 very well.) So I didn’t know if I’d be able to really address it.

But, as it turned out, the race was decided soon enough for me to slip in a few words. Simply put: ya done good, America. Ya done good.

I wasn’t sure leading into Tuesday Obama would pull this one out. Several polls seemed to have the two basically neck-and-neck. Obama was leading with women – which, frankly, wasn’t a surprise, if you were at all familiar with Romney’s beliefs – but Romney, somewhat bafflingly, was leading with men. I was hoping for the best, but steeling myself for the worst.

Needless to say, that didn’t happen – and I think the country will be a better place for it.

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I’m a big advocate of increased voter turnout, so I wasn’t about to turn around when I got to my polling station at Manchester High School Tuesday night. I chose to wait it out...and wait...and wait.

My tried-and-true “easy in, easy out” voting method – simply put, get to the polls at around 6:30 or 7 p.m., after the post-work rush and at the time most folks are getting their dinner – didn’t quite work this time around. The line was incredibly long, snaking down one hallway and across another, much longer one. There were at least 100 people ahead of me. In fact, I wasn’t anywhere close to the gymnasium the ballots were located in when the clock struck 8 p.m., and the doors to the school were locked.

Never fear, I was still able to take part in the democratic process; since I was in the building at 8, I could still vote, and my votes still counted, even though it was close to 8:30 p.m. by the time I finally slid my ballot into the slot. (Side note: I kinda miss the lever machines.)

I know turnout is always higher in a presidential election year, but this wasn’t my first presidential election; it was my fourth (although my first, in 2000, was handled via an absentee ballot as I was still in college at the time). And in 2004, and even in 2008, I never saw turnout like what I saw Tuesday. I think that reflects not just on the closeness of the Obama-Romney race, but also the McMahan-Murphy one.

But, whatever the cause, I’m not complaining. As I wrote last week, I’d love to one day see 100 percent voter turnout in all towns. So while waiting around in a high school hall-

of her supporters came up to thank her or wish her luck, including a Portland couple that came to her “with tears in their eyes” to express their gratitude for work she had done in the legislature that had alleviated a serious personal matter for their family.

It’s support like that, from complete strangers, which she said makes her work matter. “It’s very heartening,” Carpino added.

Phelps, an eight-year member of the Board of Education, was gracious in defeat on Wednesday, releasing a statement that thanked all of his supporters and congratulating Carpino on her victory.

“I want to thank everyone who worked so hard on this campaign,” Phelps stated in the release. “I am so very grateful for your support and encouragement. I treasure each and every one of the many new friends I made while knocking on doors across our district over the last seven and a half months. Our towns are truly wonderful places to live and raise a family.”

Now that the election has passed, Phelps said he will continue his work on the school board, as well as his work as a consumer and environ-

way wasn’t exactly how I planned to spend an hour and a half of my Tuesday evening – although I did buy some tasty Girl Scout cookies along the way – I’m actually kind of glad that I had to. More people care. Democracy was at work. And that’s never a bad thing.

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I was displeased by the criticism that was heaped on New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie last week – but nonetheless heartened by Christie’s reaction to it. Christie – a staunch Republican, who has publicly backed Mitt Romney – reached out to President Obama after Hurricane Sandy, and pictures were famously taken of the two of them touring the destruction along the Jersey shore, and comforting residents there.

Christie then praised Obama’s response to the disaster – and was promptly criticized by Romney’s supporters for doing so. Many of these critics took to Twitter, calling Christie a “traitor” and a “sellout,” while one even accused Christie of “throw[ing] Romney under the bus.” Rush Limbaugh, who can hurl fourth-grade-level insults with the best of them, called Christie “fat and a fool.”

Christie’s response to these critics? Essentially, shove it.

“This shows you how broken our political system is,” he said. “Because I say something nice about someone who does their job well, somehow that takes away my endorsement of Mitt Romney?”

Christie said Obama knows he supports Romney. “But,” he added, “that doesn’t mean we can’t work together and haven’t worked together, and we’ll continue to work together. I think that’s what the people of New Jersey expect of me. I got a job to do. My state has been damaged miserably by this storm, and they expect me to work with everybody to get this job done. So I hope we put this silliness aside. It’s crazy.”

It’s crazy indeed. New Jersey, as he said, is a mess. Some beautiful parts of the state may never look the same again. It only makes sense for the governor to reach out to the president and ask for help.

There’s a picture that went around the Internet not long after Obama and Christie toured the New Jersey damage. It features Obama hugging a woman who’s quite clearly been crying, while Christie looks on. The caption reads: “What we used to be, before the Tea Party, before the Koch Brothers, before Limbaugh, before the birthers: Americans.”

It was a somber photo, and one that makes a very good point. We should be Americans first, politicians second (or third, or fourth). Too bad it rarely works out that way.

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See you next week – and again, ya done good, America. Ya done good.

# Carpino Retains House Seat in 32nd District

by Joshua Anusewicz

Winning both Portland and Cromwell, Republican state Rep. Christie Carpino was elected to her second term to represent the state’s 32nd House District, defeating Democrat Christopher Phelps of Portland in Tuesday’s elections.

Carpino, the incumbent candidate from Cromwell, earned a total of 6,256 votes, or 54 percent, while Phelps, the chairman of Portland’s school board, received 5,273 votes, or 46 percent, throughout the district. Portland voters supported Carpino by a 2,443-2,189 margin, while Carpino also carried her hometown, 3,813-3,084.

Due to recent redistricting, the 32nd will, starting in January, include just Cromwell and Portland. Currently, the district includes Portland, Cromwell and a portion of Middletown.

“It’s an honor to serve the residents of this



Christie Carpino

district for another two years,” Carpino said Wednesday morning, as she collected her campaign signs from around the two towns. “I had hoped that the residents wanted me back, and I’m glad to see they do. I’m truly flattered.”

Carpino has been a popular and omnipresent representative over the last two years in the district, which she won in 2010 from Democrat Jim O’Rourke. A lawyer and former vice chair of the Cromwell Republican Town Committee, Carpino related that despite her incumbency, she wasn’t comfortable until “the last results came in.” When they did, and Phelps announced he would concede, she said her focus remained on her constituents and not her victory.

“Thanks to all of the supporters and all of the residents of Portland who have supported me over the last two years and for allowing me to be your representative once again,” Carpino said. “It’s truly humbling.”

Carpino said Tuesday was a “busy” day, as her and her campaign volunteers bounced back and forth between the polling locations in the district, where she received “a lot of positive responses” from the electorate. She said many

mental advocate in Hartford. Phelps added that despite encouragement from his supporters to run again in two years, he feels that “it is far too early to make a decision such as that.”

“Instead, I’m going to take some time to relax and enjoy doing what I love: working as an advocate for the public interest, for our families, and for our communities,” Phelps stated.

But for Carpino, the end of the election means two more years of serving the 32nd District. As her second term starts, Carpino said the state’s biggest concern is to address the escalating budget deficit by improving the economy and “getting the state back on track.” Carpino will also continue to champion education as part of the House’s education commission, where she was able to secure additional Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding for the district’s schools in her first term.

Fixing what ails the state is sure to be a challenge for Carpino and the rest of the state’s legislature as it reconvenes this January. But if Carpino proved anything in her first term, as a freshman representative learning the ropes, it’s that she won’t back down from a challenge.

# RHAM Administration Gets Pay Raises

by Geeta Schrayter

The RHAM Board of Education recently passed an administrators' contract for the 2013-14 school year, giving the school's leaders raises amounting to 1.88 percent.

The contract covers RHAM's two principals, assistant principals and the director of special education and will take effect July 1, 2013.

Under the contract, the salary for RHAM High School Principal Scott Leslie will increase from \$145,236 to \$147,966 while Assistant Principal Don Wilson increases from \$120,170 to \$122,429. At the middle school, Principal Mike Seroussi will receive a raise of \$2,629,

bringing his salary to \$142,457 while Assistant Principal Carri-Ann Bell will increase \$2,177 to \$117,964. Lastly, Special Education Director Eric Protulis will move from \$124,053 to \$126,385 for the 2013-14 school year.

Additionally, Superintendent of Schools Bob Siminski explained Wednesday health insurance premiums increased to 20 percent under the contract and prescription drug co-pays increase to \$10/20/30, depending on the medication. Over the next three years funding for Anthem High Deductible/High Savings Account deductibles will also decrease from 45 percent

in 2013-14 to 40 percent the following year and 35 percent the year after.

Siminski said during the negotiation process contracts for administrators at other school systems are examined for comparison, and the RHAM increase is below some of those reported.

"I think it's a reasonable settlement given what's happened in other communities," he said.

Board of Education Chairman Mike Turner added Wednesday the administrators had forgone a raise in the 2010-11 year and this seemed

like "a good compromise." He said it would have been "nice" to work out a three-year contract but a one-year would allow for staggered negotiations.

Turner furthered it was a reasonable increase when "looking at the economic climate and looking at other settlements and what our other bargaining units had received for their contract."

