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## Saying thank you



Photos by TAMMI KNAPIK

Southington said thank you to its veterans during a ceremony on the town green last week. Above, Michele DiBenedetto and Pat Terricciano salute.

## Southington honors its veterans

By ROB GLIDDEN  
STAFF WRITER

The annual Veterans Day ceremony on the town green honored those who had served in the military on behalf of America, and also highlighted the various ways Southington supports them.

"This town does many activities over the year to show its pride and appreciation for veterans," said Steve Pintarich, a past commander of the American Legion and the master of ceremonies for the event.

During the annual event, numerous local speakers and elected officials pay tribute to military veterans and wreaths are laid at the various memorials on the green.

Many speakers touched on the different activities in town designed to honor the troops, including the

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Kennedy School student Riley VanEpps showcases one of the yellow ribbons the school recently constructed.

## Businesses adopt a veteran

### Kennedy Middle School to help assemble care packages

By ROB GLIDDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Following the annual Veterans Day ceremony on the town green, several business owners and students gathered to introduce the "Adopt a Veteran" program.

The new initiative was introduced by Judge Bryan Meccariello, who is about to finish his term as Southington's probate judge. He described the idea as "a way to increase

the community's connection to active military personnel."

Eleven businesses have so far adopted a local soldier who is either currently serving abroad or expecting to leave in the near future. There are more than 11 soldiers with connections to Southington, and it was stated that more businesses were hoping to join the effort.

During a brief gathering at an empty Town Hall

(it is typically closed on Veterans Day), cigar boxes were spread around the council chambers.

"The idea is to fill that cigar box with personal items to send to them while they are serving," said Stephen Guidice, of the engineering firm Harry Cole and Son. His business has "adopted" Lance Corporal Andrew Policki.

The other "adoptions"

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## Legion helps school book drive

By ROB GLIDDEN  
Staff Writer

The American Legion Auxiliary awarded two grants to Kelley and Plantsville Elementary Schools, following an extensive presentation by students about their hopes to add new books to the school libraries.

Each school received a \$500 check to go towards this effort. Groups of students presented their grant proposals without knowing if it would be accepted. The kids detailed their efforts as the culmination of an in-depth school program.

"This was a chance for real life work experience," said teacher Jacqueline St. John. "They could put all their skills to good use."

Students from Kelley and Plantsville had been



ROB GLIDDEN

American Legion Women's Auxiliary President Rachel Wache, center, congratulates teacher Jacqueline St. John for the kids' hard work.

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# Strong School students construct a veteran’s wall

By **ED HARRIS**  
EDITOR

Students at Strong Elementary School have personalized a lesson plan centered on Veterans Day. The students have decorated the front wall of the main office with info sheets of veterans near and dear to them. Fifth grade teacher Lenore Butler began the project with her class, but has since opened it up to the whole school. There are approx. 100 info sheets hanging on the wall, with more waiting to be hung. The sheets will remain



A section of the veteran’s wall.

through the end of the month.

“My husband was in the Army reserves,” Butler said, describing the kernel that popped into the idea for the Wall of Veterans. “I found a photo of him while scrapbooking.”

The students immediately latched onto the idea and Butler began implementing the information from the sheets along with other military routines into her lesson plans.

For instance, a former student brought back a video of the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. Butler’s current students latched onto and studied it, familiarizing themselves with everything involved, including the minutest details.

The info sheets that adorn the Wall of Veterans include the name of the veteran, where they served, their relation to the student and a fun fact about them that does not necessarily have to reflect upon their service.

A photo of the veteran also accompanies the info sheet.

Rebecca Renehan celebrated her cousin John Pajor, who served in Iraq. “He fought for our country and I am glad he does that,” she wrote as the interesting fact about her cousin.

Ethan Rathbun posted information about his father Eric, who served during the Gulf War. “He played for the Hartford Wanderers rugby team,” Ethan said.

The school also recognized the service of Jack Ryan, its head custodian. Ryan served in Germany from 1954-56. Each of his five brothers also served in the military.

“This is a true ‘Band of Brothers,’” students wrote on his sheet.

Butler said the Wall of

Veterans has helped the students realize that Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is more than just a day off of school. “They’re walking around Southington,” Butler said of veterans. “They’re our neighbors.”



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## Our Town

# Senior wellness programs grow with help from Wal-Mart

By **ROB GLIDDEN**  
Staff Writer

Central Connecticut Senior Health Services received a \$25,000 grant from Wal-Mart to help fund



ROB GLIDDEN

Above, Wal-Mart Personnel Manager Beth Egliskis, Resident Adolph Stuchkunas and Exec VP Trish Walden.

“cognitive wellness” programs.

The check was presented by Beth Egliskis, personnel manager at the Southington Wal-Mart and

the local ambassador for the store's goodwill efforts. She sits on the company's state advisory board, which handed out \$550,000 worth of grants statewide.

“We read over the grant proposals that were sent to us, and we didn't know how we could turn this one down,” Egliskis said.

The grant will have ramifications for all of the facilities overseen by Central Connecticut Senior Health Services, including The Orchards, Mulberry Gardens and Southington Care Center.

An example of the technology funded through the grant is the “Dakim” brain fitness program, a

computer tool that challenges users with trivia games, memory exercises and other activities designed to be intellectually stimulating.

“We're focused a lot on physical wellness, but this grant will help us strengthen our cognitive wellness,” said Executive Vice-President Trish Walden. “One without the other is not as positive.”

Adolph Stuchkunas has already made a hobby out of the program.

“It can be a challenge,” he said. “It's different each day and you always get something new to think about. Some days you do better than others.”

Another tool made possible by the grant is a computer program called “It's Never Too Late.” Staff at the Southington Care Center described it as similar to Facebook but focused on one individual, allowing patients to communicate with family members via email or even video, and post and share pictures.

“I'm so excited about it,” said Programming Director Kate Keefe, who is also an occupational therapist. “It's something we can also bring into the physical aspects of our programs.”

She explained that the program could show images of a moving countryside and be displayed in front of an exercise bike, enhancing a patient's experience.

The tools funded through the grant will be used at the various Southington senior care centers overseen by Central Connecticut Senior Health Services, in addition to the Jerome Home in New Britain.

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# Caligiuri is not ruling out a return to politics

By **MICHAEL PUFFER**  
Special to The Observer

**WATERBURY** — After a bitterly contested race for the 5th Congressional District seat, incumbent U.S. Rep. Christopher Murphy and his defeated opponent, state Sen. Sam S.F. Caligiuri, have very similar plans for the rest of the week, involving family and lawn care.

“I’ve got to rake my leaves today, which I’ve been neglecting for weeks,” Caligiuri said the day after his loss, talking to a reporter over the telephone as he waited for his wife outside Stop & Shop. He hoped to fit in a hike and a movie with his family later.

In a year that brought

big gains for Republican candidates across the country, Caligiuri attributed his loss on Election Day to a bruising three-way primary contest earlier in the year that depleted his advertising budget.

Caligiuri, 43, will return to his job as a partner with the Hartford law firm of Day Pitney.

Caligiuri gave up his state Senate seat, which included Southington to run against Murphy. Republican Joe Markley beat Democrat John Barry for the seat he held for a term in the early 1980s.

Both Markley and Barry are from Southington.

Murphy himself has

Southington roots, serving on various town boards before unseating Nancy Johnson for the Congressional seat in 2006.

A return to politics is possible, Caligiuri said, but he dismissed suggestions that he’d be a candidate for city mayor, a post he briefly held on an “acting” basis following the arrest of former mayor Philip Giordano in 2001.

“I bleed Waterbury,” said Caligiuri, who has two months left in his term as state senator from the 16th District. “I love Waterbury. I think my days of serving it as mayor are behind me and I’ll look to serve it in other ways.”

That could involve more charity work, Caligiuri said. He has served on the boards of important local civic groups previously.

Murphy savored his recent victory with visits to supporters at diners in New Britain and Meriden.

The number of customers at Huxley’s Bookmark Cafe in Meriden doubled as 11 Murphy backers entered around 1 p.m. These included diehards, like Nick Buonanni, 81, and his wife of 58 years, Barbara. They’ve spent years knocking on doors and cajoling people to the polls for Murphy.

“He goes around, he shakes your hand,” Nick Buonanni said. “He’s a peo-

ple person, even when he’s not campaigning.”

Murphy credits his survival of the national Republican surge to local voters preferring a vision for economic recovery over the reflected anger of his opponent.

Murphy will find it more difficult to push his vision in a Congress controlled by Republicans, but said he’s confident common ground will be found on issues such as brownfield revitalization and tax breaks for the middle class and small businesses.

“Obviously I’m going to have some problems with

the way the Republicans are going to go,” Murphy said. “I don’t want the Democrats to do what the Republicans did the last two years, which is to play an obstructionist role.”

Murphy discounted suggestions he’s eyeing a Senate run in 2012.

For now, he said, he’s concentrating on the 5th District. In the even shorter term, Murphy said last week that he planned to call a few supporters, have dinner with his family and maybe tend to his yard.

“I’m going to be doing yard work the rest of the week,” Murphy joked.

## Legion: donates money to fill school libraries

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working on this project for over a year, and some of them had even moved on to the middle schools. Nearly all of them were involved in the detailed proposal presented to the Auxiliary.

“We hope to add more books to our schools to encourage students to read,” said Plantsville student Tom Murdy.

The goal of the students went beyond simply adding books to their libraries. They also wanted to foster a partnership with a community organization. Their original plan was to

ask the Southington Education Foundation to fund their request.

If the proposal was successful, they would follow up with fundraising efforts to get some donations for the SEF. Some suggestions included an ice-cream social event and an opportunity for donors to have their names placed on small plates inside the new books.

“This is a plan where everyone wins,” said Victoria Duszak, a former Kelley student who has moved on to Kennedy Middle School.

The SEF did not feel

that paying for books was within their purview, but still wanted the efforts of the students to succeed. They contacted the American Legion Auxiliary.

“We were happy to facilitate an opportunity for these two groups to get together so that the kids could see this project come to fruition,” said SEF executive board member Dawn Miceli.

The members of the Auxiliary had ample praise for the students after the presentation.

“When did our kids get so much smarter than us?”

asked Auxiliary President Rachel Wache. “I’m so impressed. You all should be very proud of yourselves. There are a lot of adults who can’t do what you did tonight.”

She turned to her fellow members and asked “Do you think we can help?” To the delight of the students, the answer was yes. All the students were invited to stand for pictures and more congratulations.

“If you children are the future, we are very proud,” said Auxiliary Treasurer Barbara Pasha.

Correction: In last week’s scene page we incorrectly stated that the dog park would close for the winter, when in fact it is open all winter. We apologize for the mistake.



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# Commentary



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## Our Views

# Politicians need bullying seminar

By ROB GLIDDEN  
Staff Writer

The anti-bullying assembly I recently attended at Thalberg Elementary School was meant for kids, and they ate it up. When it was over, I couldn't help but think that adults could stand to sit through the same 45 minute presentation.

By "adults," I'm referring to politicians and the cable news pundits who talk about them. Getting everyone in the same room wouldn't be too hard, given that there's significant overlap between these two groups.

We just ended a brutal election season, with downright vicious attacks playing a role in both local and national races. This is not a new phenomenon in America. Shortly before this year's election, some quotes from the Election of 1800 made the news. Thomas Jefferson reportedly called John Adams a "hideous, hermaphroditical character." Ouch.

It may not be new, but that doesn't mean it should continue. I read an editorial in another newspaper that astutely pointed out the irony of watching news segments about anti-bullying efforts across America that were inevitably followed by political ads full of bullying.

To take that thought further, I'm going to restate the five most common bullying behaviors. These came from Sean Mitchell, who led the

Thalberg event.

**5. Exclusion** – You see plenty of this. How often have you heard a candidate make sweeping decisions about who is a "Real American" and who isn't? In an amazing coincidence, these candidates tend to define "Real Americans" as those who share their own views.

**4. Teasing** – This word can mean different things. Some people tease as a strange form of affection, even though the victim usually just finds it annoying. The dictionary says teasing can be either "playful or malicious." Any candidate who makes a verbal gaffe can expect to be teased rather maliciously on television for days.

**3. Tattling** – We have all done stupid things in the past. It's part of life and hopefully we learn from them. If you run for office, you can expect every bad judgment call you have ever made to show up in some kind of ad. It doesn't matter how irrelevant it is to the office you are seeking.

**2. Name Calling** – This one is pretty obvious. Recently, we've seen words like "racist," "socialist" and "fascist" tossed around with wild abandon. More often than not, the people doing the name-calling have no concern for the actual meanings of the words and use them as simple pejoratives like "idiot" or "jerk." In the end, it's not much different than an argument on the playground.

**1. Hitting and Pushing** – I wish I couldn't find examples for this one. Unfortunately, this past election saw a handful of incidents involving physical abuse. A reporter was handcuffed by a candidate's staff simply for asking a question, and a protester was pushed and had her head stomped on at a rally. This is not a laughing matter and is cause for serious concern.

So there you have it. Out of the five bullying behaviors, our last election fit neatly into each one. At the Thalberg event, Mitchell claimed that about 160,000 American kids each day stay home from school out of fear of being bullied. With that in mind, how many reasonable, intelligent people are unwilling to run for office because of the inevitable and often vicious and personal, attacks?

Whenever bullying is discussed, I always think of an article from the satirical newspaper, "The Onion." Imagine a print version of "The Daily Show."

Published in September 1999, the headline was "Columbine Jocks Safely Resume Bullying." It was not a real article, but it made a solid point. No matter how many bullying-related tragedies this nation endures, things always seem to return to the status quo. If the men and women who lead us are exhibiting these kinds of bullying behaviors, should the persistent nature of bullying in schools be a surprise?

## Thanksgiving proclamation

*The following is a reprint of President Abraham Lincoln's proclamation declaring Thanksgiving a national holiday.*

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A Proclamation.

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defence, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

By the President: Abraham Lincoln

## Unexpected praise from a complainer



### Bill Dunn Laugh or Death

that last sentence. Not being too strong on geography, I first wrote that I'd be cruising west over New Mexico while my second flight was cruising north over Guam. Good thing those pilots are better than I am at geography.

As soon as I learned I would miss my connecting flight, I had a flashback of a nightmare business trip last year, when I missed a flight home due to bad weather and got stuck in Philadelphia. At midnight on a Saturday I had to scramble around to find the last available hotel room in the city. It cost me \$200 for the hotel and another \$100 in cab fare, and worst of all, by then I was completely out of clean underwear.

My mind raced as I stood in the KC airport terminal. Should I try to find a hotel here? Should I fly to Minneapolis late and then try to find a hotel there? Should I lay on the floor in the fetal position and start sobbing?

(I was leaning toward this last option.)

Instead, I went over to the Delta counter to see if they had any advice on which was the more preferable city to be stranded in. It dawned on me that once again I was out of clean underwear.

Before I could tell the young lady my tale of woe, she said, "Mr. Dunn, we've already re-routed you onto flight 6120, connecting in Detroit. But unfortunately, you'll be arriving in Hartford about 20 minutes later than originally planned."

"Huh?" I said. "You mean you're going to get me home tonight?" She smiled and nodded.

I said, "You mean I'll be sleeping in my own bed tonight?" She smiled and nodded.

I said, "You mean tomorrow I'll be wearing clean underwear?" She frowned and whispered, "Too much information, sir."

So, to the good folks at Delta, who knew I had a problem even before I knew it (two problems, if you count the underwear thing), and solved my problem in a spectacular way, I want to say thank you very much.

I may get in trouble with my fellow cranky-pants writers for offering a positive column, but I don't care. The airline brought me safely home, and that deserves a round of applause.

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Your Views

Southington says

What is your favorite food at your Thanksgiving feast?



“I’ll have to say turkey with fresh cranberry sauce.”



“Homemade apple sauce.”



“It’s a toss up between the turkey and the sweet potatoes.”



“Stuffing. Any kind. That is all I eat on Thanksgiving.”



“Turkey. I like the white meat better than the dark.”

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Letters

STEPS recaps year one of community grant use

To the Editor,

As we enter the second year of our Drug Free Communities Grant (from the Office of National Drug Control Policy), we can proudly say that we are starting to make a positive impact on our community. Just think, we started off just few short years ago as ‘This thing called STEPS’ – to now being recognized in the Southington community as agents for positive change.

Here is a list of just some of our Year 1 accomplishments: Partnered with the Southington Police Department to provide merchant education to all package stores on how to properly check identification of anyone purchasing alcohol, made presentations to several community and civic groups, set up information tables at school open houses (Depaolo M.S., Kennedy M.S., Southington H.S., and ALTA), established a Youth Council, held our second STEPS Community Day Picnic, held a STEPS Community Forum, held our first Town Hall Meeting on Underage Drinking, partnered with Wheeler Clinic to educate parents on underage drinking and the social host law, and welcomed their representative to our STEPS Advisory Board, conducted a Community Readiness Assessment Survey with all twelve sectors in the community, administered the Search Institute’s Attitude and Behavior Survey to all 7, 9, and 11 grade students in the Southington School System to gain baseline data and received our results, created a new STEPS Logo, created a new website (to be launched by January 2011), partnered with the Southington Public Library to create a display in the Teen Center on developmental asset information, had an awesome float for the 2010 Apple Harvest Parade, participated at the Harvest of the Arts, the Anti-Drug Rally, Relay for Life, YMCA Polar Plunge, the Healthy Family Fun Fest, and many more community events, began working with Dream Frames (a local marketing firm) to create public service announcements and a social marketing campaign, Made a presentation to the entire Board of Education Staff about STEPS at the 2010 Southington Board of Education’s Back to School Convocation, and sent members of the STEPS coalition to over 25 trainings located in Connecticut, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Washington, D.C..

We were able to reach all of our year one goals which were to create awareness of STEPS, build our brand, and increase our coalition membership by 35 new members (students, parents, and community leaders). In year two, we will continue to build off of our year one accomplishments, but will also work to combat underage drinking, decrease youth’s risky behaviors, and create a supportive community we can all be proud of.

As the STEPS Coordinator, I want to personally thank all of the volunteers that helped make year one so successful. STEPS is not a program, but a philosophy for change. STEPS is trying to make environmental changes for how we treat, interact, and value our youth. We are all in this together because we are all part of the Southington community. We should be proud.

Kelly Berkmoes  
Youth Prevention Coordinator

Zalaski thanks the voters

To the Editor,

Thank you to all the voters of Southington for getting out and voting this year. I especially want to thank you for electing me to another term as your voice in Hartford. I am sure that you have heard enough from politicians this year with all the negative campaigning in the mail and on TV. This has been a really tough election season with vicious things said on both sides. The campaign I ran was all about the issues or what is called a “clean campaign.” The campaign against me was relatively clean and he was out there working also.

Thank you to all the people that helped me on my campaign and put signs up on their lawns. It is so good to have people believe in me enough; to give one of the most important things that someone can give, which is their vote.

It was a proud moment to have so many people come up to me in front of Derynoski Elementary School and talk to me about things I have done to help make their lives better. While door knocking three thousand homes in Southington I met many people in the comforts of their homes where they could speak to me openly. These are some of the reasons my job is worth it to me.

It has to be said that when I ran my first election, Victoria Triano came to the Democratic Headquarters to shake my hand and wish me well after the election. We have since become good friends. When I first met my opponent this election year, Mr. Haigh would not even shake my hand. Now after the election is over John Barry called Joe Markley to wish him the best, but Rusty has not contacted me. I think this clearly shows his lack of character. I am not the enemy, I am a Southington resident just as he is who has different political positions than he does.

Again thank you Southington for your vote of confidence.

Bruce “Zeke” Zalaski  
Southington State Rep.

Writer backs Sciota for manager

To the Editor,

Very soon the Town Council will be making a very important decision, the naming of our new town manager. I feel that this position is more important than all the other boards and commission that are so vital in conducting all of our town needs and interests.

The position should be held by an honest and hard working person who has a true “feeling” for our needs and concerns in all aspects of our community. A person who has the experience and knowledge so necessary in dealing with the complex situations that arise daily. A person who has been properly tutored by the best, our retiring town manager John Weichsel.

Without a doubt, our next town manager should be Mark Sciota.

James P. Shanley  
Southington

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# There are a few basic duties owed by a homeowner

Last week I helped a friend plan a fiftieth birthday party for his wife. The guest list for persons invited to his home was varied and contained the names of both friends and acquaintances. He casually expressed his concern about being sued if a guest was injured at the party. This sparked a general conversation about a homeowner's liability.

As always, and to his dismay, the law is filled with twists, turns and exceptions to the general rule. However, here in a nutshell are the basic duties owed by a homeowner.

A homeowner is not liable simply because a per-



## Tony Sheffy Off The Record

son is injured on their property. The law does not impose a guarantee of safety. In large part, the duty of a homeowner depends on how a particular person comes to be on the property in the first place.

As you might suspect, a homeowner owes the least

degree of responsibility to a trespasser. A trespasser is a person on the property without permission. Generally, there is no duty to protect a trespasser.

There is an exception to this rule. If you, as a homeowner know that there is an area on your property where there are frequently trespassers, you cannot create a condition that is likely to cause serious injury or death.

An example might be placing a thin wire across a well-used trail in order to stop ATVs or snowmobiles from crossing your property. Without adequate warning, you may face liability, even to a trespasser.

People who come onto your property with your express or implied permission are called licensees. Generally, if you know that a person has your permission to be at your home, there is a duty to keep your property reasonably safe and to warn the person of hidden dangers that the might not be readily observable.

The greatest duty, but not a guarantee of safety, is to someone who you invite to your home. A homeowner owes a duty to inspect and maintain the property to safeguard guests. There is a duty to warn visitors of any defects on the property that a visitor could not be expected to discover, and to

conduct activities on the property that will not unreasonably expose guests to injury.

Children may be owed special duties. Under certain circumstances the law imposes a duty on a homeowner to protect children on the property even if the children are trespassers. Maintaining a structure or thing on your property that you know is dangerous and could likely seriously injure a child, may create a special duty where your removing that structure or dangerous thing is minimal compared with the harm that it could cause.

At the end of our conversation regarding the

duties of a homeowner to protect people who come on to the property, my friend decided to cut the number of invited guests in half and to require that all of the guests sign a waiver of liability. I told him that a waiver might not protect him in all circumstances, but that is a topic for another day.

*Tony Sheffy is a personal injury attorney who practices in Southington Connecticut with the law firm of SheffyMazzaccaro, 166 N. Main Street. For more information Tony can be contacted at tsheffy@smdd-law.com or 620-9460. This column is not a substitute for legal advice.*

## Pay your tickets online

Individuals who have received a motor vehicle ticket or a criminal infractions ticket may now pay their fine online through the Judicial Branch's website at [www.jud.ct.gov](http://www.jud.ct.gov).

"Online bill paying has become commonplace for many," said Judge Barbara Quinn, Chief Court Administrator. "I am pleased that our website has been enhanced to allow this service. I want to stress, however, that individuals may still plead not guilty, or they may mail in their fine or pay in person at the Centralized Infractions Bureau if they so choose."

To pay a ticket online, individuals will be asked to enter their complaint ticket number, and then their name and the amount of the ticket will be displayed. If the information is cor-

rect, payment may be made by credit card. If the ticket information is not displayed, individuals should try again in three days.

As in the case of payment by mail, payment online will be considered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest). While no points are assessed against an individual's driver's license by the State of Connecticut, the conviction will appear on his or her driver history, and the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may impose administrative sanctions.

For further information, please contact the External Affairs Division at 860-757-2270 or visit the Centralized Infractions Bureau's Online Infraction Ticket Processing System page at <https://www.jud2.ct.gov/ci/bepay/>.

## Local faith groups to gather for interfaith service

Many of the diverse faith congregations of the Southington Community will gather together for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:30 pm at First

Congregational Church, opposite the Town Green.

New ideas are being incorporated into the program for the service and the music is set to be more inclusive in its appeal to people of all ages and faith

traditions.

Participation will include clergy representing Southington's Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and SIKK congregations.

There will be a free will monetary offering for the

benefit of Bread for Life of Southington to help feed the hungry in this particularly difficult.

A reception with light refreshments will be offered in the fellowship hall following the service.

## Food for fines program returns to Southington Library

The Southington Library is once again offering our patrons the opportunity to contribute to Southington Community Services and have their overdue fines forgiven.

According to Janet Mellon, Director of Southington Community Services, "While we are continually in need of all non-perishable food and personal care items, listed below are the things we need most

urgently at this time: cereal, peanut butter and jelly, rice, pasta and pasta sauce, mac & cheese, tuna fish, Spaghetti O's, snacks, juice, canned fruit, canned vegetables."

Bring your donations to the Lending Desk with your library card and the staff will be glad to remove your overdue fines. Charges for lost or damaged items are not included in this program.

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### Dr. Michael Ptaszynski Announces Retirement

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Dr. Ptaszynski's colleagues at Pulmonary Associates of Bristol, as well as Greater Bristol Primary Care Group, Bristol Psychiatric Services, Med Help, Bristol Hospital and the greater Bristol community thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

Dr. Ptaszynski's patient records will remain at Pulmonary Associates, and all of his patients will continue to receive the same high-quality, timely medical care provided by the other skilled physicians located at the practice. Pulmonary Associates looks forward to continuing to serve you.

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## Our Scholars

# Local woman earns a scholarship

The Educational Trust Fund (ETF) of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA) has awarded a "Children of CSCPA Members Scholarship" to Central Connecticut State University student Kathryn Bailey, of Marion.

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in an accredited accounting program and have a parent holding membership in the CSCPA.

Bailey received her award during an annual joint dinner meeting of the CSCP A Educational Trust Fund and the CSCP A Student Outreach and Career Awareness Committee held recently at the New Haven Country Club. Ms. Bailey is the daughter of CSCP A members Charles Bailey III, CPA of Charles Bailey and Associates, LLC in Rocky Hill and Rosemary Bailey, CPA.

Right, Kathryn Bailey receives her scholarship.