The administrators' contract for 2013-14 was approved 7-1 after an executive session Oct. 15, with Tom Tremont against. Tremont could not be reached for comment as to why he dissented.

## Cassano Defeats Pelletier for Senate Seat

by Geeta Schrayter

Two Manchester residents went head-to-head on Tuesday, both looking to represent their town – along with Glastonbury, Bolton and Andover – in the state's Fourth Senatorial District.

In the end, incumbent Steve Cassano, a Democrat, beat Republican Cheri Ann Pelletier by a combined vote of 24,933-19,177.

In Manchester, Cassano won handily, 13,520-8,464. He also topped Pelletier in Glastonbury, 9,330-8,477, and barely squeaked by her in Andover, 816-807. Pelletier won in Bolton, collecting 1,429 votes to Cassano's 1,267. (The Fourth District currently includes Marlborough instead of Andover, but recent redistricting shuffled Marlborough to the 19th District and Andover to the Fourth. The changes take effect in January.)

On Thursday, Cassano expressed a sense of relief.

"I'm feeling a lot better than when I woke



Steve Cassano

up Tuesday morning," he said, explaining there were a number of negative ads and a couple of negative flyers sent by different political action committees in the days leading up to the election that concerned him.

"They were coming from everywhere and just distorted and lied about some stuff," he said, adding it was something he's never encountered before "and this is my 21st time campaigning."

But the "greatest thing" for Cassano was that the residents of the district "looked behind" the attacks and decided they wouldn't let them determine who they wanted as senator.

"People were just so offended by some of the stuff," Cassano furthered, adding many people in the district are familiar with him and his record which helped. "If I was a new candidate, it probably would have killed me."

But now that Cassano can rest easy knowing he'll keep his seat for another term, he said there were some issues raised during the campaign that he'll need to address.

"There's nothing more important than the jobs situation," he said. "I want to really focus on job training."

Cassano said he'd been to over 40 small businesses and they've told him they can't hire people, because there aren't enough who are

qualified.

"We've got to do a better job of training," he said.

Last week Cassano elaborated, and said, for example, that there were plenty of jobs available in Connecticut in the field of aerospace if the proper training is provided – and providing that training will then have "a ripple effect."

Cassano said the budget and taxes would also be an issue.

"We've got to start to grow an economy," he said. "We can't afford to raise taxes anymore and I think we may have a real issue over that. We maxed out [taxes] to try to break even and that was a tremendous sacrifice for people."

Cassano tied this issue into the need for jobs as well – "we've got to get people to work," he said, adding the situation would only get more complicated as veterans continue to return to the country, adding to the number of people in need of work.

"As much as a jobs pool is important," Cassano said, "I want a jobs training pool, because I think that'll really help turn things around."

Although the challenges facing the state may

be daunting, Cassano said he's looking forward to the start of a new session in January and getting back to work.

"I'm looking forward to just getting back to the towns and doing what I do best – and I enjoy doing it," he said.

On Wednesday, Pelletier said her loss may have had to do with the number of Democrats in the state – and the political scene for the nation as a whole.

"I think we saw a big Democratic night from the nation down, and [riding] coattails goes a long way," she said.

Pelletier said Republican candidates have to "battle with the number of Democrats" that are registered and "outnumber us" in the state.

She added she was proud of her campaign and said "you do the best you can and that's all you can do."

Moving forward, Pelletier said she'll finish up her time on the Manchester Board of Directors and will work with Cassano "and all elective leaders for the betterment of our district."

She added she had "no regrets" and said she hopes Cassano will represent the needs of the entire district, "not just the Democrats."

## Magaldi-Lewis Tops Burbank in Registrar Race

by Geeta Schrayter

After months of campaigning and plenty of hard work, Election Day has come and gone. For Catherine Magaldi-Lewis, the result of all that work is she's the new Democratic Registrar of Voters.

"Wonderful. That's the first word that came to my head," Magaldi-Lewis said of the win on Wednesday. She overcame her opponent Marie Burbank by a vote of 728 to 237.

Magaldi-Lewis said she likes to surround herself with "good people and smart people," and said that was the case throughout her campaign.

"I had good people that watched out for me and were just very supportive; writing letters, giving guidance," she said. "They were just great people and I hope I do them proud."

Along with having a great support group, Magaldi-Lewis added her decision to focus on what she wants to do and not become "negative" may have helped her win the race.

"If you have enough confidence in yourself and in your experience, then just say what you

feel and what you believe in," she stated.

As the new registrar, Magaldi-Lewis said the first thing she wants to do is get in touch with the secretary of state's office to ask questions and continue to research elections and election law. She explained she already had a lot of print-outs and websites she wants to go to for information, but she said she likes to "go right to the source" so she's certain what she learns is accurate.

Magaldi-Lewis is replacing retiring registrar Kaye Cardin and comes to the position with experience stemming from her work in management and development. She also has skills as a facilitator and presenter, has been active at the polls and recently became a certified moderator. In last week's *RiverEast*, she said she'll need to be able to instruct people as the registrar, and that's something she feels confident about doing. She explained election laws are constantly changing and people will need to be informed when things are no longer the same.

"I think I'd be very good at instructing resi-

dents of town about changes," she said last week.

Magaldi-Lewis was endorsed by the Democratic Town Committee and beat Burbank by a vote of 137-57 at an August primary. In spite of the loss, Burbank decided to campaign as a petitioning candidate. She has said she didn't have an adequate amount of time to campaign for the primary since her husband, First Selectman Bob Burbank, had to unexpectedly undergo heart surgery. Continuing on as a petitioning candidate, she said, would allow her to make up for that.

But on Wednesday, Burbank said the primary loss may have still impacted the end result, and said if she had been able to run a stronger campaign from the beginning the outcome might have been different. She added her position on the bottom of the ballot and the fact that she was a petitioning candidate "really didn't help the situation."

Even so, Burbank said she didn't regret the outcome of August's primary and said she

"came out ahead" due to the fact that her husband recovered.

And as far as winning the race as a whole, Burbank said "it was a long shot to begin with." She added she ran for the position because she thought it would be better for the town to have somebody with experience. Burbank was town clerk for 12 years, during which time she had to perform some of the same duties the registrar is responsible for. She is also a certified moderator and is active during elections.

But, Burbank said, "what's done is done," and said she congratulated Magaldi-Lewis on the win.

Magaldi-Lewis was sworn in on Tuesday night after the results came in. As the new Democratic registrar, she said she's looking forward to what kind of changes come about "and what we can do to improve our system, if anything. I think there's always room for improvement and I look forward to being a part of that improvement."

## Orange Wins Another Term

by Melissa Roberto

Democrat Linda Orange has kept the 48th Assembly District seat warm for the last 16 years, and she'll be doing so for at least another two, thanks to an Election Day victory over Republican challenger Stan Soby.

This term will mark Orange's ninth consecutive term as the 48th District's state representative, and she said



Linda Orange

she is "delighted" to continue serving her constituents.

Noting that this year the 48th District has changed – starting in January, the district will include Colchester and portions of Windham, Lebanon and Mansfield, as opposed to its previous makeup of Colchester and East Haddam – Orange said her new term is a "great opportunity to be involved in new communities." She also said her "genuine" personality was the reason she was able to connect with residents of these four towns.

Orange, a Colchester resident, identified three goals she has set for herself during her new term: to improve education issues, the

economy and job expansion.

Orange also said she wanted to thank the people within the 48th District for their support as well as her campaign team for their "hard work and dedication."

Soby, a fellow Colchester resident and member of the Colchester Board of Selectmen, was a "respectful challenger," Orange said.

"We both ran a race that was positive," she said.

Orange swept all four towns on Tuesday. In Colchester, she received 3,891 votes to Soby's 3,004; she collected 1,404 in Lebanon to Soby's 873; she received 967 votes over Soby's 368 in Mansfield; and she took 356 votes in Windham

to Soby's 47.

Soby said Wednesday "obviously, I'm disappointed" by Tuesday's results. He said he thought his campaign had a good message, one that "I thought a lot of people responded to it but not enough to beat a seasoned legislator who ran a good campaign."

Soby did not say whether he would run for state office in the future, saying, "That is the furthest thing from my mind right now."

Also winning on Tuesday were Republican Diana Norton Giles and Democrat Dorothy A. Mrowka as Registrar of Voters in Colchester. Giles received 3,605 votes while Mrowka received 3,509.

# Marlborough Selectmen OK Prescription Discount Card Program

by **Melissa Roberto**

The Board of Selectmen Tuesday passed a new town-wide prescription discount card program, and also continued discussion on the Stage Harbor sewer project.

The prescription discount card program will provide discounts on prescriptions to all residents of Marlborough. Each resident will receive a discount card in the mail, no matter if the individual is underinsured or has no insurance at all. The card provides discounts on prescription medications, and also comes into effect for vision care, Lasik surgery, hearing aids and hearing testing.