# Superintendent group honors students

Katherine Lainas, a senior at Southington High School and Maryssa Romano, Grade 8 at Joseph A. DePaolo Middle School have been selected as the 2010-2011 recipients of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS). Superintendent/Student Recognition award for leadership service to the school, academic prowess relative to

ability, and service to others  
in the community.

A special luncheon has been planned by the Farmington Valley Superintendents' Association for Friday, November 5, at the Farmington Country Club, 806 Farmington Avenue, Farmington.

The Board of Education recognized Katherine and Maryssa at the November 18,

Board of Education meeting to be held at Derynoski Elementary School. Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr., Superintendent of Schools and Brian S. Goralski, Board Chairman will make the presentation for the two Southington students.

This program was designed by school administrators to recognize students who have served their schools

and communities while maintaining exceptional progress.

CAPSS, the statewide school superintendents' professional organization is based in West Hartford and provides professional development, personal support, statewide conferences, legislative information and educational services to its members.

# Local students graduate from college

Pamela M. Scheck and James J. Peerless recently graduated from **Boston**

University.

Kevin Kearney, of Southington, has earned a

Bachelor of Science degree  
in human services at  
**Springfield College**, Mass.

for studies completed in Aug.

## Our Milestones



**SUBMITTED**

Rose Hart was recently honored at a birthday party given by her family at Chutes Gates in Terryville. Five generations gathered to celebrate Rose's birthday and the birth of her first great great granddaughter Ashleigh Maurice. Pictured are Rose Hart, holding Ashleigh Maurice, Robert Maurice, Ricky Maurice and Richard Maurice.



**SUBMITTED**

**Eva Bagelis recently celebrated her 101 birthday. She is a resident at the Summit. She is the mother-in-law of Marjorie Bagelis-Lenois.**

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TAMMI KNAPIK

**Emily Eisenhower hugs her Dad, Jeff, who is serving in the Army National Guard during the annual Veterans Day ceremony on the town green.**

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# Neighbors

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### Cyber Knights win Bash at the Beach – Faces in the Crowd –

In a battle of wits, ingenuity and teamwork, the Southington High School FIRST Robotics Team 195, together with teams 839 (Rosie Robotics) and 1740 (Cyber-Colonels) won the “Bash at the Beach” pre-season robotics competition held in Old Lyme on October 2.

Competing with 31 teams from across the state, the Cyber Knights came away with the first of what we hope will be many wins this season.

In addition to the competition win, The Cyber Knights were awarded the “Gracious Professionalism” award. Gracious Professionalism is part of the ethos of FIRST encouraging high quality work combined with the value of others and respecting individuals and the community.

FIRST robotics is an experiential learning program with over 1800 teams worldwide. These teams compete in a varsity sport of the mind com-



binning engineering, programming, manufacturing and business skills together to achieve various objectives.

Its biggest project starts in January when teams are given each sea-

son's game details and in just six weeks construct a 120 lb robot that can operate autonomously as well as when guided by wireless controls. These robots then compete in “the game” against other teams.

This year, the Cyber Knights will be competing in the Connecticut Regional, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Regional and the National Championship in St. Louis MO.



Tammi Knapik

Lewis Taurinski

### Keep your head up

Each week we interview a ‘regular person’ like you for our Faces in the Crowd. This week we meet Lewis Taurinski.

How long have you been connected to Southington?

Ten years.

What do you like about the town?

It's great, a nice quiet little town.

What is your favorite movie?

Movies are not my thing. I would rather watch “The Simpsons.”

What is the best piece of

advice you have ever received.

Keep your head up high and keep going.

If you could meet anyone in the world, who would you like to meet?

I would like the chance to meet John Wayne again. I had the opportunity to share a ship with him while we were both in the service. He was a good man.

### Skate park closes with Halloween bash

On Saturday October 30, the YMCA Camp Sloper Skate Park closed its doors for the season, but not without having a Halloween Skate Jam.

There were close to 30 skaters who came out to skate on the blustery fall day, but everyone had a good time listening to music, eating, and of course skating.

“We even had someone show up in a banana costume,” said Pat Rosin, outdoor center program director. “Even though it was the last day of the season, we had some kids who had not been here the entire year but showed up for this event. We have really talented skaters in Southington and they were ready to show their skills.”

The talent was evident during a game of S.K.A.T.E. when almost every skater participated. S.K.A.T.E. is just like the basketball version of H.O.R.S.E.

A skater does a trick and then their opponent must do the same trick. If they do not land the trick then that person gets a letter.

As each person receives all the letters in S.K.A.T.E. they are eliminated.

The final two skaters who competed for a brand

new deck were Zack Barros and Matt Maranda.

“These two were amazing. I haven't seen kids around here do some of the tricks they were doing. I was really impressed,” said Rosin.

Zack won the new skateboard deck, which he said he really needed.

“It was great to see all the kids using the park. Skateboarding is still alive and well in Southington and we hope it stays that way for a long time,” commented Mark Pooler, Outdoor Center Director.

Rosin stated that with all the kids wanting to skate even into the winter, he is going to be opening the park a couple times a month based on the weather and snow cover.

He is currently compiling an email list of skaters who would like to be notified a couple days in advance of the park being open.

Anyone interested in being on the list, or who has any questions about the skate park at YMCA Camp Sloper can email Pat Rosin

at [prosin@southington-cheshireymca.org](mailto:prosin@southington-cheshireymca.org).

The YMCA Camp Sloper Skate Park is open to all Southington and Cheshire YMCA members and Southington residents who are entering third grade and above at no charge.

Parents of children entering third and fourth grade must stay while their child is in the park.

A helmet and signed waiver form are required. The spring opening day and hours will be announced sometime in April 2011.



### Admission bracelet is needed for YMCA Tw-Y-Light Zones

Starting November 18, all non-YMCA teen members in grades 6-8 planning to attend YMCA Tw-Y-Light Zones will need to purchase an admission bracelet during their lunch

wave at DePaolo and Kennedy.

Any extra available tickets will be sold at the YMCA front desk after 5pm on Thursdays. The cost is \$6.

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## Our Healthy Lifestyles

# How to minimize injuries when doing gymnastics

Gymnastics has been rated one of the toughest sports in the world, and along with that comes the factor of injuries, gymnasts are subject to injuries almost as frequently as football players!

While injuries and accidents are bound to happen and can not be avoided altogether, there are precautions you can take to minimize the risk. These precautions come in forms of mental/body awareness, sufficient muscle strength, and clear communication.

The most important safety rule is to know what you are doing. Never blindly attempt a trick you are not familiar with. You should understand the basic mechanics of the skill, and know what to do in



**Maria Alejandro**  
**Southington**  
**YMCA**

case something goes wrong. If the trick doesn't go as planned, your body should immediately respond in a safe way for you to "bail out."

Another related rule is that you should know where and how your body is oriented throughout the

skill. If you are twisting, you should be able to "sense" how far you have twisted, and if you are flipping, you should know how much you have rotated. This awareness should keep you alert, so that in case something doesn't go as planned, you have time to land safely.

Many injuries happen because one or more sets of muscles are not strong enough to support the stress that the joints take. The most common example of this is twisted/sprained ankles.

There are small, but essential muscles that run from your calf down to your foot, and when they are not strong enough, you will find that "turning your ankle" occurs frequently. For this and many other

recurring injuries, conditioning targeting those weak muscles can lessen the likelihood of them happening.

Last, but not least, is the importance of open communication and understanding between you, your coach, and your teammates. It should always be clear between everyone involved about what you are being asked to do. If your coach expects you to do a particular skill, but you misunderstand and do something different, your coach may not spot you correctly.

Similarly, you should know what your teammates and other gymnasts around you are doing. Collisions and other accidental impacts can be serious if you are not aware of what

someone else is doing.

Of course, there are many other items of safety precautions to take into consideration. These include:

proper attire — loose clothing can get caught on equipment, and unnecessary jewelry can get caught as well or can cut you or someone nearby

being serious about your practice — horseplay and goofing off is often the culprit of accidents and can be avoided by knowing when it is not safe to play around

long hair should be kept out of your eyes, and should be tied back so that it cannot get caught on equipment

never eat or chew gum while doing gymnastics — the moment you become

unaware of what is in your mouth, it can easily become lodged in your windpipe and you could choke

and of course, focus — do not let your concentration drift, and don't make unnecessary distractions which could divert the concentration of your teammates

Safety precautions are important not only in gymnastics, but in other sports and in everyday life, too. Making common practice of these rules will make it safe, not only for you, but for everyone else around you.

For more information on Gymnastics programs offered at the YMCA contact Maria Alejandro, YMCA gymnastics team head coach at 203-272-7688.

# The human body possesses some amazing healing powers

Last week I experienced something that I treat a lot of patients for—a car accident. It wasn't much fun and unfortunately I cracked a couple of ribs. But the great thing is that I am already better than I was a couple of days ago.

If you experience engine trouble, you take your car to a mechanic. If your pipes leak, you call a plumber. And if you fracture bone, the usual course of action is to visit a doctor. But unlike other things that may break in life, bones begin healing on their own before you even set foot in a waiting room.

The human body possesses amazing healing powers that enable it to bounce back from a vast array of illnesses and injuries. Sometimes broken



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bones can heal so thoroughly within a few months that even an x-ray can't determine the original fracture line. And it is all up to your cells.

But how does this amazing biological process work? To understand, you first have to take a closer

look at just what bones are made of and how alive they really are. It's easy to think of our bones as solid, lifeless matter where all of our living tissue just sits. But your skeleton is as much a living part of your being as your softer tissues and organs.

The body stores minerals in the hard, compact bone. It produces red blood cells in the inner red marrow and stores fat in the yellow marrow.

It's important to remember that your bones are constantly changing. Cells called osteoclasts constantly break down old bone so that osteoblasts

can replace it with new bone tissue — a process called bone remodeling. Another type of cell called a chondroblast forms new cartilage. These are three of the primary cells responsible for bone growth — and not just the bone growth you experience early in life. This constant bone remodeling gradually replaces old bone tissue with new tissue during the course of months.

Almost immediately after the break, the body begins to try and put itself back together again. First, a bruise or fracture hematoma forms. This helps to stabilize the bone and keep both pieces lined up for mending.

After several days, the fracture hematoma develops tougher tissue, trans-

forming it into a soft callus. Cells begin producing stronger fibers of collagen, the major protein in bone and connective tissue which bridges the gap between the two pieces of bone. This callus generally lasts for about three weeks.

Next, osteoblasts move in and produce bone cells, transforming the callus into a bone callus. This hard shell lasts three to four months, and it provides necessary protection and stability for the bone to enter the final stage of healing.

However, this bulge of tissue needs a lot of work before the bone can take any strain. Osteoclasts and osteoblasts spend months remodeling bone by replacing the bone callus with harder compact bone.

These cells gradually return the bone to its original shape. The bone's blood circulation improves and the influx of bone-strengthening nutrients, such as calcium and phosphorus, strengthen the bone.

The good news is that the pain associated with a fracture like mine will diminish quickly especially if I rest, take my calcium, Vitamin D and other vitamins. Hopefully, you won't ever experience a broken bone but it is good to know that our bodies can take care of themselves.

*Dr. Carol Grant, a local chiropractor, does not intend this column to substitute for medical advice. She urges you to always consult with your personal physician before changing any current program.*

# Here are some tidbits you can use when going to probate

A major concern of clients is "avoiding" probate. So what is probate? And what does it cost? Probate is a process, supervised by a Probate Court, whereby assets are transferred from a deceased person, to heirs, or if there is a will, to the beneficiaries named in the will. The single most important thing to realize, however, is that property that is owned jointly with right of survivorship, or such as an IRA that has a beneficiary, does not pass through Probate. It goes directly to the survivor, or to the named beneficiary.

For that reason, Probate is not necessary for most husbands and wives because all of their assets are owned jointly with right of survivorship. This is good



**Stephen Allaire**  
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news for most people. But it is very important to understand that it is still necessary to file an Inheritance Tax Return, called a "Succession" tax in Connecticut, on a form CT706 NT. The NT stands for "no tax" as there is no estate tax when property

passes to a spouse, and currently, in 2010, there is no tax on the first \$3.5 million passing to your heirs, so almost no one in Connecticut pays inheritance tax. So why do you have to file the return? Because when you go to sell the house, the buyer will be looking for both spouses' signatures, unless the deceased spouse is no longer an owner of record, and the filing of the tax return results in a "Certificate of No Tax," issued by the Probate Court, and recorded on the land records, which is proof that one of the spouses has died, and the other is now the sole owner.

The filing of the tax return causes a probate "fee," based on the Connecticut statutes. The

fee is based on the size of the estate, and this is what people are concerned about when they say "avoid probate." Their jointly-owned property is not technically passing through probate, but there is still a "probate fee". In Connecticut, this is quite small. For example, a typical husband and wife, with a \$200,000 house and \$200,000 of other assets would owe \$1,515.00.

As of Jan. 1, 2011, there is another reason to make sure the "Succession" Tax Return is filed, in addition to clearing title, because after that date there will be interest charged and building up through the years if the tax return is not filed. The rate of interest is 0.5% per month. Imagine the shock, if 15 years after your spouse

dies, you go to sell your house, and find out that because you did not file the tax return, there is now due not only the probate fee, plus 15 years of interest. The interest could very well be much larger than the probate fee. So after January 1, 2011, it will be very important to follow the procedures set up in the probate law.

There is a tax benefit. The benefit is that property such as real estate, or stocks, will get a "step up in basis," subject to limits, which means IRS will treat the property as having been bought at its value when you die, instead of the price when you originally bought it, so your heirs will not have to pay Capital Gains Tax if they sell it at that price.

This is a very cursory discussion of probate, and

future articles may explain other aspects. But after Jan. 1, 2011, if there is a death in the family, seek good advice, even if the situation is very simple, to avoid the potential for "interest" on a "Probate fee" you may not have known existed.

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Peter Wolf, former lead singer of the J. Geils Band comes to the Infinity Hall in Norfolk next Tuesday.

# These days, Peter Wolf is working his own voice

**By MIKE CHAIKEN**  
EDITIONS EDITOR

If you flip through your stack of CDs and pull out classic J. Geils Band albums such the classic live set “Full House” or the monstrous “Freeze Frame,” Peter Wolf’s vocals weren’t simply rocking.

They were frenetic, frenzied, and over-the-top.

Fast forward a few years to 2010, J. Geils Band is on the shelf. And Peter Wolf is out on his own with a new release, “Midnight Souvenirs.

(Wolf is coming to the Infinity Hall in Norfolk on Tuesday, Nov. 23.)

And one of the first things you notice as you queue up “Midnight Souvenirs” is Wolf has pulled back from being over the top.

He hasn’t lost his power to emote.

But Wolf is, for lack of a better word, crooning a lot more these days.

Wolf, in a telephone interview from his home in Boston, explained that frenetic and over the top

vocal style was a quotient of the music.

“A lot of rock and roll is tenor-based,” Wolf explained. “I’m a baritone.”

Now that Geils is more of an occasional sideline and solo is his life, Wolf said, “I’ve been writing songs in my lower range and I’ve learned I have more freedom and I discovered an area I didn’t have before.”

Although Geils is in his past, Wolf is still working a sound that draws from R&B, blues, and country.

“It’s classic,” said Wolf of those musical roots. “If you’re a painter, you go back to the great masters, same for a writer, and same for a musician.”

“These roots and influences are pillars of what current music is based on,” said Wolf of R&B, blues and country. “I find a satisfaction when I listen to that kind of music.”

A lot of “Midnight Souvenirs” has an R&B sound that wouldn’t sound out of place on 1970s radio. You can hear a little bit of

the Spinners, the Four Tops and Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes in the sound on Wolf’s new solo album.

Wolf said that influence was deliberate.

For instance, “Overnight Lows” is a direct homage to that Philly sound mined in the 1970s by songwriters like Gamble and Huff and groups like the O’Jays.

“I love those songs and the production because of the vastness with the strings and horns,” said Wolf.

Wolf may like the classics, but he has never been shy at trying new and different sounds. The J. Geils albums “Love Stinks” and “Freeze Frame” mined the then-current New Wave touches popping up on radio. His first solo album, “Lights Out,” utilized a lot of the rhythmic touches that were bubbling up from the then-hip hop scene. A couple of summers ago, he even popped up on stage in to perform some duets Kid Rock in Hartford.

“I keep in touch with a

lot of the new artists,” said Wolf. “I’m always searching for something that tickles my ear.”

Wolf said he doesn’t differentiate between musical styles, old or new. “I don’t consider myself a musician,” said Wolf. “I consider myself a music fan... We’re all swimming in the same ocean (no matter the style, it’s music).”

Now that the celebrity spotlight has shifted away from Wolf and on to other things, Wolf has the opportunity to follow his own creative path. Gone are the days of trying to snag that hit single.

On “Midnight Souvenirs,” Wolf said, he was more focused on doing what he wanted and not focused on getting a hit. “I wasn’t worried about what someone else wanted,” said Wolf. And with that kind of mindset, Wolf said there was a “certain amount of satisfaction.”

Wolf may have been focusing on doing what he wanted, but he also explained, “Midnight

Souvenirs” was not all about him.

“I enjoy coming from... a group atmosphere,” said Wolf. And in the studio, he and producer Kenny White tried to foster a collaborative atmosphere with the studio musicians used on the tracks. Wolf said he and White encouraged suggestions and contributions from everyone.

“Midnight Souvenirs” is just the latest effort where White has produced Wolf. The two musicians have a relationship going back to 1998.

Wolf said he likes working with White because “he’s a musician, he understands what I’m trying to do.” Since White’s a musician, Wolf said he also knows how to explain things to other musicians. White is also an interesting songwriter in his own right, said Wolf.

Wolf is coming to Connecticut after having just finished a tour on the west coast. When he arrives in the Nutmeg state, he will

be accompanied by his band, the Midnight Travelers.

“It’s some impressive talent, exquisite musicians,” said Wolf. “I’m honored to be traveling with them.”

When he hits the stage in Connecticut, Wolf said he will be performing some of his new music and some older solo stuff. He also will be delving into his J. Geils catalogue.

“A lot of nice songs will come up,” said Wolf. “And anything goes” when he’s in concert, he said.

After the Infinity and northeast gigs, Wolf said he will be heading south to Nashville and points beyond. “We’re going to keep going and keep getting the word out.”

Peter Wolf performs at the Infinity Hall, Route 44, Norfolk on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m.

For more information, go to [www.infinityhall.com](http://www.infinityhall.com) or [PeterWolf.com](http://PeterWolf.com)

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# Comedy to the death; Latinos get the funny



## Kellie Lambert McGuire Observing The Arts

An unconventional competition is coming up at **Playhouse on Park** in West Hartford.

The “CT Cage Match” will put two improv teams together to compete head-to-head, with the audience deciding the winner. Round two, set for 8 p.m. Nov. 26, will pit groups **Moebius** against **The Funny Stages**.

**Moebius** formed in 2010. The members have training in various improvisational, theatrical and cinematic styles, which gives the group an unscripted realistic fictional approach to performing.

The Funny Stages is New Haven’s premier improv comedy show, and has been wowing audiences since 2006. The group infuses popular culture with hilarious improv comedy games, with shows like “Survivor: The Improv,” “Behind the Music: An Improv History of Your Favorite Band,” and “This Just In: You Choose the News, We Make It Up.”

The winner will return to defend their title at the next show of the series. The “CT Cage Match” is a col-

laboration between **Playhouse on Park**, **Hole in the Wall Theater** and **Hot Cocco Productions**. Three matches will be held at Playhouse on Park and three at the Hole in the Wall Theater in New Britain.

Tickets are \$10 each, general admission. Playhouse on Park is located at 244 Park Road, West Hartford. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (860) 523-5900 ext. 10 or visit [www.playhouseonpark.org](http://www.playhouseonpark.org).

**LATINO COMEDY NIGHT:** And speaking of comedy at **Playhouse on Park**, the venue is hosting a comedy night at 8 p.m. Wednesday. The event features headliner **Mariette “Peaches” Rodriguez**, as well as opening act **Primo Rivera** and the evening’s master of ceremonies, **Victor Ramos**.

Rodriguez is a veteran stand-up comic with more than 12 years experience working in New York comedy clubs. She has also performed in Las Vegas, as well as at the Jack Daniels Latino Comedy Festival.

Ramos began his career at the Treehouse Comedy Club and has performed in more than 50 cities, as well as in many eastern states.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (860) 523-5900 ext. 10 or visit [www.playhouseonpark.org](http://www.playhouseonpark.org).

**PLAN AHEAD:** Memorial Boulevard Middle School’s Art & Music Department will host a fundraiser concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at the school, 70 Memorial Boulevard, Bristol.

The show will feature



Mariette ‘Peaches’ Rodriguez will perform at a Latino Comedy at Playhouse on Park in West Hartford.

America’s favorite Doo Wop music featuring the **Crown Imperials** and vocalist **Judy Lentini**.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. Children under 2 years old are free. All proceeds go to the Memorial Boulevard Middle School Art & Music Department.

Tickets are available from band or chorus members, art club members, or by calling (860) 584-7884. Tickets will also be avail-

able at the door on the day of the concert. Snow date will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 18.

**EVENING TOUR:** A “Home for the Holidays” tour will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 26 at the **Hill-Stead Museum**, 35 Mountain Rd., Farmington. Visitors can see the festively decorated Pope Riddle house in the evening light, and hear stories of Pope Family holidays from costumed interpreters portraying family members, house-

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**FREE HOLIDAY**

**SHOW: The Bristol String Orchestra** is planning a free holiday concert for 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Liberty Baptist Church, 265 Maple Ave., Bristol. The concert will feature group performances as well as solos and small ensemble performances.

The church is handicapped accessible. For more information, call Fiddlin’ Around Music at (860) 589-3724.

**NEW YEAR, OLD TUNES:** Lynyrd Skynyrd will take the stage Dec. 31 at the MGM Grand in Foxwoods to ring in the new year.

Tickets for the New Year’s Eve show, which begins at 10:30 p.m., go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$75, \$85 and \$110. Call (866) 646-0609 or visit [mgmatfoxwoods.com](http://mgmatfoxwoods.com).

The band still features core members **Gary Rossington** on guitar, **Johnny Van Zant** on vocals, **Rickey Medlocke** on guitar, along with longtime drummer **Michael Cartellone**. The band released its last album, “God & Guns,” in 2009.

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**SOUTHINGTON ROAST PORK DINNER.** 4-6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-10. Tickets available at the door.

**SOUTHINGTON ADULT DRUM CIRCLE.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Peace Cafe at First Congregational Church.

**SOUTHINGTON LINCOLN COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE.** 10 a.m. Open house at Lincoln College (formerly Briarwood).

**PLAINVILLE SENSORY FRIENDLY FILM.** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1." 10 a.m. For families affected by autism and other disabilities and sensory issues. Enjoy the film in a safe and accepting atmosphere. \$6. AMC Plainville 20, 220 New Britain Ave., Plainville.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 21 SOUTHINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** 7-11:30 a.m. at the Calendar House. Door prizes and an assortment of breakfast foods. \$6 tickets, children 5 and under are free. Contact Roger Mathieu at 628-0838, Dennis Kelly at 877-3038 or John Taillie at 919-7002 for tickets. Tickets are also available at

the door.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 23 SOUTHINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING.** 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at the Southington Police Department. a talk entitled "New England's Other Witch Hunt: John Winthrop, Jr. and the Hartford Witch Panic of the 1660s". This talk, by Connecticut's state historian and University of Connecticut Associate Professor Walter Woodward, focuses on John Winthrop, Jr. and the Hartford Witch hunt of the 1660s.

**AARP MEETING.** 1 p.m. at Mary Our Queen Hall. Meeting of Southington Apple Valley Chapter #4943. Members are asked to bring in a non-perishable food item.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 26 SOUTHINGTON SOUTHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2000 REUNION.** Tickets on sale. Visit [www.classcreator.com/southington-ct-2000/](http://www.classcreator.com/southington-ct-2000/) for tickets.Reunion at the Aqua Turf.

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**NOV. 27-28 BRISTOL CHRISTMAS CRAFTS FAIR.** Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 39 Vendors, bake sale and basket raffle. Santa from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. St. Gregory the Great Parish CCD Center, 1043 Stafford Ave., Bristol. Free. (860) 584-8050.

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**SATURDAY, DEC. 4 PLAINVILLE VENDOR/ CRAFT FAIR.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters needed. (860) 747-2328, (860) 747-1262. Plainville United Methodist Church, 56 Red Stone Hill Rd., Plainville.

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# Business: Kennedy students to help with care kits

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Sergeant Jeff Eisenhauer, Bernard Concrete – Lance Corporal Nathaniel Penfield, Dean's Stove and Spa – Captain Michael Policki, Goody Candles – Captain Ryan Politz, Sima Drilling – John Potter (who is set to leave on his first tour of duty soon)

Students from Kennedy Middle School will send letters to the soldiers asking them what gifts they would like to receive in their care packages. This information will be relayed to the businesses, which will fill their cigar boxes with the items and

send them overseas.

The students also had a surprise for the Policki family, who has two local veterans represented in the program. Marita Policki has become known in Southington for sending blankets overseas, and she was presented with two

blankets for her two currently serving sons by eighth-grade student Amanda Gaedeke.

"The soldiers have done a lot for all of us," Amanda said. "That was the least I could do."

Eisenhauer was the only sponsored veteran

able to attend the event. He served a tour of duty in Iraq in 2005, and is expecting to begin another tour in 2011.

"I think this is great," he said. "To be adopted by a local community is just awesome. It reminds you of why you're there and what you fight for."

# Veterans: town comes out to thank its servicemen

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Military Honor Wall at Town Hall, and the joint effort by the American Legion and the Marine Corps League to send laptop computers and webcams overseas to active duty soldiers.

Special attention was given to a group of students at Kennedy Middle School.

The kids created large yellow ribbons inspired by the ubiquitous "support our troops" car magnets, then sold them to raise money for the American Legion.

"A year ago, I was here in the audience," said Kennedy Assistant Principal Pam Aldi. "I left

feeling like I could make a difference."

Southington also has a National Guard unit station in town at the armory on Woodruff Street.