The contract is between the town and the CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the statewide association of towns and cities. At least 40 Connecticut towns – including nearby Colchester and Hebron – have either started or are in the process of participating in the program. The program was created by ProAct, Inc., an experienced discount card provider who negotiates discount rates directly with participating pharmacies.

All Marlborough residents will receive a postcard in the mail and will be able to punch out the discount card for immediate use. Gaudinski said Marlborough residents can expect the cards in the mail within four to eight weeks. She confirmed that there is no enrollment fee and that the card will not display any personal identification or health information.

“I think it will benefit people who currently do not have any medical coverage and require prescription drugs,” Gaudinski said, “especially our senior citizens that fall into that doughnut hole gap and I hope they take advantage of it.”

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Also Tuesday, the selectmen continued reviewing preliminary project cost estimates for the town’s portion of the Stage Harbor Healthcare Center/Town Sewer Expansion Project.

The project was first created to benefit Stage Harbor, which currently pumps its system daily, sometimes even twice a day. The center is planning to fund its own pump, which is estimated to cost \$1.8 million. The system will be con-

structed on Stage Harbor Road all the way to Route 2 and at that point will cross beneath the Park Road overpass. The town will then meet the health care center’s connection at the corner of Park Road and Cheney Road which will continue up Cheney Road, Beverly Lane and North Main Street.

This week’s estimates included the town’s portion of the construction on Cheney Road to Park Road and Beverly Lane. However, unlike previous cost estimates, this week’s meeting did not include cost projections for North Main Street. Gaudinski stated that the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) have considered leaving North Main Street out of the project altogether but she confirmed that nothing has been decided just yet. Therefore, without the cost of North Main Street in the estimates, Gaudinski referred to the plan as “probably the base rate of the project” and could go up if North Main Street is included in the final plan.

Gaudinski explained that the preliminary cost estimate for the construction on Cheney Road to Park Road and Beverly Lane was anticipated at a total of \$760,541. In addition, the total construction costs were broken down into six categories: \$508,123 for construction, \$85,000 for legal and financing, \$76,218 for construction contingency, \$60,200 for resident inspections, \$56,000 for construction administration, and \$25,000 for design and bid documents and construction administration.

In addition, interest rates were also projected for the construction of Cheney Road to Park Road and Beverly Lane. Gaudinski said, based on the current bond markets, the financial advisor is estimating that the interest rate will be between two to four percent. There will be two phases of interest costs, Gaudinski said. The first is the short-term borrowing that is needed to start a project. The second is the long term obligation bond once the construction is completed, estimated to last 20 years. Gaudinski estimated that construction for the project should take around two years.

With a 2 percent interest rate, the short-term note for two years was projected at \$18,433 and the long-term borrowing for an estimated 20

years is \$162,847. A total of these two numbers added to the preliminary cost estimate results in a total of \$941,821. As the interest percentage goes up, the total does as well.

A 4 percent interest rate including the preliminary cost is estimated at a total of \$1,106,095.

With the removal of North Main Street from the projected cost estimates, the number of equivalent dwelling units (EDUs) for the project went from a total of 22 down to 17 for the town’s part of the construction. This total was broken down into 12 EDUs for Cheney Road and 5 EDUs for Beverly Lane. An EDU is a base rate that factors into an individual’s operation and maintenance (O&M) fee that a homeowner pays every year. A home under four bedrooms is 1 EDU. Currently the O&M fee is \$433 per year for people that are currently hooked up to the sewer district. The fee is determined by a budget developed by the WPCA.

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Also at the meeting, Gaudinski discussed Hurricane Sandy and its effects on the town. She said, work conducted by Connecticut Light & Power and the Marlborough Public Works Department went “very well” during the aftermath of the storm. She confirmed that at one point the town was 100 percent without power and that on Tuesday morning after the storm 87 percent of the town was without electricity. Also, she said, the town had 13 roads fully blocked and the first priority of the town was to clear trees and wires on the streets.

“I thought CL&P was very responsive in terms of our needs,” said Gaudinski.

Gaudinski said the Marlborough alerts system was used for the first time in terms of sending out messages over the phone to residents and businesses. Gaudinski said she sent out six messages: two pre-storm to make residents aware that the storm was coming, and four post-storm which gave updates of power outages and where potable water was available in town. She explained that her next goal is to be proactive and to have people sign up for the alert system which gives residents a chance to receive texts,

phone calls or emails to their cell phones in times of an emergency or a major event in town.

Gaudinski also noted there were no injuries or deaths in town as a result of the storm.

The selectmen also reviewed a letter sent to them by William Grant of 94 Jerry Daniels Road. The letter explained that in an April meeting with Town Planner Peter Hughes, residents of Ridgewood Drive, Sandy Lane, Gina Lane and Jerry Daniels Road were told that these four roads would be included in the pavement project this fall. However, Grant said Jerry Daniels Road has not yet been worked on as opposed to the other three streets. In his letter Grant asked the selectmen to “be prudent” and consider the paving of a 300-foot portion of Jerry Daniels Road that is in the worst condition because “the contractor is already on-site” and that the cost of the work “should be minimal”.

Gaudinski concluded that after receiving the letter last week, Jerry Daniels Road was not going to be paved at this time because it was not included in the bond funds for this fall’s paving project as the other roads were. Gaudinski also added that she understands the need for Jerry Daniels Road to be finished but believes the work should be more than just the 300-foot portion and it will be assessed in the future.

Gaudinski also added that the town received a \$1,000 donation from the Hartford County 4-H Camp this year. Gaudinski stated that she was “impressed” that 1,133 kids ages 7-14 and that 178 teens ages 15-18 attended the camp this past summer and that 112 of those boys and girls are from Marlborough. “I think it is a well-attended program,” said Gaudinski.

Lastly, Gaudinski also discussed what she called a “fun event” she took part in recently in town. The Marlborough Daisy Girl Scouts planted 100 tulips on the Town Green in honor of their 100-year anniversary.

“It’ll add some color to our landscape so that is nice,” said Gaudinski.

The next Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Nov. 20, 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 26 North Main St.

# Proposed Dog Camp Upsets Marlborough Residents

by **Melissa Roberto**

With a public hearing on the project just around the corner, residents have expressed frustration about the proposed Country-Dogs dog boarding camp that could reside at 15 Bull Hill Rd.

Mark Cave, owner of the Country-Dogs boarding camps in Virginia and Pennsylvania hopes to turn the stable on 15 Bull Hill Rd. into a boarding facility for dogs. His company converts horse boarding facilities into dog care businesses that care for dogs on a long-term basis. Cave explained that Country-Dogs picks up and delivers dogs to and from major cities every Monday and Thursday and his envision for Marlborough is to take dogs in from Boston. Cave said the average number of dogs on his properties at a time is in the mid-teens.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Marlborough Elementary School, 25 School Dr.

Nearby residents have expressed multiple potential concerns: excessive barking, an increase in traffic, dog waste making its way into the neighborhood and a decrease in property values.

Marlborough Town Planner Peter Hughes said that the town has received many anonymous letters with fictitious names and addresses concerning the issue.

David Mathieu, a resident of Bull Hill Road, said one of his biggest concerns would be the nuisance of barking dogs. He also said the area is residential and it is not remote. He believes that if the dog camp was approved, it would change the “traditional town feel” of the area

from “agricultural to commercial,” which he thinks could negatively impact residents in the area and result in a decrease of property value.

Cave said he is aware residents are concerned with a noise issue and said the barn where the dogs would be located would be insulated for noise and heat. He also explained his hopes to build an inner door within the barn so that if dogs are barking the outer door would be shut “that way the barking noise doesn’t go outside.”

Cave added that it wouldn’t be immediately obvious the building is even a dog day camp. He said the Country-Dogs camps in Virginia and Pennsylvania do not have signs that disclose the name or the hours of the facility, and he does not plan to put one up in Marlborough either.

Marlborough Town Planner Peter Hughes said that in order for the dog camp to go into the desired location, a special use permit will be needed just like the horse farm next to it needed in 1972. He also explained that if the dog camp is approved, the neighborhood and location would still be considered residential.

Mathieu, like other neighbors in the area, does not think the dog camp adds anything positive to Marlborough. He said the facility would not add any potential for job growth or an increase in revenues for the town.

Don Kuerner, a neighbor who said his property adjoins the farm on South Road, has a concern with an increase in animal waste consuming his property. According to Kuerner, his property line to the barn is less than 100 feet away. He mentioned that he has already had conflicts

in the past concerning horse waste and blames the owner of the property, Lynn Wolf, who rents her property out to the owners of Bromley Kings Farm. (Wolf could not be reached for comment for this story.)

“The waste from those horses has been allowed to accumulate and it spills over to my property and sits there for years at a time,” Kuerner said.

Through his past experiences the manure management issue, Kuerner is worried the dog facility could potentially pose the same problem.

Cave said that he “obviously can’t move forward” with the project before the public hearing is held, but that he would hope to dispose of dog waste in “an environmentally-sensitive and a regulatory-compliant way.”

“We will not poison anybody’s ground water with our corporation or defoul it because we will be drinking the same water and we wouldn’t want to do that to ourselves or anyone else,” said Cave.

Hughes said the only problem brought to the Zoning Commission in the past concerning the horse facility has been the manure management and that to his knowledge it is a problem that has been addressed already this year.

Other residents’ concerns include the possibility of dogs from different distances carrying diseases.

“We’re not talking about moving a building or putting up a building, we’re talking about bringing in dogs from different areas,” Kuerner said. “We can’t control their behavior.”

Alberta Balda is another concerned resident worried about additional animal waste making way into the wells in the neighborhood.

And Balda does not think that it being a dog boarding camp and not necessarily a kennel alleviates potential problems. Cave is “still going to have a lot of dogs there so I don’t care what he calls it,” she said.

A portion of the desired location where Cave hopes to open up his facility is located in Colchester. Colchester Town Planner Adam Turner confirmed that “about an acre” of the land resides in the town. However, he said he didn’t want to make any further comments on the proposal and would rather wait to listen to the testimonies at next week’s public hearing.

“It has the potential to have an impact [on Colchester] but it’s hard to say what that impact will be until the hearing,” Turner said.

Hughes said the Zoning Commission will listen to all of the details presented at the public hearing, and will make an appropriate decision within 65 days. He added that, while Colchester was notified of the proposal due to the portion of it located there, the decision on the project is up to the Marlborough Zoning Commission.

Cave said he would be would be happy to talk with anyone who has concerns about his proposed facility and said residents can go to [country-dogs.net](http://country-dogs.net) for more information about his company. He can also be reached at 888-711-7833 ext. 1 for those who would like to speak with him directly.

# Marlborough Facebook Page Leads to Generosity to Sandy Victims

by Melissa Roberto

The power of Facebook proved to be the driving force behind the charitable efforts of Marlborough residents that have donated an abundance of necessities to victims in New York suffering from the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

Marlborough resident Tracey Neumuth said that it all started from a simple Facebook status that her friend from Glastonbury, Kerri Doyle, posted on Halloween saying she would be making a trip up to her hometown of Queens later in the week and asked if anyone was willing to donate supplies to help those experiencing loss from the wreckage. Doyle said she was in tears while watching the destruction in Queens which she said left nearly 80 people in the area without homes.

Neumuth said her decision to share Doyle's status that day resulted in an outpour of Marlborough residents willing to donate materials.

"It just blew up," said Neumuth about her Facebook, adding that she arrived home later that night to a pile of supplies on her front porch.

Likewise, Doyle explained that by the end of Wednesday night a whole room in her house was filled and her front yard "looked like a tag sale."

Neumuth's communication via social networking resulted in Marlborough's own donation center in the old location of It's So Ranunculus Flower Shoppe at 3-5 East Hampton Rd. which recently moved to 59 North Main St and opened on Oct. 1. The store owner Craig Robinson was first contacted by a fellow Marlborough Business Association member Sharon Reiner, who asked if his new location would be available to store donations related to Doyle and Neumuth's efforts. Robinson agreed with the idea but felt it made more sense to use the old space which was empty and had "more room than ever" to store donations.

"Looking at the volume of stuff there, I'm glad we did it," Robinson said Tuesday afternoon.

The shop opened Monday morning as a drop-off site and it lasted throughout the week. The donated items have been organized into many sections: baby, children, medical, cleaning sup-

plies, men, women, pets, shovels, water, and sheets and blankets.

As of Monday afternoon, just a week after Hurricane Sandy hit, Doyle said the biggest priorities were baby food, baby supplies, cleaning supplies, blankets, non-perishable food, hand warmers and batteries. She mentioned that Queens had received plenty of clothes and was running out of room to store the clothing.

Donations by Marlborough residents continued throughout the week. Owner of Streamline Electric, Brendon Montstream, donated a brand new company truck to Doyle and Neumuth for the week to transport items to and from New York.

"Marlborough is a very small town but it has an enormous heart and I think that people really underestimate what a small town can do," said Neumuth.

Linda Zimmer, the head of the Girl Scouts organization in Marlborough, has remained in contact with Neumuth throughout the week and asked what the girl scouts can do to help.

In addition, employees of the Middlesex Hospital on Jones Hollow Road have also donated to the cause.

"I think it's interesting that groups of friends or groups of people that work together have been donating," said Neumuth.

As a mother of three, Neumuth also added that one of the most rewarding things throughout the process has been showing her children how to give to people in need.

"It's showing your kids that you need to be involved and at some point in life you're going to be on that receiving end of kindness," she said.

Companies in Glastonbury have also reached out. Nick Monaco of Monaco Ford in Glastonbury opened up bays in the facility to store donated items and made a trip to New York Thursday with a 26-foot company truck. Part of the donations from Glastonbury came from Belltown Orchards which held a collection last weekend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. resulting in 17 crates full of necessities for N.Y. residents in need.

After traveling to Queens earlier in the week, Doyle described the area, specifically Breezy Point and Rockaway Beach, as "Katrina in an



**Boxes of donated items lined the old location of It's So Ranunculus on Monday to go to people suffering in Queens, N.Y., as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Sandy. The empty building was transformed into a drop-off site and was opened all week for residents willing to donate materials to those in need.**

urban setting" which made her even more inclined to make others aware of the poor conditions.

Due to the high volume Doyle received on her own Facebook, she created a group anyone can join called "Greater Hartford-New York Relief Funds". She has posted pictures and updates on the page throughout the week to show what's going on in the Queens area. Just four days after the Facebook page was created, 250 Facebook friends joined the group.

"There are thousands of homeless people in New York City including babies [and] that stuff is not showing on the news," she said.

Doyle also explained that loiterers in the area are stealing items because people's houses are torn open.

But the point that Doyle wanted to emphasize is that her efforts will not stop anytime soon.

"People volunteer and offer to do things usually between the first two weeks a tragedy strikes but then it's forgotten about," said Doyle, "that's why I started this website, I want it ongoing, I want it to be until the need is over."

Doyle said she understands that Connecticut is also hurting, but her decision to help New

York was "due to the severity of the damage".

"It's just that my ties are in New York and I know how badly they got hit," said Doyle. And just when it seems like New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have experienced enough bad weather; a nor'easter hit Wednesday causing more destruction to the already heavily-damaged areas. The wintry mix of snow, rain and wind left even more customers without power.

Neumuth said this has added shovels, gloves, mittens, flashlights and batteries to the list of most critical items needed in the area.

Lastly, she pointed out that there is also a huge need for volunteers in Queens. "New Yorkers don't have ways to get around because there is no gas and no easy way for people to get to the resources we're bringing," she said.

But Neumuth and Doyle cannot thank nearby residents and business owners enough for their support. In an email sent by Neumuth she declared, "WE can't stress enough how amazing the community outpouring of support has been."

The two encourage readers to check out the Facebook group "Greater Hartford-New York Relief Funds" to find out more information about making a contribution.

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## Ziobron Bests Goff for 34th District Seat

by Joshua Anusewicz

For the first time in years, a Republican will be representing the state's 34th House District.



**Melissa Ziobron**

East Haddam's Melissa Ziobron defeated Democrat Christopher Goff of East Hampton by a 6,240-5,122 during Tuesday's elections, and will now take over the seat from the retiring Gail Hamm, a Democrat from East Hampton that has held the seat for over a decade.

The victory came as a relief to Ziobron, who has been campaigning since spring for the seat.

"I have worked very hard and the hard work paid off," Ziobron said Wednesday, after getting no sleep on Tuesday night.

Ziobron, the former economic development coordinator for East Haddam, said she was "very humbled" by the support she received throughout the district, which includes East Hampton, East Haddam, and the Westchester portion of Colchester. She said she was especially pleased that she won East Hampton – the town she grew up in – an accomplishment that she called "gratifying."

According to the results acquired from each

town, Ziobron won in all three communities; in East Haddam, Ziobron won by a 2,581-1,855 vote; in Colchester, Ziobron won 325-258; and in East Hampton, Ziobron won 3,334-3,009, with write-in candidate Bill Devine garnering 79 votes.

The end of the campaign will also come as a relief to Ziobron, who called her campaign regiment "intense," particularly in the last few weeks before the elections. For the three weeks prior to the election, Ziobron said she was up every Monday and Friday at 6 a.m., holding signs and waving to motorists with enthusiastic supporters in every town.

Many of those supporters came out on Tuesday to celebrate the victory at The Gelston House restaurant in East Haddam, where nearly 100 locals from all political affiliations, Ziobron said, celebrated the win. Ziobron credited those supporters and volunteers that helped in the campaign with being one of the biggest reasons for her win.

"They waved and posted signs and helped get the word out," she said of her campaign volunteers. "You take all those pieces and put it together, that's how we won."

Not able to put it together for the win, Goff said Wednesday that he was "obviously disappointed" by the outcome, but admitted that he was pleased it was a fairly close race.

"We put up a good fight," Goff said. "We

definitely made [Ziobron] work for it."