The entire F Company 186 unit was deployed to Afghanistan approximately a year ago, and will return in early December. American Legion members said they had a raffle event planned to welcome them home.

A consensus among the speakers was that respect for veterans should extend well beyond just one or two holidays each year.

"They have shown us that they can handle any storm," said Rachel Wache, President of the American

Legion Auxiliary. "Our veterans deserve to be celebrities, and we owe them our support and friendship."

A recent veteran who spoke was National Guard Captain Chris Strong, who did a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

He discussed the origins of Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, and how it has changed over the years.

"This was once a celebration of the day the cannons stopped firing in World War I. Now we don't mark this day as a celebration of victory, but a celebration of those who made victory possible."

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## Obituaries

### Vivian Marmaduke, active in the community

Vivian Johnson Marmaduke, 89, passed away Wednesday, November 3.

A native of Southington, she was a daughter of the late Frank Eugene and Alice Dube Johnson, she had lived with her daughter in Elizabethton for the past four years.

She was a retired Realtor, 1st all woman Real

Estate Agency, went on to be an independent broker, she was well known respected member of the community, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, beautification community and ran the “white elephant” booth at the Apple Harvest Festiva.

When married to her second husband, they moved to St. Croix for about 25 years. She was

preceded in death by two husbands, Mitchell F. Rochefort and Harold Marmaduke and a grand-son, Mitchell T. Rochefort.

Survivors include two Sons, Mitchell P. Rochefort and wife Lorraine, Plainville, and Thomas E. Rochefort and fiancée Cathy Small, Southington, a Daughter, Susan LaMountain and husband Alan, Elizabethton, a Step-

Son, Harold Marmaduke III and his wife Dee, Wolcott, grandchildren, Christopher Rochefort, Keith Rochefort, Lauren Rochefort, Christine Monetti, Jessica Martin, Sarah Martin and Andrew LaMountain, her great grandchildren, Trey Hartley, Noah Rochefort, Rain Rochefort, Johnathan Rochefort, Jenna Rochefort and Julianna Rochefort.

### Catherine Adamczyk, worked at area hospital

Catherine Adamczyk, of Southington, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Mid-State Hospital in Meriden. She was the beloved wife of Ronald J. Adamczyk.

She was born in Dexter, ME, the daughter of Irene (Clay) Pickles of East Windsor and the late Carlton Clay.

She was a RN and

graduated from Meriden-Wallingford School of Nursing, she had worked at Meriden-Wallingford Hospital for over 15 years. She recently retired from Monsignor Bojnowski Manor in New Britain and had previously worked at the former Ridgewood Convalescent Center in Southington.

Adamczyk loved to do needlepoint and crewel, she will be missed by her loving cats Cricket and Toby and her dog Cody.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by a son Brian Adamczyk of Meriden, a sister-in-law Frances Dobrindt of Cromwell, a brother-in-law Walter

Adamczyk and wife Barbara of AZ. She is also survived by her Aunt Phyllis and Uncle Don of ME and Uncle Jack in Washington DC also special nieces Suzanne, Wendy and Sarah, nephew Kevin and cousins Judy and Bobby.

She was predeceased by a sister Mary Jane Rajala.

### Eleanor Hettlinger, attended First Lutheran Church

Eleanor (Bonkosky) Hettlinger passed away in Danbury Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 9. She was preceded in death by her parents Matilda (Ritz) and William Bonkosky and husband Carl (Dick) Hettlinger to whom she was married for 64 years.

Born in New Britain, CT on Mar. 13, 1922, she graduated from New Britain High School and New Britain School of Nursing (class of 1943).

She began her career of caring for others as an RN at New Britain Hospital and Bradley Memorial Hospital in Southington. For many years she was the office nurse for Dr. George M. Gura in Southington. She was a long-time member of First Lutheran Church, Southington and a proud member of the Nurses Alumni Associations of HCC at New Britain General and HCC at Bradley Memorial.

Hettlinger is survived

by daughter Jane Sanger (and husband Bob Sanger) of New Milford, with whom she lived for the past five years, son Richard Hettlinger (and wife Barbara) of East Longmeadow, MA and Harpswell ME, and son Robert Hettlinger (and wife Phyllis) of Bloomington, MN. She is also survived by sister Gladys Klotz, Southington, six grandchildren, five great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She will always be remembered for her gift of hospitality, hosting many family reunions and parties and for her baking, especially the Christmas cookies. She loved her God, her church, her family and friends and will be greatly missed by all.

Eleanor and her family request that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to First Lutheran Church, 232 Bristol St., Southington, CT 06489.

### Patricia Urcinas, will be missed by those who knew her

Patricia “Patty” Urcinas, 62, of Southington, passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by her loving family on Sunday, Nov. 7.

She was born on Sept.

5, 1948, the daughter of Elizabeth “Betty” (Ardry) Guild and the late Arnold Guild.

Urcinas is survived by her husband, Robert Urcinas Sr., three children, Heather and husband Kevin

McNamara of Southington, Christine and husband Nathan Berkmoes of Bristol and Robert Urcinas Jr. of Southington, three grandchildren, Elizabeth, Anthony and Hailey, three sisters, Ginger and husband

Gene Michaud of Bloomfield, Nancy Casanova of Southington and Sandy and Ted Langlois of Waterbury, a brother Paul Guild of Southington also several nieces and nephews.

### Barry O’Brien, observer for National Weather Service

Barry David O’Brien, of Southington, passed away, after a long illness, on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at HCC at New Britain.

He was born in

Hartford on July 6, 1950.

O’Brien was employed by the U.S Dept. of Defense. Barry was a member of the Pattaconk Yacht Club in Chester and

was a certified Observer for the National Weather Service.

He is survived by his loving wife Kathleen (Samek) O’Brien and his

beloved mother-in-law Florence Samek of New Britain.

O’Brien was predeceased by his parents and his sister Judy Caron.

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# Lynne Koplitz offers up the 411 on men

By MIKE CHAIKEN  
EDITIONS EDITOR

Lynne Koplitz is a comedian.

But, in an interview from her home in New York, she explained that as time has gone on, she's become something more.

Calling from New York, Koplitz explained that her current stand-up set focuses on the differences between men and women.

But since she's in her 40s, still not married, no kids and living with her Yorkie, Koplitz said her concept is "I'm no longer doing comedy. I'm a reporter of the truth."

Given her experience, Koplitz said, "I have lots of information to share with people."

Since she doesn't have a husband or kids, "I get to observe... I'm Jane Goodall... (But instead of studying gorillas,) I've studied men. I've been in the jungle with them."

And when she stands on stage, Koplitz said she likes to share what she has learned about men.

Although Koplitz's comedy dwells in the world of men vs. women, she said, "My biggest challenge is balancing my stuff and not sound like I'm male bashing. I don't want to lose the men."

In reality, Koplitz said she's probably more critical of her own sex than men.

As women, Koplitz explained, "We just refuse to admit you guys (men) aren't us... Instead we try to turn men into being what we need."

Koplitz will be bring her observations of "the truth" to Hartford's Bushnell on Friday, Nov. 19 for the latest installment of "Ha! Ha! Hartford."

This particular edition has a different twist. The night is all about women in comedy.

But Koplitz explained women in comedy is not as unique a concept as one would think. For instance, she said, the day before she was interviewed, she was on a bill with female comedians.

What is unique, said Koplitz, is a venue willing to sponsor a night of all female comics.

"It's weird," said Koplitz, but it's difficult to find a producer willing to trust a night to all female comics. And even when they are booked, Koplitz said it's difficult for a female comic to get paid as much as a male comic.

"The biggest problem for women is (the producers) see you and think you'll be a push over," said Koplitz.



Lynne Koplitz joins an all female bill for Ha! Ha! Hartford Friday night at the Bushnell.

While the producers can be a problem, Koplitz said she has never seen an "us vs. them" environment develop between male comics and female comics.

"We're a close knit club," said Koplitz of the world of stand-up comics. Comics, said Koplitz, are kind of like the Marines. "Can you survive in battle?" If you can, said Koplitz, the men in comedy feel, "I couldn't give a rat's ass if you're a woman."

"Once (the male comics) see you're funny, you're a comic not a female," said Koplitz.

The public doesn't care if you're male or female when you do stand up. "One you hit the funny, they tend to accept you," said Koplitz.

Koplitz has an extensive list of credits to her name. She has performed at HBO's US Comedy Arts Festival and Live at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She has had her own half hour comedy special on Comedy Central (she placed 13th out of 100 comics in Comedy Central's "Stand-Up Showdown"), co-hosted the syndicated TV talk show "Life & Style" with Kimora Lee Simmons and Jules Asner, hosted the popular TV dating show "Change of Heart," and hosted the cooking show "How To Boil Water" on The Food Network. Among her many other television appearances are CBS's "Late Night with Craig Ferguson," NBC's "Later" and "Shop and Style," Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Tough Crowd with Colin Quinn," and "The Greatest Joke Ever Told" (with Lewis Black) for The History Channel. She has had development deals for new sitcoms with NBC, 20th Century Fox and Carsey-Werner Productions/Warner Television. She has just co-written a humorous narrative cookbook called "Love and Leftovers" with Rich Nightingale.

Thanks to one of her credits, Koplitz had the opportunity to work with comic icon, Joan Rivers.

Koplitz played Joan Rivers's niece in the IFC sitcom, "Z-Rock." And she will be working with Joan again, as well as Joan's daughter Melissa, on a reality series on WE television, "Joan Knows Best."

Koplitz now considers Joan a good friend and Joan has stepped up to be Koplitz's mentor.

Koplitz said Rivers's brand of comedy has had a big influence on her and a lot of other comedians-male and female.

"Joan, (George) Carlin, and (Bill) Cosby, they influence all comedy today. They broke ground.... Without (Joan), there'd be no Kathy Griffin."

Rivers was one of the first comedians to make fun of celebrities, said Koplitz. "Nobody would call Liz Taylor fat before Joan."

Rivers also has been a great personal influence on Koplitz since the two first met. Koplitz said Rivers has taught her about the importance of having a strong work ethic and drive.

Koplitz said she once complained to Rivers about how she had to work on her birthday. "Take it back, take it back," Rivers told her. "Never complain about work," Rivers told Koplitz.

Koplitz next venture with Rivers, "Joan Knows Best," will begin airing in January. "It's a really hilarious reality show," said Koplitz.

The show follows Joan as she moves in with Melissa. The show mines all stress that comes from that kind of situation, said Koplitz. And Koplitz is the friend who gets caught in between mother and daughter.

Koplitz said even with the show on the way, she is still an addict for the road, booking such gigs as Ha! Ha! Hartford. She said her manager has told her lighten up on the road. However, she hasn't.

"Being a comic is like being a hooker," said Koplitz. Even when you get your "Pretty Woman"-moment, getting set up in a nice place with a steady gig, working with a rich john, like Richard Gere, you can't resist going back on the stroll—just in case.

The second installment of the 2010-2011 Ha! Ha! Hartford! season will be held Friday, Nov. 19 at 8:30 p.m. in the Belding Theater at the Bushnell, 166 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Besides Lynne Koplitz, the bill also includes Jessica Kirson and Chris Rich. For more information and tickets, call (860) 987-5900 or visit bushnell.org.

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# Southington Scene

## Honoring our veterans

Southington residents honored veterans during a special ceremony on the town green on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11.

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TAMMI KNAPIK





# Southington Scene Sports Hall of Fame

The SouthingtonSports Hall of Fame inducted its first class on Wednesday, Nov. 10 in a ceremony at the Aqua Turf. The innagural class included Southington coaches Joseph J. Fontana, Dom D'Angelo, Joe Orsene, and Walt Lozoski, former athletes Vinnie Clements, Bill Albrecht, Walt Marek, Rob Dibble, Tom Cichowski, Carl Pavano, Valerie Depaolo, Mike Mauro, Ray Michanczyk, John Crowley, Steve Fernandes, Richard Lorenzo, Julie Bolduc, Tom Banner, and Gil Varjas.

In addition, the committee recognized the accomplishments of the 1949 Lewis High School football team and the 1983 Southington High School softball. Michael Lantiere was honored for his behind-the-scenes contributions as a booster, while Jack Zilly and Tom Garry were honored posthumously for their efforts on the field.

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Tony Terzi was the narrator for the inductees.

Below, Rob Dibble receives his award.



Gil Varjas, left, receives a handshake after being presented with his award.



Above right, Bill Albrecht and his wife Jean.

Above left, Valerie dePaolo and her son Jack DePaolo-Boisvert.

At right, hall of fame committee members Andy Meade, Rob Thompson, and Mike Forgione congratulate Coach Dom D'Angelo.



Above, Ray Michanczyk smiles during the ceremony.

Left, Steve Fernandes, right recieves a hug from Tony Terzi.



Walt Marek and his family.



# Support groups help patients cope

(ARA) - For many patients, receiving a medical diagnosis can cause a mix of emotions - from relief that their symptoms are no longer a mystery, to fear about how to cope with the disease. To manage the range of emotions and live well after a diagnosis, it is important to establish a strong support network. In fact, Dr. John Klippel, CEO of the Arthritis Foundation, believes patients who do so are often in better control of their disease.