Goff said that he conceded the race on Tuesday in front of 50 or so supporters at The Dublin restaurant in East Hampton, where he personally called Ziobron to congratulate her on the win before thanking those who helped his campaign, including his three children who he said had to put up with his "crazy schedule over the last few months."

That crazy schedule is thankfully over, Goff said, after the "positive and productive" campaign that he promised to run. Goff said that he's not sure if he will run for state office again, but did say that he is keeping "all options open" but is going "sit back and relax" for now. He said he would be inspired to remain in public service, even in defeat, relating a story of support during his post-election gathering from Nikki O'Neill, wife of the late governor and East Hampton native William O'Neill. She reminded Goff that it took her husband three tries before being elected to the legislature, which eventually paid off when he reached the highest post in the state.

"So you never know. I'll still be around," Goff said.

For both candidates, Tuesday's elections went smoothly for the most part, aside from one hiccup for each side. For Ziobron, she said she got "a little scare" when ballots were jamming at the polls in East Haddam, an issue that

was quickly fixed by the local moderators. For Goff, he said he ran into a more serious issue in Westchester, where multiple voters noticed that ballots listed Linda Orange, a state representative candidate for the 48th District, in the place of Goff. (The 48th District covers the rest of Colchester – and, incidentally, up until recent redistricting included East Haddam as well.) The matter wouldn't change the outcome of the overall vote, Goff said, if more ballots were incorrect, but Goff said that the issue "should be pursued" to see why the error occurred.

Now with the election over, Ziobron said she will take a few days to rest before jumping into the position that she will take over in January. Ziobron said she plans to meet with her constituents at least once before heading to Hartford, and added that she plans to meet with fellow legislators in hopes of getting acclimated before entering the House; she has already scheduled a meeting with Christie Carpino, a Republican state representative from the neighboring 32nd District.

With only two years in her term, she understands her time is precious and that, as a freshman legislator, her focus has to be laser sharp.

"I need to be as effective as I can be when I represent this district," Ziobron said. "I plan to prioritize and set realistic goals of what I can do as a freshman legislator."

# Courtney, Larson Easily Win Re-Election to House

By Joshua Anusewicz

Incumbent Democratic Congressmen John Larson (1st District) and Joe Courtney (2nd District) had no problem dispatching their Republican challengers on Tuesday, with each candidate winning re-election with over two-thirds of the vote in their respective districts.

Larson, an East Hartford native and congressman since 1998, defeated Republican opponent John Decker of West Hartford by a 70-28 percent margin. The 1st District includes Portland, which supported Larson's re-election with a 2,640-1,550 vote.

"Thank you very much for allowing me the honor of representing you for an 8th term in Congress," Larson stated on his campaign website this week. "Your overwhelming show of support over these last few months has been truly inspiring and one I will never forget."

Prior to serving in Congress, Larson served on the East Hartford Board of Education and City Council, before moving on to the state

Senate from 1983-1994. In 1998, Larson was elected to Congress; since 2009, Larson has served as chairman of the House's Democratic Caucus, where he had held the position of vice chairman from 2006-2009.

Decker, a little-known candidate who is a certified financial advisor and a deacon at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, was gracious in defeat, releasing a statement this week to thank his supporters for their hard work in this, his first campaign.

"While we did not win, we have much to be proud of," Decker stated. "We pushed the political machine and challenged the status quo."

In a just slightly closer race, Courtney was able to defeat Republican Paul Formica, the first selectman of East Lyme. Courtney, of Vernon, defeated Formica 67-31 percent, which included convincing wins in five *Rivereast* towns: in Andover, Courtney won 1,124-508; in Colchester, Courtney easily won 5,073-2,262; in East Hampton, he defeated Formica 4,041-

2,170; in Hebron, he walked to a 3,070-1,695 victory; and in Marlborough, he won 2,045-1,266.

Now going into his fourth term, Courtney has served Connecticut since 1987, when he was elected as state representative of 56th House District, a position he held until 1994. A staunch supporter of the country's military, Courtney has served on House Armed Services Committee during his time in Washington, as well as the Committee on Agriculture.

"Thank you to Team Courtney and our volunteers who made tens of thousands of calls and knocked on thousands of doors," Courtney stated on his Facebook page. "I am honored tonight to be elected to a fourth term as the Congressman from eastern Connecticut."

Formica, who has served for the past five years as East Lyme's first selectman and is a small business owner in the town, was able to put up a decent fight against the strong incumbent. Running on "common sense, Main Street

values," Formica was able to earn the party nomination this summer over Daria Novak, a surprise to many.

His first state campaign was something he'll treasure, he announced in a statement on his Facebook page. "Thank you to everyone that supported the campaign," he stated. "It was an incredible experience to run for the United States Congress and I appreciate your support."

Fortunately for him, however, he can stay in his current position. "Now back to the best job in the world as first selectman of East Lyme!" he stated.

With reelection, Larson and Courtney will once again ensure that all five Connecticut representatives are Democrat; they will join Rosa DeLauro in the 3rd District, Jim Himes in the 4th District, and Elizabeth Esty in the 5th District, who won a tight race over Andrew Roraback to replace now-U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy.

## Sawyer Wins Eleventh Term

by Geeta Schrayter

Republican state Representative Pam Sawyer's tenure is set to continue, as she handily defeated opponent Richard Marzi Tuesday, by a vote of 9,157-3,432.

The win gave Sawyer her 11th term representing the 55th Assembly District, which covers Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Bolton.

On Wednesday, Sawyer said she was tired from a long day of standing out in the cold at the district's polling places, but she added being able to interact with the voters was "very rewarding."

"It was very rewarding to have so many people come up to me while I stood at the polls and want to talk about issues," she said. "To me, the best part about that was they felt comfortable approaching me. So we covered issues from financial to social issues to local curbside issues."



Pam Sawyer

Sawyer, a Bolton resident, added she was "fortunate" to have been able to visit the four towns in the district. In each of the towns Sawyer took a substantial lead over Hebron resident Marzi. In Andover, the vote was 1,164-423 while in Bolton the vote was 2,063-691. In Hebron she won by a vote of 3,551-1,356 and in Marlborough by a vote of 2,379-962.

On Wednesday, Marzi, a Hebron resident, said he was "feeling good," despite the loss. He said he had a goal of surpassing the 4,000-vote mark, and while he "came up short" he was proud of the number of individuals who voted for him and excited to run again in 2014.

"I can't wait to run again in two years. I plan on running," he said, adding due to the length of time Sawyer has been in office, it could take a few campaigns to win.

"I've been told it's probably going to take a couple of campaigns here to get a victory and I'm willing to put in the equity and the sweat," Marzi stated.

But until that time, Marzi, who called the campaign "a blessing" since it allowed him to meet so many people, said he congratulated Sawyer and wished her the best.

"She's been a pleasure to compete against

and good luck to her," he said.

For Sawyer, the end of election season in no way means it's time for a break. She explained she'll be involved with different Veterans Day ceremonies this weekend, noting her husband was a retired major in the U.S. Army, her father had been in the Navy and her grandfather, the Army as well. As such, she said Nov. 11 "has great significance" to her and her family.

"I'm very cognizant of the military families who have given a lot to their country," she said.

In addition, Sawyer explained there was a lot of work to do in order to prepare for freshman orientation for House and Senate newcomers. The bipartisan orientation takes place in the beginning of December as a way to introduce new members to the lay of the land in Hartford.

"It's a whole new world when you step into the capitol," Sawyer said.

The end of campaigning also means it's time to focus on the major issues facing the state, one of which is Connecticut's debt.

"One of the first things that has to be dealt

with is the state's financial issues because we are in the red this year and in the projections for next year there's a lot of red ink to match it and more," she said. "So the primary focus will be on the budget and the oversized taxes."

Sawyer said she'd be reaching "across the aisle" to discuss the budget shortfalls and try "to get control of those." Managing the budget was important, she stated, because "it is the key to Connecticut's future."

Last week, Sawyer said other issues of import were improving the business climate in the state – by looking at job training and removing some of the "burdensome regulations" – jobs, and investing in fraud investigators. Sawyer explained if 26 new fraud investigators were hired, the state could be saved an estimated \$200 million.

"We have a lot of work to do," she said, adding she'd continue to be as accessible as she has been in the communities she represents, and continue to work hard on the issues facing Connecticut.

## Murphy Thumps McMahon for Senate Seat

by Joshua Anusewicz

After months of bitter campaigning, it didn't take long for the U.S. Senate race in Connecticut to end, as shortly after polls closed statewide at 8 p.m., Democrat Chris Murphy was quickly announced the winner over Republican Linda McMahon.

In the race that drew national attention for its importance, viciousness, and campaign costs, Murphy soundly defeated McMahon by a 55-43 percent margin. Murphy, the current congressman in state's 5th District, will take the seat that will be vacated by Sen. Joe Lieberman, who announced he will retire at the end of this term.

In a statement released Tuesday night, Murphy thanked his supporters for building a large grassroots campaign that vaulted him into the Senate.

"From the thousands of individuals living paycheck to paycheck who sacrificed to give \$5, \$10 and \$20, to the college students who volunteered between classes," Murphy stated, "your support has humbled me and I will remember it with every vote I cast in the Senate."

Murphy, 39, a resident of Cheshire, is no stranger to Nutmeggers, having previously served in both the Connecticut House of Representatives, serving the 81st District from 1999-2002, and the Connecticut

Senate, serving the 16th District from 2003-2006. Since 2007, Murphy has represented the 5th District, which will now be represented by Democrat Elizabeth Esty.

Despite the win, much of the focus locally and nationally focused on McMahon, 63, the former president and CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). Much of that focus was put on the amount McMahon spent on the campaign, which – coupled with her unsuccessful Senate run in 2010 – cost her nearly \$100 million of her own money.

McMahon's high profile and tireless campaigning did earn her a legion of loyal supporters, however. On Tuesday, McMahon released a statement on her website congratulating Murphy on his victory and thanking those supporters for their hard work.

"I am so proud of the campaign I've run. I cannot even begin to thank my supporters enough," McMahon stated. "You have taken time out from your days to come see me at campaign stops and to make phone calls and knock on doors, and I could not have done this without all of you."

Murphy will now join Sen. Richard Blumenthal, also a Democrat, as the second senator in Connecticut.

## Marlborough School Board Approves Raises for Teachers, Administrators

by Melissa Roberto

The Board of Education Monday unanimously approved pay raises for teachers and administrators at Marlborough Elementary School, to take effect July 1, 2013.

School board chairwoman Betty O'Brien explained the contract respects the teachers as well as "a concern for the taxpayers during these tough economic times."

"The same holds true for our two building administrators!" she said.

Those administrators – Principal Scott Nierendorf and Assistant Principal Dr. Maureen Ryan – will each see increases of 1.5 percent for the 2013-14 fiscal year, bringing their salaries to \$129,263 and \$113,391, respectively.

They will each receive another 1.5 percent for the 2014-15 fiscal year, and 1.75 percent increases for 2015-16.

The wage increases as stated in the teachers' contract are 1.8 percent for teachers in the 2013-14 fiscal year, 1.6 percent for 2014-15 and 1.5 percent for 2015-16.

The board Monday also rejected two bus transportation bids, due to more information needed. Superintendent of Schools David Sklarz will report about these contracts at the next meeting.

"This rejection is in no way a reflection of the qualifications of the bidding companies," O'Brien said, "but rather that the board wants to do its diligence and assure that we get the most qualified bus company to transport our children at the best value to our taxpayers."

The next Board of Education meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Marlborough Elementary School Library/Media Center, 25 School Dr.

## Obituaries

### East Hampton

#### Sean Kristopher Canterbury

Sean Kristopher Canterbury, 39, of East Hampton, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 29. Sean was born in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Nov. 9, 1972, and moved to Connecticut in 1975. He was a graduate of East Hampton High School and Middlesex Community College with a degree in fine arts.



Sean was self-employed as a painting contractor in the central Connecticut area. He was also a very gifted artist who completed many beautiful sculptures, paintings, portraits and sketches and most who saw his work were very impressed. He was also a member of the Middletown Dart League and enjoyed this activity and his friends on a weekly basis.

A big fan of Harley Davidson motorcycles, he loved cruising on his bike which he called "Midnight" with his fiancée Kim Duerr and his many biking friends. He was also an accomplished karaoke singer and spent many nights entertaining himself, and others, wherever the opportunity arose.

Sean leaves his father, Edgar Canterbury of East Hampton; brothers Edgar Canterbury Jr. of East Hampton, Jason Canterbury and his wife Renee of East Hampton, his mother Belinda King of Arizona; stepmother Jayne Canterbury of Maryland; his fiancée, Kimberly Duerr of Rocky Hill; and his beloved nephews who adored him, Charles, Collin, Christian, Jason Jr. and Taylor.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 5, in the Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, with Rev. Walter Nagle officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in East Hampton. Friends called at the Spencer Funeral Home Sunday evening, Nov. 4.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Sean K. Canterbury Memorial Fund and mailed to Spencer Funeral Home P.O. Box 90 East Hampton, CT 06424.

To leave online condolences, visit [spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### Colchester

#### George Adams

George Adams, 98, of Colchester and formerly of Groton and Fitchburg, Mass., widower of the late Jenny I. "Jay" Adams, passed away early Monday, Oct. 29, at his son's home in Colchester. Born Dec. 8, 1913, in Gardner, Mass., he was a son of the late Andre and Kartanen "Constance" (Burencer) Adams.

He and Jenny were married Aug. 22, 1936. The couple raised their family in Fitchburg, Mass., before retiring to Florida and later to Connecticut. They shared 76 years of marriage before she predeceased him Sept. 22, 2012.

Mr. Adams worked as a machinist and a shop foreman for many years. He was an accomplished athlete and was elected to Gardner High School's "Hall of Fame." He won a gold medal for free style swimming in 1932 for the New England championship.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He raised beagles that he used for field trials and rabbit hunting. George had a green thumb and always had a successful garden.

He will be sadly missed but always remembered by the family and friends he leaves. He leaves a son, James A. Adams of Colchester, with whom he made his home, five grandchildren, James P. Adams, Steven E. Adams, Christine R. Pottinger, Cheryl Adams and John Adams.

He was predeceased by a son, George V. Adams.

Funeral services will be held privately. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in Gardner, Mass.

The Aurora-McCarthy Funeral Home of Colchester has been entrusted with arrangements.

### Marlborough

#### Madelyn Kmetzo

Madelyn Hanmer Sisson Kmetzo, 86, of Guilford, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Marlborough Health Care Center. Madelyn was born Feb. 7, 1926, in East Haven, daughter of the late George and Ida Sisson. She was a former employee of the Guilford Savings Bank and a member of the Foxon Homemakers.

She leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Alan Crossley of Marlborough. Madelyn was predeceased by her husband Julius and daughter Deborah.

The family wishes to thank the staffs of The Madison House, Middlesex Hospital Hospice and the Marlborough Health Care Center for all the wonderful care she was given.

There were private graveside services in care of the Guilford Funeral Home, 115 Church St., Guilford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Madelyn's memory may be made to Middlesex Hospital Weiss Hospice Unit, Office of Philanthropy, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence for the family, visit [GuilfordFuneralHome.com](http://GuilfordFuneralHome.com).

### East Hampton

#### Eleanor O. Selavka

Eleanor O. Selavka, 82, of East Hampton, widow of the late Lary Selavka, died Wednesday, Oct. 31, at her home surrounded by her family. Born March 5, 1930 in Brockton, Mass., she was the daughter of the late William and Alice (Sweeney) Owens.

Eleanor was raised in Brockton where she was a graduate of St. Patrick High School in Brockton and a graduate of the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, N.J. Eleanor was a resident of East Hampton since 1957 and was a communicant of St. Patrick Church in East Hampton. She volunteered at Middlesex Hospital, Meals on Wheels and the League of Women Voters. Eleanor was involved in many civic organizations in the East Hampton community.

She is survived by her four sons, Mark Selavka and his wife Anne of Manchester, William Selavka and his wife Stacey of Vernon, Philip Selavka of Colchester, James Selavka of East Hampton, two daughters Susan Rauscher and her husband Eric of Manchester, Gail Bennett and her husband Everett of Colchester; 13 grandchildren, Katie, Molly and David Rauscher, Kerianne, Mark and Gregory Selavka, Erin and B.J. Selavka, Sarah, Philip and Brian Selavka Grace Bennett and George Kittredge; and several nieces, nephews and in-laws.

She was predeceased by her two brothers, Robert and William Owens and her sister Mary McDonald.

Friends called at Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton, Tuesday, Nov. 6. A funeral liturgy was celebrated Wednesday, Nov. 7, in St. Patrick Church, East Hampton. Burial followed in the family plot in St. Patrick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or by visiting [stjude.org](http://stjude.org).

To leave online condolences, visit [spencerfuneralhomeinc.com](http://spencerfuneralhomeinc.com).

### East Hampton

#### Beverly May Fuller

Beverly May (Whitehouse) Fuller, 74, of East Hampton, beloved wife of Clifford Fuller, died Monday, Nov. 5, at Middlesex Hospital.

Beverly was born Feb. 12, 1938, in Bridgton, Maine. She had retired after 28 years of service from the Brownell Company in Moodus where she had been a Union Steward. She was a member of Christ Community Church of East Haddam.

Besides her husband of 50 years, Clifford Fuller, she is survived by her brother Lee and his wife Diane of Bridgton, Maine. Beverly was predeceased by her two brothers and three sisters Charles, Eldon, Joyce, Bonnie and Shirley.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 11, at noon in the Christ Community Church 50 Orchard Rd. East Haddam. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family in Skinnerville Cemetery in East Hampton.

Spencer Funeral Home, 112 Main St., East Hampton has care of arrangements.