Chronic, debilitating diseases like rheumatoid arthritis (RA), an autoimmune form of arthritis, can be especially humbling for people who want to be independent, leaving them feeling embarrassed or reluctant to engage those closest to them. But, creating a network of friends and family who are willing to offer assistance can help ensure a better quality of life. For example, support partners can help patients recall important medical instructions, as well as help guide the discussion with health care providers. In fact, studies have shown that 20 to 50 percent of what is said in the doctor's office is forgotten.

In addition to engaging friends and family, patients can interact with health professionals and peers through in-person or online support groups. Studies show arthritis support groups can improve mood, provide better coping skills, decrease pain and provide relief from negative emotions, such as fear, resentment and hopelessness, according to Dr. Vicki Helgeson, of Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Patients with a chronic disease such as RA should consider the following when selecting a support group:

\* Do your homework: Find support groups where



you can talk, share and interact with others.

\* Check with your doctor or health professional about community volunteer groups in your area that can provide additional input and assistance.

\* Find what works for you: There are various types of support groups, and you may want to experiment with several to find the right fit:

\* Closed - requires registration and a commitment to a set number of sessions.

\* Group therapy - directed by a mental health professional with a time-limited purpose for specific therapeutic goals.

\* Peer - led by a fellow patient, this group's casual format focuses on sharing

experiences and learning from others.

\* Educational - features an expert's presentation, with a question-and-answer session.

\* Online - support found on Internet chat sites or social media channels.

There are programs that help patients and medical professionals work together

to manage health conditions by sharing experiences and knowledge. The Arthritis Foundation's Let's Talk RA program, sponsored by Bristol-Myers Squibb, offers national town hall meetings and roundtable discussions to help people with RA and their caregivers connect and find resources to help manage their condition. The pro-

gram also features educational podcasts, an educational e-newsletter and a communication kit that includes step-by-step discussion tips and a symptom tracker that RA patients can use with their rheumatologists - all at no cost. The Let's Talk RA town hall meeting and roundtable discussion schedule, as well as the communication kit

order form can be found at [www.arthritis.org/letstalkra](http://www.arthritis.org/letstalkra).

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# Coping with the cold and flu season

(ARA) - During severe flu seasons, nearly 50,000 Americans die from the disease, according to the American Lung Association. While medical experts can't predict the severity and length of this year's flu season, they do expect the H1N1 strain to be present again and to spread across the nation.

Flu season in the United States typically ranges from November through March and sometimes lasts into early spring. Now is the time to start protecting yourself and your family. The most important step is to get vaccinated, says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Here are some additional ways to prepare for flu season.

- Take precautions.

While the CDC recommends everyone six months and older get vaccinated, it is especially important for children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with chronic health conditions. The H1N1 strain of the virus will automatically be included in this season's flu vaccine. Call your doctor if

you have questions and contact your town hall or local pharmacy to see if they have a public clinic.

- Practice proper hand hygiene. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you're on the go, keep a hand wipe or sanitizer product with you. Also, teach children to cover their nose and mouth with either a tissue or elbow - but not their hands.
- Tell the difference.

The flu and the common cold share many of the same symptoms and it can sometimes be difficult to tell them apart. A key way to identify the flu is the sudden onset of a high fever. A fever is your body's natural response to an infection. However, it's important to know that not everyone with the flu will have a fever.

Other flu symptoms can include a headache, general aches and pains, fatigue, exhaustion, stuffy nose and cough. The right diagnosis can make the difference in treatment and give you faster relief, so getting a quick and accurate temperature is essential.

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"Whether it's my own child or a patient in the hospital, I know that taking a child's temperature can sometimes be a challenge, particularly if the child is uncomfortable and fussy," says Linda Ciampa, a registered nurse and a former health correspondent for CNN. "What I love about the Exergen TemporalScanner is that it's less invasive than a tympanic (ear), rectal or oral thermometer, and so easy to use that you can take someone's temperature even when they are asleep."

- Treat your symptoms.

The flu is a virus and cannot be treated with antibiotics. While antivirals can cut the duration of the flu by a day or so, you can use some home remedies to treat flu symptoms. Check with your physician for more details.

- Take a fever reducer and anti-inflammatory like ibuprofen (unless you have stomach conditions).
- Rest, and rest some more.
- Drink more fluids than normal to avoid dehydration.
- Use a sinus rinse if you have congestion.
- Use a humidifier to add moisture to the air and help drain congestion.
- Stay at home to avoid transmitting the virus to other people.

Keep in mind, while a cold is rarely serious - and often more of a nuisance than anything else - the flu can lead to additional complications, particularly in young children and the elderly.

So, if you suspect it's the flu, call your health care provider.



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Our Athletes

Can't put it away

Home loss to Cheshire ends Knights' quest for second title

By JOHN GORALSKI  
SPORTS WRITER

Southington had two chances to end the series in four games. Twice, they served for the match. Both times, they came up empty.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, the Lady Knight quest for back-to-back Class LL championships came to an end against Cheshire at home. The Rams came out swinging in game one. Southington struck back in games two and three, but Cheshire held on to win in five games.

Girls Volleyball

An emotional Rich Heitz had to pause before answering when asked about his team's disappointment. "This has been the greatest bunch of kids that I've ever coached," he said. "What hurts is that we won't be here for Monday for practice. It's a great bunch of kids, especially the senior class."

Cheshire came out swinging. Emily Werth broke her career-best mark for kills in the second game and finished with 24 kills. The Rams rushed past the Knights, 25-17, and built an 8-3 lead in game two, but Southington answered with a 12-2 rally. The Knights held on to win, 25-23, and cruised to a 25-13 victory in game three.

Class LL Tournament	
Second Round	Nov. 11
Southington 3	
Stamford 0	
Quarterfinals	Nov. 13
Cheshire 3	
Southington 2	

Danielle Kaminsky shuffled 30 assists through the lineup. Sophomore hitter Corinne Horanzy went 22-for-23 from the line (95.7 percent) with the team's only ace and collected 17 kills and two blocks at the net. Natasha Carlbert finished with 16 kills and three blocks. Tori Broytman had 10 kills. Elsie Bernaiche (13 digs) and Emily Sherwill (6 digs) led the defense.

Cheshire coach Sue Bavone said that her team had to rely upon its defense and keep the ball in play against Southington's strong hitters, and her Rams responded with their best performance of the season.

"Let me just tell you. This happened to me when we won our second state title against New Britain. We beat them for a state title. We had to come back and play them the next year, and they beat us," she said. "All the pressure's on [Southington]."

“

This has been the greatest bunch of kids that I've ever coached.

”

Rich Heitz,  
SHS volleyball coach

When you're the defending state champs—I've been there—you feel like you have to win. We didn't have any pressure like that. We just wanted to play well and give them a good game."

The teams battled through a see-saw fourth game, but Southington had two chances to end the contest. The girls squandered match-point attempts at 24-22 and 25-24, and Cheshire forced a fifth game with a 28-26 victory. The Rams never trailed in the final game, and Southington committed six

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VINNY ROSSITTO

Tori Munson sets a pass during a 3-2 loss against Cheshire in the Class LL tournament.

Battling the best

Wilcox earns top 30 finish at NE race

By JOHN GORALSKI  
SPORTS WRITER

If the race was tightly measured at five kilometers, Bryan Wilcox would have been crowned as an all-New England runner. On Saturday, Nov. 13, his final race was that close.

Cross Country

"He ran really well," said Southington cross country coach Rich Niro. "He wasn't in the first pack with the top five or six guys, but he was in that second pack with the next 20 guys the whole race. He was in the 25th spot with about 300 meters to go, but he just didn't quite have it and a little pack of guys went by him. It was still a great race."

Bryan Wilcox finished near the front at the 2010 New England cross country race.

Wilcox was among the 264 best runners in New England as they challenged the winding course at Thetford Academy in Vermont. The course measured long, but Wilcox was well-within the top 25 at the 3.1 mile measure. In the final steps, he dropped to 30th. Wilcox finished the course in 17 minutes, 27.8 seconds.

"He was there and in the race the whole way, and that's what you want to do," said Niro. "You want to go to that race and be competitive, and that's what he did. Thirtieth in New England is a great finish, probably the best we've had in 25 years."

The race marks the end of Wilcox's storied varsity career, but Niro said that Wilcox has raised the bar for future runners.

"He's taught the younger guys a lot," said Niro. "It's not enough to be the most talented guy on the team. You have to be the hardest worker to make it to this level. That was Bryan."



John Goralski  
About Town Sports

Class reunion

The Aqua Turf was packed with familiar faces. Business owners, coaches, politicians, town officials, and school officials milled around the tables like a family reunion.If this was the first year of the Southington Sport Hall of Fame, I can't wait to see what it's like in 20 years.

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, Southington christened its hall of fame with a star-studded class of talented athletes, coaches, teams, and boosters while Tony Terzi's silver tongue helped paint a picture of Southington's rich history that would make most towns green with envy.

For me, it was my first chance to sit back, relax, and really enjoy the accomplishments of the town's first induction class.

I grew up in Southington in the 1970s, and I came through the high school in the 1980s, a decade when Southington dominated the sports landscape in six different sports with 15 state titles and four second place finishes. I've covered 14 state championship since joining *The Observer* in 2003 with five contests ending in Southington state titles.

When it came to Southington sports, I fancied myself an expert, but this year has opened my eyes to the truth. When the induction class was announced in July, I had a lot to learn.

I had the good fortune to profile each inductee over the summer and the fall. I had the opportunity to spend time with each member at kitchen tables and living rooms or on long distance phone calls. It's a memory that I'll always cherish and one of the highlights to my career.

Some I knew already, but it was a whole new experience to re-live their playing days through their eyes. Coach Orsene treated me to breakfast. Coach Dom met with me on his brother's couch. I knew Mike Lantiere a little when I covered the Knights, but I feel like I know him much better after our talk. I'm good friends with the Garry family, but it was great to sit around a table and listen to them talk about a brother that I never knew.

Others I had heard about for years. The names of Jay Fontana, Walt Lozoski, Dick Lorenzo, Rob Dibble, Val DePaolo, Julie Bolduc, Steve Fernandes, and John Crowley were dropped in conversations when I was at the high school, and I finally understand why they were mentioned. Carl Pavano was younger than me, but we knew a lot of the same people and talked long after the interview about growing up in this town.

As for Ray Michanczyk, I had heard stories about him tossed around for years as his grandchildren graduated the high school programs. Those stories didn't do him justice.

I learned about others like Bill Albrecht, Walt Marek, Tom Cichowski, Mike Mauro,

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JOHN GORALSKI



2010 Apple Valley Classic

The 33rd meeting between the schools

Southington  
Blue Knights

VS.

Cheshire  
Rams



Thursday, November 25, 2010, 10:00 a.m., at Southington High School

SOUTHINGTON

Roster

#	Name	Pos	#	Name	Pos	#	Name	Pos
1	Nick Demaio	WR/CB	26	Tyler Delsanto	WR/S	62	Vin Romano	DE
2	Connor Butkiewicz*	QB	27	Nick Spitz	WR/LB	64	Anthony Pelletier	OL/DL
3	Mark Tellerico*	DB/WR	28	Zach Wholley	WR/CB	65	Nick Mendez	DL
4	Anthony Bonefant	WR/S	29	Jon Esteves	RB/LB	66	Travis Daly	
5	Matt Scarpati	RB/LB	30	Jimmy Doyle	FB/LB	68	Travis Clark	G
6	Nick L'Heureux	DB	31	Austin Gentile	WR/CB	69	Robert Catucci	OL/DL
7	Tyler Dube	WR/S	32	Jarrid Grimmatt	RB/LB	70	Randall Ledet Jr.	OL
8	Andrew Walowski	TE/LB	33	Anthony Oliva	WR/DB	72	Tyler Boudreau	OL/DL
10	Jordan Chapman	WR/DB	37	Zac Stewart	LB	73	Pat Pepin	OL/DL
11	Ryan Daigle	WR/CB	38	Dan Westbrook	FB/LB	74	Mike Gagnon	T
12	Stephen Barmore	QB/S	42	Nick Storza	RB/S	75	Tim Cotrana	G/DL
13	Freddy Dejesus	CB	45	Brian Cunningham	FB/LB	76	Jaylon McKee	OL/DL
14	Joe Pesce*	RB/LB	48	Tyler Matthews	TE/LB	78	Ryan Hurley	OL
15	Connor Morrell	K	49	Dan Snyder	FB/LB	79	Chris Arndt	C
16	Corbin Garry	WR/S	50	Jason Lawrence	OL/DL	81	Shawn Laucks	S
17	Jared Degumbia	WR/DB	52	Enjan Mullaj	OL/DE	84	Nathan Bonefant	WR/CB
18	Matt O'connor	LB/RB	53	Colin Daigle	OL/LB	85	Bryan Kaminski	WR/DB
19	Adam Dipinto	WR/FS	54	Dan Manware	DE			* Captain
20	Nick Gothberg	WR/DB	55	Corey Mitchell	RB/LB			
21	Dustin Belmonte		56	Tim Langland	TE			Head Coach: D.J. Hernandez
22	Dave Dineno	RB/LB	57	Joey Cusano	OL/DL			
23	Donald Rinaldi	RB/LB	58	Josh Irizarry	OL/DL			
24	Austin Baker	WR/DB	59	Franco Pabst	OL			
25	Jonathan Repollet*	FB/DL	60	Johnny Grandante	DE			



In his first appearance in the Apple Valley Classic, D.J. Hernandez hopes to lead the Knights past the Rams for the first time sinc 2006.