### Colchester

#### Anthony Hall

Anthony (Tony) Hall, 46, of Baltic Street, Norwich, passed away Thursday, Nov. 1, from a rare disease at Harrington Court in Colchester. He was born Jan. 26, 1966, in Washington D.C., the son of the late John and Joyce (Oates) Hall.

He was a 1984 graduate of Norwich Free Academy, where he was a member of the football and track teams and where he was known as "Touchdown Tony Hall/TD Hall." He was active with "Kids Christmas" for over 15 years. He was a member of Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Old Saybrook. He loved his family, sports and was a Dallas Cowboys fan.

He is survived by his mother/aunt Elizabeth Hall-Hurley, son Amir Bailey, daughter Arielle Bailey, brother Steve Pemberton (Patricia), sisters Joyce Mather (Ernest), Barbara Hall, Brenda Stone (Bryant Sr.), Jean Smith and Judy Bell (Jervis) and by a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by brothers John Hall, Willie Jr. and Allan Pemberton, and by sister Angela Hall.

Calling hours were held at the Church and Allen Funeral Home in Norwich on Thursday, Nov. 8. A funeral service will be held today, Nov. 9, at the Church and Allen Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Maplewood Cemetery in Norwich.

Memorial donations in Tony's memory may be made to Kids Christmas, c/o Dime Bank, 290 Salem Tpke., Norwich CT 06360.

To leave an online condolence for Tony's family, visit his memorial at [churchandallen.com](http://churchandallen.com). The Church and Allen Funeral Home, 136 Sagem St., Norwich CT 06360.

### Colchester

#### Marjorie C. Minor

Marjorie C. Minor, 92, of Manchester, the wife of the late Francis J. "Skip" Minor, died Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Harrington Court in Colchester. Born in Hartford, she had lived in Manchester for many years. Marjorie was formerly employed by the Travelers and St. Bartholomew Church, was a communicant of St. Bartholomew and was an associate member of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

She is survived by her daughters Anne M. Minor of Columbia and Karen M. Minor and Joe Ippi of Griswold; her grandchildren Kimberly Birge-Liberman and her husband Phil, and Christopher Naktensis; her great-grandchildren Norah Marjorie and Wesley Birge-Liberman; and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Michael Francis Minor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated today, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m., at St. Bartholomew Church, 45 Ludlow Rd., Manchester, followed by burial in St. James Cemetery, Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Bartholomew Small Christian Community, 45 Ludlow Rd., Manchester, CT 06040.

The John F. Tierney Funeral Home, Manchester, has care of the arrangements. For online condolences, visit [tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://tierneyfuneralhome.com).

### Colchester

#### Dorothy Bloom Shiff

Dorothy Bloom Shiff, of David Drive, Colchester, wife of Nathaniel Shiff, died Saturday, Nov. 3. She was a retired employee of the Town of Colchester, a member of Congregation Ahavath Achim and a life member of Hadassah.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons: Stephen Shiff and his wife Adrienne of Wethersfield, Rabbi Stuart Shiff and his wife Amy of Passaic, NJ; three daughters: Adrienne Sepowitz and her husband Dr. Bruce Sepowitz of East Haddam, Dr. Geraldine Shiff of Milford, Del., Hillary Shiff of Queens, N.Y.; and eight grandchildren.

A graveside funeral service was held Monday, Nov. 5, at Colchester Jewish Aid Society Cemetery, Colchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford. For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Dorothy, visit online at [weinsteinmortuary.com/funerals.cfm](http://weinsteinmortuary.com/funerals.cfm).

### East Hampton

#### Plonia Leonard

Plonia (Pauline) Leonard passed away surrounded by her loved ones on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Middlesex Hospice. She was born in Fairlawn, N.J., on Dec. 28, 1925, to Dingeman and Pieterella Tims Leydens.

She was predeceased by her husband of nearly 53 years, John M. Leonard.

"Pauline" was a lifelong resident of East Hampton before moving to Essex in 1995, and had been an active member of the Senior Centers in both towns. She retired from Pratt & Whitney's fuel cell division in South Windsor after many years of service.

She is survived by her children, John Leonard (Elizabeth) of Mechanicsburg, Pa., Barbara Garneau of Rocky Hill, Carol Clancy (James) of Wethersfield, and Debbie O'Neil (Patrick) of Chester. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her dear friend Tony Cogliantry and her brother Isaac.

Plonia's family received friends at Farley Sullivan Funeral Home, 34 Beaver Rd., Wethersfield, on Thursday, Nov. 8. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home today, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park, Rocky Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2075 Silas Deane Hwy., Suite 100, Rocky Hill, CT 06067, or Middlesex Hospice, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06057.

To extend online condolences or for further information, visit [farleysullivan.com](http://farleysullivan.com).

### Hebron

#### Frederick DiScipio

Frederick DiScipio, 73, of Old Lyme, formerly of Hebron, loving husband of 52 years to wife Shirley (Kahl) DiScipio, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 5. He was born Oct. 22, 1939, to Frank and Rose (Curti) DiScipio in Hartford.

He attended Buckley High School and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1957, serving for four years at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

He married the love of his life, Shirley, on June 11, 1960, in Hartford.

He worked at Travelers Insurance for nine years and moved his family to Amherst, Mass., where he worked for Amherst College as a computer operator. He returned to Connecticut with his family living in Hebron for eight years and worked in Middletown and Berlin for EIS Automotive/Parker-Hannifin Corp.

He always dreamed of living at the shore and fulfilled that dream by purchasing his first home and moving to Old Lyme in June 1977. Shortly thereafter, he became a domestic traveler, working as a manufacturing plant consultant. Fred loved to travel and made new friends and visited 43 states across the country. Once he semi-retired, he worked part-time as a parts manager at Boats Inc., in Niantic, Pine Island in Groton, and between the Bridges Marina in Old Saybrook.

His passion was fishing on his 23-foot Grady White and golfing with his son and golf buddies. He also enjoyed listening to Frank Sinatra, watching old movies, and spending quality time with his wife in St. Petersburg, Fla. Anyone who was blessed to know Fred knew he was a loving husband and father and a warm and generous friend.

Fred was predeceased by his mother and father and sister, Diane Casey.

In addition to his wife, Shirley, he also leaves his beloved daughter, Kimberly and her husband, Edward, of Old Lyme; his devoted son, Vincent and his fiancée, Patty, of East Lyme; his sister, Maryann Johnson and her husband, Bob, of Columbia; his brother, Frank and his wife, Carla, of Wethersfield; and many aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, in Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, 13 Beckwith Ln., Old Lyme. Interment will follow in Duck River Cemetery. Calling hours will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. today, Nov. 9, in the funeral home. Visit [fultontherouxoldlyme.com](http://fultontherouxoldlyme.com) for directions and more service information.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Fred's memory to the American Cancer Society and the American Diabetes Association.

## Hebron

### Carol Anne Meyerhardt

Carol Anne (Quattropani) Meyerhardt of Hebron passed away at the Jefferson House in Newington on Friday, Nov. 2, at the age of 76, after a courageous battle with cancer. Family and friends were with her continuously during the last few days and hours of her life.

Carol is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Bill, whom she married on June 15, 1957 in Hartford. She will be fondly remembered by her sister Pauline "Babe" Dellhime and her husband Gene of East Hartford; sister Lucia Peterson of Ocala, Fla.; son Kurt Meyerhardt of South Windsor; daughter Karen DeMonte and her husband Frank of South Windsor; daughter Kimberly Warnick and her husband Craig of Chantilly, Va.; and sister-in-law Elaine Magnee and her husband John of West Hartford. Carol was the loving Nonna to her grandchildren Gianna and Nick DeMonte and Hannah and Nathan Warnick; as well as a beloved Auntie to several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Quattropani.

Carol was born in Hartford Oct. 25, 1936, to the late Frank and Pauline (Carpino) Quattropani. She graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1954 and then worked as a service records clerk at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft with her long-time friends Shirley and Marilyn. Carol raised her family in South Windsor with special friendships of her Lawrence Road neighbors, Armand and Anita, Joe and Verla, Ray and Irene, Shirley, and Kay.

Carol enjoyed doing handcrafts, especially quilting, as well as reading, gardening and genealogy research. Tireless hours of genealogy research were conducted at the Bloomfield Family History Center at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, where she made dear friendships with Tom, Carla, Pat and Jane. Carol was especially proud of her Sicilian heritage and will be remembered for her selfless dedication to the needs and happiness of her family.

The family wishes to thank the staff of VNA Hospice and the Jefferson House with very special appreciation to Wioletta, Pam, Dianne, Gretchen, Bonnie, Mai, Giffiti, Healina and Stacey for their incredibly gracious, compassionate and dignified care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at The Church of St. Mary, 626 Willard Ave.; Newington, with Father Joseph Keough officiating. Interment to follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Fairfield Avenue, Hartford. Family and friends may call at Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor, today, Nov. 9, from 5-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

For online condolences, visit [carmonfuneralhome.com](http://carmonfuneralhome.com).