2010 Season Schedule

Southington High School

Record: 8-1

Date	Opponent	Result
9/15/10	@ South Windsor*	W 19-8
9/24/10	Glastonbury*	W 33-14
10/01/10	Windsor*	L 8-12
10/08/10	@ New Britain*	W 41-6
10/16/10	@ East Catholic	W 47-14
10/22/10	@ Manchester*	W 28-14
10/29/10	@ Simsbury*	W 41-28
11/05/10	Newington*	W 27-18
11/12/10	East Hartford	W 52-13
11/25/10	Cheshire	10 a.m.

\* denotes league game



CHESHIRE

Roster

#	Name	Pos	#	Name	Pos	#	Name	Pos
2	Nick Palladino	WR/DB	31	Kyle Pulek	K/P	65	Dan Brennan	OL/DL
3	Michael Ecke	QB/DB	35	Chris Didonato	WR/DB	66	Ben Allard	OL/DL
4	Dan Barnes	WR/DB	36	Evan Gaudio	RB/LB	67	Izear Hogan	OL/DL
5	Max Slade	QB/DB/KR	37	Tyler Deangelo	RB/LB	69	Tyler Denny	OL/DL
6	Michael Marcucelli	RB/LB	38	Matt Rapetski	RB/DL	70	Zach Maffuid	OL/DL
8	Sebastian Little	WR/DB	39	Jake Scinto	WR/DB/KR	71	John O'Reilly	OL/DL
9	Bill Weyrauch	RB/LB/LS	41	Matt Brennan	WR/LB	75	Connor Rand	OL/DL
10	Vincent Sansone	QB/DB	42	Tim Daly	WR/DB	77	Jesse Eddy	OL/DL
11	Greg Trifone (C)	WR/DB	44	Sam Pascale	RB/DB	79	Patrick Winiarski	OL/DL
12	Tucker Bartone	WR/DB	48	Nick Kopjanski	WR/LB	80	Kevin Reid	WR/DB
14	Beau Bartone	WR/DB	50	Matt Quinones	OL/LB	81	Adam Ellis	WR/DB
15	Max Flieshman	WR/DB	51	Andrew Kazmarek	OL/DL	83	Kevin Dietrich	WR/DB
16	Travis Hill	WR/DB	52	Matt Washburn	OL/DL	84	Ryan Stanek	WR/DB
17	Tyler Sheehan	WR/LB	53	Matt Gardiner	OL/DL	87	Joe Mongillo	WR/DB
18	Joe Nowak	WR/DB	54	Colin Harding	OL/LB	88	Brandon Wild	WR/DB
19	Tyler Bailey	QB	55	David Brzozowski	OL/DL	89	Brendan Clark	WR/DB
20	Johnowen Sasso	WR/DB	56	Matt Escoto	OL/LB			
22	Tim Covell	WR/DB	57	Nick Ritchie (C)	OL/DL			* Captain
23	Justin Klanica	WR/DB	58	Shaun Bowman	OL/DL			Head Coach: Mark Ecke
24	Erik Pierson	RB/DB	59	Jack Senft	OL/DL			
25	Dylan Baumgardner	RB/LB	62	EJ Martini	OL/DL			
26	Nick DiFelice	WB/DB	63	Quinlan Demac	OL/DL			
27	Michael Skibicki	RB/DL	64	Tochukwu Njoku	OL/DL			
29	James Arisco	WR/DB	65	Marco Iovanna	OL/DL			

2010 Season Schedule

Cheshire High School

Record: 4-5

Date	Opponent	Result
9/16/10	@ Hamden	W 27-0
9/24/10	Hillhouse	W 29-6
10/01/10	Xavier	L 6-9
10/08/10	@ Hand*	L 13-14
10/15/10	@ Wilbur Cross*	L 14-18
10/22/10	West Haven*	L 29-34
10/29/10	@ Foran	W 42-20
11/05/10	ND-West Haven*	L 36-46
11/12/10	Shelton	W 23-6
11/25/10	@ Southington	10 a.m.

\* denotes league game \*\*

"Thanksgiving dinners take 18 hours to prepare.  
They are consumed in 12 minutes.  
Half-times take 12 minutes.  
This is not coincidence."  
- Erma Bombeck



Cheshire football coach Mark Ecke is looking to extend his team's winning streak to four games in the Thanksgiving Day series.

Offensive Leaders\*

PASSING

Michael Ecke (CHS):

54-for-87 (.621),  
704 yards, 88.0 yds/game.

Stephen Barmore (SHS):

48-for-67 (.716),  
776 yards, 129.3 yds/game.

SCORING

Max Slade (CHS):

66 pts, 8.3 pts/game.

Jordan Chapman (SHS):

59 pts, 7.4 pts/game.

RECEIVING

Jake Scinto (CHS):

29 catches, 407 yds,  
50.9 yards/game.

Tyler Dube (SHS):

36 catches, 651 yards,  
81.4 yards/game.

RUSHING

Max Slade (CHS):

554 yds, 69.3 yds/game.

Matt Scarpati (SHS):

604 yds, 86.3 yds/game.

Defensive Leaders\*

SACKS

Michael Skibicki (CHS):

8.0 sacks, 50 yards lost.

Jaylon McKee (SHS):

2.0 sacks, 10 yards lost.

INTERCEPT/FUMBLES

CHS: 4 INTs, 15 fumbles

SHS: 16 INTs, 11 fumbles

TACKLES

Evan Gaudio (CHS):

53 tackles, 46 assists,  
99 total (12.4/game).

Andrew Walowski (SHS):

32 tackles, 32 assists,  
64 total (8.0/game).

\*Does Not include Cheshire vs. Shelton (Nov. 12)

Apple Valley Classic

Results by year

Year	Winner	Score
1996	Cheshire	21-14
1997	Cheshire	38-13
1998	Southington	27-17
1999	Cheshire	51-40
2000	Cheshire	27-21
2001	Southington	59-40
2002	Southington	27-20
2003	Southington	28-27
2004	Southington	28-14
2005	Southington	34-27
2006	Southington	21-20
2007	Cheshire	35-19
2008	Cheshire	9-7
2009	Cheshire	24-11

In 2010, Cheshire won their third straight game for the first time in the series.  
The Thanksgiving series is tied, 7-7.

2009 Game Recap

Cheshire 24, Southington 11

Cheshire never trailed in 2009 as they rushed 49 times for 272 yards and a comfortable 25-5 lead at the half. Dan Sweeney led the rams with 19 carries for 158 yards and a 63 yard touchdown run. Quarterback Greg Palmer scored the second touchdown and went 10-for-14 for 174 yards in the air. Southington's defense held the Rams scoreless in the second half, but the damage had already been done.

The Knights managed just 31 yards rushing in the game as they tried to come back in the second half. Connor Butkiewicz completed 26 passes for 254 yards. Anthony Florian caught 10 passes for 66 yards. Zach Etter caught 7 passes for 73 yards, and Tyler Dube (68 yards) caught a 15-yard pass for the only score of the second half, but Southington lost its third straight Thanksgiving Day game.

Cheshire went on to beat Glastonbury and Staples in the postseason to capture the Class LL title.

Thanksgiving Day Trivia

- The first Thanksgiving was held in Oct. 1621.
- The first Thanksgiving football game was in 1876.
- Southington is 41-11 on Thanksgiving since 1958.



2010 Powder Puff Football Game

The 2nd meeting between the schools

Southington  
Blue Knights

VS.

New Britain  
Hurricanes

Monday, November 22, 2008, 6:30 p.m., at Southington High School

SOUTHINGTON

Roster

#	Name	Pos	#	Name	Pos	#	Name	Pos
3	Emily Derynoski	ST	41	Jenna Tellerico	S	88	Jocelyn Ceruti	WR
5	Katie Daddona	ST	43	Tara Kearney	S	91	Katharine Andres	DE
7	Morgan Piazza	ST	44	Alexandra LaPorte	FB	92	Blair Casserino	DE
8	Hannah Sheard	ST	45	Kaitlin Gendreau	LB	97	Megan Cerreta	DE
9	Mary Brasile	ST	46	Pamela Murphy	FB			
12	Kristy Solomon	WR	47	Almedina Kocic	S			
13	Ashlee Belanger	DL	49	Morgan Chandler	S			
14	Jacquelyn Charamut	ST	50	Lauren Tycz	LB			
15	Lindsay Zissis	ST	51	Brooke Sakowicz	LB			
16	Kara Fazzolari	ST	52	Haley Nati	LB			
17	Brittney Cyr	WR	53	Laura Crowley	LB			
18	Lauren Casarella	HB	54	Tiffany Masciangioli	ST			
19	Jessica Sackett	ST	55	Kelly Cook	LB			
20	Catieri Palmieri	OT	57	Catherine Cota	ST			
21	Alicia Janelle	OT	58	Melissa Fiasconaro	LB			
22	Rhiannon Ouellette	OT	60	Alayna Freer	C			
23	Kasidee Drivdahl	HB	61	Jessica Monson	C			
25	Michaela Melillo	OT	62	Chelsea Vialpando	OG			
26	Angela Beaupre	HB	63	Olga Dabrowski	OT			
27	Ashlynn Daley	HB	64	Shannon Laucks	ST			
28	Maeghan Risser	HB	65	Jaimee Sargent	OG			
29	Genesis Cifuentes	ST	66	Sarah Appleby	OG			
30	Danielle Hamm	HB	67	Jenifer Vaillancourt	OG			
31	Sara Cyr	CB	71	Felicia Spero	DL			
32	Katelyn Kujawski	DE	72	Rosa Tufano	DL			
33	Bethany Robertson	CB	75	Julia Bocek	DL			
34	Kim Ricker	CB	77	Allison Minahan	DL			
35	Kaylee Lada	CB	#	Name	Pos			
36	Lauren Ainsworth	CB	80	Kendall Hodges	WR			
37	Katelyn Hyde	CB	82	Samantha Nappi	TE			
38	Megan O'Doherty	CB	83	Carly Wershoven	TE			
39	Tara Raczka	CB	86	Cassandra Hilerio	TE			
40	Brianna Yevich	ST	87	Alicia Washer	TE			

Managers

No.	Name	Pos.
42	Mariah Berry	LB
10	Haley Eagan	QB
6	Olivia Lank	ST
2	Meredith Pinto	ST
56	Mackenzie Ritchie	LB
4	Mirela Sawicka	QB

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Dave Fabian,  
Robert Vincent.

NEW BRITAIN

Roster

#	Name	Yr	#	Name	Yr	#	Name	Yr
1	Windy Panyanouvong	Sr	26	Ginine Snagg	Sr	79	Heidi Holt	Sr
2	Ashley Almedina	Sr	26	Shanice Sterling	Sr	81	Cristal Cruz	Sr
3	Valerie Andino	Sr	44	Jamie Banks	Sr	88	Alexis Collins	Sr
4	Jay D. Yambo	Sr	53	Kasia Filipkowska	Sr	97	Malgorzata Chwatko	Sr
5	Nyjah Porcher	Sr	55	Brittany Garcia	Sr			
6	Zoe James	Sr	56	Marissa Desalvo	Sr			
7	Reishaenm Martinez	Sr	57	Stefanie Lapierre	Sr			
8	Maggie Xiao Li	Sr	58	Marissa Henry	Sr			
9	Britney King	Sr	60	Johannie Cruz	Sr			
11	Heather O'Bright*	Sr	61	Tekya Glasper	Sr			
13	Denise Yambo	Sr	62	Alivia Stringer	Sr			
14	Erica Romero	Sr	65	Carly D'Alfonso	Sr			
15	Veronica Wojtaszek	Sr	66	Katarzyna Szumska	Sr			
16	Alisha Roldan	Sr	67	Jazlyn Gomez	Sr			
17	Mary Jane Davis	Sr	68	Dejanah Bailey	Sr			
18	Angelica Tomaszewski*	Sr	69	Samantha Stoddard*	Sr			
21	Myra Velez	Sr	71	Joanna Grzymala	Sr			
22	Ashley Clements	Sr	72	Elizabeth Mejia	Sr			
23	Kasandra Rivera	Sr	73	Asianna Peterson	Sr			
24	Amber Coleman	Sr	75	Marie Ramos*	Sr			
25	Victoria Blige	Sr	77	Senada Ahmetbasic*	Sr			
			78	Olivia Dickey*	Sr			

Coaches

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**General Manager:**  
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**Offensive Coord:**  
Chris McWilliams  
**Defensive Coord:**  
Bryan Anderson  
**Special Teams:**  
Kimani Riley  
**Defensive Backs:**  
Justise Hairston



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Southington and New Britain faced each other for the first time in 2009.