## Marlborough

### Madelyn Kmetzo

Madelyn Hanmer Sisson Kmetzo, 86, of Guilford, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the Marlborough Health Care Center. Madelyn was born Feb. 7, 1926, in East Haven, daughter of the late George and Ida Sisson. She was a former employee of the Guilford Savings Bank and a member of the Foxon Homemakers.

She leaves a daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Alan Crossley of Marlborough.

Madelyn was predeceased by her husband Julius and daughter Deborah.

The family wishes to thank the staffs of The Madison House, Middlesex Hospital Hospice and the Marlborough Health Care Center for all the wonderful care she was given.

Private graveside services are in care of the Guilford Funeral Home, 115 Church St., Guilford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Madelyn's memory may be made to Middlesex Hospital Weiss Hospice Unit, Office of Philanthropy, 28 Crescent St., Middletown, CT 06457.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence for the family, visit: [GuilfordFuneralHome.com](http://GuilfordFuneralHome.com).

## Marlborough

### Robert D. Houston

Robert D. Houston, 70, of Marlborough, son of Robert and Arline Houston of Monroe, now deceased, passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 24, at Middlesex Hospital, with his wife, Bernice, and sons, Christopher and Jonathan, at his side.

Bob was born Aug. 10, 1942, in Bridgeport. He graduated from the University of New Haven magna cum laude and the Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles, Calif., where he was a member of the Law Review and the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity.

He was in practice since 1977 and began his legal career with the law firm of Meuser, Gentile and Biafore in Bridgeport and then with Perlmutter and Potash in Seymour and subsequently with Whitehead, Uskevich, Giacci and Houston, also in Seymour. He has practiced in Marlborough for the last 16 years.

Bob is survived by his wife, Bernice, and his brother, Donald, and his wife Kathleen of Fairfield. He will also be remembered by his children Elizabeth Rice and her husband Stephen of Waterbury, Robert and his wife Lori of Simsbury, Catherine Lopez of Meriden, Christopher and his partner Danielle Moore of Manhattan, Jonathan and his wife Janelle of Danvers, Mass.; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces Jennifer Houston, Mary Katherine Houston and her husband Justin D'Aloia; nephews Timothy Houston and Patrick Houston; and cousins Sally Bienkowski of Snoqualmie, WA and William Kinsman of Shelton. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Arthur Toothill and his wife Donna of Voluntown.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Nov. 2, at St. Pius X Church, 834 Brookside Dr., Fairfield. Interment followed in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made in Bob's memory to the American Cancer Society.

To send online condolences, visit [redgatehennessy.com](http://redgatehennessy.com).

## East Hampton

### Mary Ellen Hetrick

Mary Ellen (Hallowell) Hetrick, 64, of Coventry, formerly of East Hampton, passed away unexpectedly at St. Francis Hospital on Sunday, Oct. 28, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Nov. 15, 1947, in Hartford, the daughter of the late Maxwell and Ruth (Gibson) Hallowell.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 21 years, James Hetrick; her sons, Kyle A. Stone of San Diego, Calif., Richard A. Stone Jr. and his wife Melanie of Coventry, Scott Hetrick of Coventry, and a daughter, Erin Maynard of East Hampton; her grandchildren, Alyssa and Lainie Maynard and Nova Ann Hetrick; her brother-in-law, Robert Stone of W. Winfield, N.Y.; as well as several nieces and nephews, especially her nephew Kevin and his wife Laurie Charette of South Windsor, and her great-nephews; Joey, Jake and Jared Charette; and many, many friends.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her first husband, Richard A. Stone Sr., and her sister, Margie Charette.

Mary Ellen was a graduate of Central Connecticut State University, earning her B.A. degree and was a teacher in the East Hampton school district for over 36 years. She had a love for animals of all kinds especially horses since she was 5 years old.

Mary enjoyed working her pastures, sailing, skiing, scuba diving, bungee jumping, and traveling the world with her beloved husband. She had a wonderful sense of humor and an infectious radiant smile that would light up any room. She was the "Family Rock," a devoted wife and mother, who loved her family most of all.

Relatives and friends joined the family for calling hours Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Coventry-Pietras Funeral Home, 2665 Boston Tpke. (Route 44), Coventry, and service followed directly at First Congregational Church, 1171 Main St., Coventry. Burial will be held private at the convenience of the family.

For online condolences, visit [pietrasfuneralhome.com](http://pietrasfuneralhome.com).



# Arrest Made in 2010 EH Residential Break-In

by Joshua Anusewicz

East Hampton Police announced last week that an arrest has been made in connection with a residential break-in in December 2010.

On Thursday, Nov. 1, police arrested John Berouty, 46, of Pawtucket, R.I., and charged him with third-degree burglary, third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree larceny, theft of a firearm, and criminal possession of a firearm. Berouty is being held on \$50,000 bond and is scheduled to appear at Middletown Superior Court on Friday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.

According to Sgt. Garritt Kelly, the incident in question occurred on White Birch Road in 2010 and was "a classic residential break-in." Berouty, who he described as "a lifelong burglar and thief," allegedly waited for the residents of the home to leave, Kelly said, and broke into the house when they left for work, stealing a handgun and jewelry.

Officer John Wilson was assigned to the case, Kelly explained, and was able to tie Berouty to the crime through DNA analysis via blood stains left at the scene. Kelly said Berouty also left a cell phone at the scene; though the cell phone was not Berouty's, Kelly said they were able to trace phone calls back to Berouty through electronic analysis.

An arrest warrant for Berouty's arrest was issued in July 2011, Kelly said.

Last Thursday, Kelly said Berouty was extradited from Cedar Junction Correctional Facility, a maximum security prison in Walpole, Mass., where he is currently serving a six-year sentence on unrelated charges. Kelly said that Berouty also has pending theft charges in Rhode Island, as well.

"So it's looking like he won't be seeing the light of day any time soon," Kelly added.

## East Hampton Police News

10/19: Francis Bussolini, 22, 4B Bellvue St., was issued a summons for misuse of plates and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, East Hampton Police said.

10/27: Brennan Mathew Gibbons, 20, of Saybrook Rd., Middletown was arrested for sixth-degree larceny, police said.

10/27: Michael Morin, 21, of 73 Great Hill Rd., Portland, was issued a summons for failure to drive right and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, police said.

## Colchester Police News

10/29: It was reported that at 3:17 a.m., an unknown person used a rock to break a large window at the Jewelry Connection business on Lebanon Avenue, State Police said. Anyone with information should contact Trooper Joshua McElroy at 860-537-7555, ext. 4066.

11/1: Gloria K. Kazibwe, 20, of 106 Bulkeley Hill Rd., turned herself in on an active arrest warrant for second-degree failure to appear, State Police said.

11/1: Michael Riggs, 44, of 318 Orchard Woods Dr., Saunderstown, R.I., was charged with evading and failure to drive in the proper lane, State Police said.

11/3: Gary W. Latham, 43, of 504 Bunker Hill Rd., Coventry, was charged with second-degree failure to appear, State Police said.

10/27: Laurie Ann Joslin, 51, of 28 Geer Rd., Lebanon was arrested for DUI, drinking while driving, possession of less than half an ounce of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotics, illegal storage of narcotics, restricted use of left-hand lane on divided limited access highway, and traveling unreasonably fast.

10/30: David G. Powley, 51, of 46 Mott Hill Rd., East Hampton was arrested for DUI and failure to drive right, police said.

## Portland Police News

11/1: Jimmy Sanchez, 36, of 38 Walnut St., Middletown, was charged with operating an unregistered motor vehicle, misuse of plates and operating without insurance, Portland Police said.

11/3: Jarrett Myers, 27, of 299 Chauncey Rd., Middletown, was charged with DUI, reckless driving, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and operating without insurance, police said.

## Hebron Police News

10/31: Rochelle Reardon, 35, of 10 Wellswood Rd., was charged with failure to respond to an infraction, State Police said.

11/2: Scudder Evans, 19, of 17 Farview Run, Marlborough, was charged with use of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance, State Police said.

## Men Charged with Setting Off Fireworks in Colchester

Two men were arrested last week and charged with setting off fireworks on the Town Green, State Police said.

Police said they responded to a call of two men shooting off fireworks on the green at around 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, resulting in the arrest of John W. Gates, 47, of 51 Hayward Ave., Apt. 7, and Steven P. Markiewicz, 48, of 175 Millpond Rd., Apt. 42, Hamden.

Gates was charged with interfering with an officer and first-degree breach of peace, police said, while Markiewicz was charged with the sale, use and possession of fireworks and

first-degree breach of peace.

Resident Trooper Supervisor Sgt. Marc Petruzzi said he did not know if this incident was connected to Halloween, and, while he described the holiday as a "mischief night," he said there have not been any unusual incidents in Colchester in recent years on Halloween.

Bond for Gates was set at \$500, while Markiewicz' bond was set at \$1,000. They were each due at the Norwich Superior Court on Nov. 8.