2009 Game Recap

New Britain 14, Southington 6

Powder Puff took a different direction in 2009 as Southington abandoned its long-time rivalry with Cheshire to face New Britain in a battle of conference rivals. Officials from both programs hoped to recapture the true spirit of the game.

"All the girls had a great time, and it's all about raising money for our senior class," said New Britain coach Carlos Piña. "The monies will go to help girls buy prom dresses, yearbooks, and [support] the senior class. The girls put a lot of work into it, and hopefully this will continue beyond my years."

New Britain never trailed. Emily Polkowski opened the scoring with a 20 yard touchdown reception from Olivia Maisto in the first quarter, and Maisto added a running score at the start of the fourth quarter. Hyla Costello caught a 54-yard touchdown from Katie Monbaron to trim Southington's deficit to eight points, and the defenses did the rest with both offenses held under 200 yards for the game.

Powder Puff Series History

"What we wanted to have was a good, clean game that people left at the end of it saying, 'That was a lot of fun.'"  
--SHS coach Charles Kemp, after 2009 contest

Year	Winner	Loser	Score
1996	Southington	Cheshire	42-14
1997	Cheshire	Southington	20-0
1998	Cheshire	Southington	50-23
1999	Cheshire	Southington	35-12
2000	Cheshire	Southington	52-21
2001	Southington	Cheshire	7-6
2002	Southington	Cheshire	18-13
2003	Cheshire	Southington	21-14
2004	Southington	Cheshire	13-7
2005	Southington	Cheshire	12-7
2006	Southington	Cheshire	38-33
2007	Cheshire	Southington	27-12
2008	Southington*	Cheshire*	14-14
2009	New Britain	Southington	14-6

\*Tied game

Southington is 6-7-1 overall in Powder Puff Football games.



Southington High School Powder Puff football coach Charles Kemp (5-3-1) wants to continue the positive sportsmanship of last season's game.

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Our Athletes

Opportunity knocks

Boys soccer advances with upset, loses at home

By JOHN GORALSKI  
SPORTS WRITER

Blue Knight soccer coach Dave Yanosy stood, perplexed, at the edge of the Southington field. It wasn't because his team would miss the Class LL quarterfinals for the first time in three years. It wasn't that the season ended with a loss.

Yanosy looked confused when asked about his team's performance. For the first time this season, his team couldn't capitalize on opportunities.

Boys Soccer

"At one point we had two good opportunities, they had two good opportunities, and they were up 2-0," said Yanosy. "We were on the opposite end of that [in the first round] on Tuesday. We buried our two opportunities, and Xavier didn't. Unfortunately, it kind of caught up to us today. That's the name of the game. You have opportunities. If you bury them, it puts you in a good position. If you don't, you run that risk."

It was capitalizing on opportu-

Class LL Tournament	
First Round	Nov. 9
Southington 2	
Xavier 1	
Second Round	Nov. 11
Bridgeport Central 3	
Southington 1	

nities that enabled Southington to reach the second round. On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the boys opened the postseason against Xavier on a turf field in Portland. For nearly 20 minutes, the Falcons pinned the Knights at their net with their high-octane, possession-styled offense.

Then, J.P. Ricciardone seized an opportunity. He settled a ball at midfield, crossed a long ball ahead of two defenders, and Greg Smedberg tracked it down for the go-ahead score. In the blink of an eye, Southington had the unlikely lead.

"J.P. took a great touch. Really, if you take two or three touches there, the defense will get back," said



JOHN GORALSKI

Blue Knight defenders swarm Xavier's offense during a 2-1 victory in the first round of the Class LL tournament.

Yanosy. "The great thing about that was he took one touch, set it up, played it opposite, and Greg obviously took it well. That really got the ball rolling in terms of our confidence and getting off on the right foot."

Ten minutes later, Southington seized another opportunity. A rare push into Xavier's zone left Smedberg with two defenders. One looked back to the goaltender, and Smedberg pounced. He came away with the ball, dribbled past a diving keeper, and swept the ball back to the net for what would prove to be the game-winner.

"We won off a back pass to the keeper and that's what we practice for," said Smedberg. "We knew that

they played back to the keeper. We knew that playing both of our forwards wide would create scoring opportunities, and it worked."

The Knights clamped down defensively after the break. Xavier had just two scoring opportunities in the first half, but increased their pressure in the second half. Bill Queen finished with 12 saves. The defense allowed a late goal, survived an own-goal situation, and held on for a 2-1 victory.

"They're awesome," said Yanosy. "Bill had a great game. Ty Moss, Drew Aylette, [Steve] Maffiolini, and [Kyle] Connolly each had moments where it was down to them, 1-v-1, and they had to make the play. And they did...As much as

we had to defend, it was very difficult to score on us. I owe that to them."

For the third year in a row, Southington advanced in the postseason with a road upset. With No. 26 Bridgeport Central upsetting No. 7 Fairfield Prep, the Knights earned their first postseason home game since 2004.

"It's been a while, but it's certainly deserving for this team with the number of battles that they've been in and the amount of work that they've put in," said Yanosy. "It's sort of a great reward for them, and you know? We're going to play the game to win it. We've been in the

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Knights advance to swim finals  
Mirando finished 8th at Class LL diving competition

By JOHN GORALSKI  
SPORTS WRITER

On Friday, Nov. 12, Amanda Mirando was the only Southington athlete to enter the Hamden pool. For the second postseason, she was competing by herself. For the first time in her career, she advanced to the finals.

Girls Swimming

For the first time, she performed all 11 dives. Mirando collected 283.45 points and finished eighth overall...but that wasn't the end of Southington's postseason.

The Lady Knights were just getting started with nine swimmers entering the water the following day. Mirando led the team with the only

postseason performance in 2009. This year, the diver raised the bar for the future.

"She's just a junior," said Lady Knight swimming and diving coach Jay Dubinsky. "She could be a place winner next year. I'm sure that she's going to be working on more difficult dives from now until next season. She could come in with a new routine that will score enough points for her that you will see a top three finish."

Mirando set the pace as the first to compete and the first to advance to the finals, but the Knights were just getting started. The Knights had no swimmers in 2009, but sent 10 to the starting gates in this year's qualifying meet. Three swimmers advanced. Three relays moved on to the finals. Dubinsky said that his young program has finally

turned the corner.

"We were hoping to get a couple of them into the finals, but we did even better," said the coach. "Haley Marquardt is one of the alternates—the first alternate—in the 200 freestyle, and Laurel Dean is the second alternate in the 200 free. Melanie Mongillo is the second alternate in the 100 free. If somebody scratches out, they might even get another race for themselves. To get that close and get three girls in speaks for all the work that they did throughout the year."

Don't cry too hard for their alternate status because each one advanced in other races. Marquardt led the way. The sophomore swimmer trimmed nearly five seconds off her qualifying time in the 500 freestyle (5:48.66) to

advance to the finals and swam the second leg of the 400 free relay with Gina Kelley, Jenny Drozd, and Mongillo to trim 2.28 seconds off their previous best.

"She really is a big race swimmer, and she swam the race exactly how we wanted," Dubinsky said about Marquardt's performance in the 500 freestyle. "She started out with a good pace. Some people went ahead of her, but she stayed consistent throughout. All of her laps were pretty consistent and right on the mark. They didn't

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At right, Amanda Mirando hits the water during the Class LL diving trials and finals on Friday, Nov. 12.



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# Athletes of the Week



## Amanda Mirando

*Southington High School diving*

**Class:** Junior  
**Reason:** Scored 283.45 points in 11 dives to finish 8th overall at the 2010 Class LL diving championships.

Amanda Mirando sat on the bleachers with earplugs and a towel as divers waited for their turn at the Hamden pool. Some were pacing. Others were tapping nervously. Mirando was listening to music and relaxing. Her calmness paid off. At the Class LL diving finals, she was one of the best. Mirando scored 283.45 points and finished 8th overall. She completed 11 dives with a pair of inward dives, four forward

dives, three backwards dives, and two reverse dives. In the course of competition, she completed 10 somersaults with four and a half twists. Her consistency pushed her to the top. “The ones with the lower degree of difficulty she did so cleanly, and that really helped her put some points up,” said Dubinsky. “There was one dive early on where she scored something like 35 points. That sort of set the pace for her, and it gave her some confidence going through.”

Her strong finish has Dubinsky looking forward to her senior season. “She could be a placewinner,” said the coach. “I’m sure that she’s going to be working on more difficult dives from now until next season. She could come in with a new routine that will score enough points for her that you will see a top three finish.”  
*For her outstanding athletic accomplishments, Mirando is our highlighted female athlete of the week.*



## Greg Smedberg

*Southington High School boys soccer*

**Class:** Senior  
**Reason:** Led the Southington offense with two goals and an assist in two postseason games.

Greg Smedberg stared down both defenders as he charged toward the net in the first round of the state tournament. They were studying the ball, but Smedberg was studying their faces and looking for his chance to strike. “You have to pay attention and be alert. You have to look at the body language of the defenders,” he said. “As a forward, you need movement. You need to confuse the defenders. You need to be in one place

one second and be in another place at the next.” When one defender glanced back at the goalie, Smedberg made his move. He kicked the ball loose, brushed past the diving keeper, and buried his second goal of the game. “The goalie came out and I just took a little touch by him,” he said. “The angle was so hard that I don’t know how I put the ball by him and put that in.”  
It may surprise Smedberg, but it’s no sur-

prise to Southington fans and coaches. Smedberg led the team with 15 goals in 2010. He had two goals and an assist in two postseason games and was involved in every Blue Knight score. “We talked about this all year, and that’s kind of in the forward’s job description,” said Blue Knight coach Dave Yanosy. “He’s a finisher, and he finished.”  
*For his outstanding athletic accomplishments, Smedberg is our highlighted male athlete of the week.*

### TOP FEMALE PERFORMANCES

- **Natasha Carlbert, SHS girls volleyball team:**  
Attacked the net 68 times for 29 kills and had 3 aces, 8 digs, and 3 blocks in two Class LL tournament games.
- **Kristy Solomon, SHS girls soccer team:**  
Scored on a penalty kick in the first round of the state tournament to give the Lady Knights a 1-0 lead at the half.

### TOP MALE PERFORMANCES

- **Bryan Wilcox, SHS cross country team:**  
Ran the 3.1 mile course in 17 minutes, 27.8 seconds to finish 30th out of 264 runners at the NE championships.
- **Tyler Dube, SHS football team:**  
Caught 3 passes for 59 yards, caught an interception, and recovered a fumble during a 52-13 win over East Hartford.

## The week ahead in Southington sports...

Unforeseen schedule changes or weather conditions may cause a change in the schedule. You may call (860) 628-3229, ext. 425 to check the status of a contest. For afternoon contests, call after 1:30 p.m. and for evening contests, call after 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

No games scheduled.

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SATURDAY

No games scheduled.

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MONDAY

Powder Puff Football vs. New Britain (V-6:30).

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

Football vs. Cheshire (V-10:00).

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Our Athletes

# Knights are poised for Thanksgiving

## Lopsided victory over East Hartford sets the stage for the postseason

By JOHN GORALSKI  
SPORTS WRITER

It was easy to forget about the football game. On Wednesday, school officials finished their investigation into the Oct. 22 game against Manchester where Southington coach D.J. Hernandez was charged with unsportsmanlike conduct. The first-year coach was issued a one-game suspension by the school.

While the team practiced in the back fields of the high school, officials released a statement.

Football

“The administration’s investigation determined that Coach Hernandez’s actions did not adhere to the district’s high expectations for all Southington Public School coaches,” Principal Martin J. Semmel, Ed.D said in the statement. “Coach Hernandez holds himself accountable for his actions and accepts his consequence. The Administration has complete confidence in Coach Hernandez and his ability to lead our football program now and in the future.”

Meanwhile, the team



“Obviously, there were some negative things out there, but we kept trying to push forward with our No. 1 goal.”

Mike Drury,  
SHS assistant coach

Zac Stewart (No. 37) and Matt O’Connor (No. 18) converge on East Hartford’s quarterback during a 52-13 win on Nov. 12.

practiced for their upcoming game. The following day, Hernandez issued a statement of his own. “I have had the opportunity to reflect on this entire situation, and I understand by using the card I did not set a good example for the young men I coach,” he said. “I promise I have

learned and will continue to learn from this situation and become a better person and coach. I hold myself accountable for my actions and I accept this consequence.” Assistant coach Mike Drury was appointed as the interim coach, and the team kept practicing.

“He’s a big presence on the sidelines,” said Drury. “Without him it was tough, but we came together as a coaching staff with a lot of talks with the kids. We’re just trying to keep them focused the whole day today from when school is over to the end of the game. We really tried to micromanage that, and the kids responded well.”

On Friday, the boys took the field, and East Hartford never knew what hit them. The offense scored. Southington took a 44-6 lead into the break and rested their starters for most of the second half.

At the end, Southington had a trio of safeties and a 52-13 win. The starters drenched their interim coach in ice water on the field.

“We had one of our best weeks of practice all year,” Drury said. “Obviously, there were some negative things out there, but we kept trying to push forward with our No. 1 goal. Our goal is what that

goal is each week and who that opponent is. Our goal is not down the road three weeks. It’s that week. We focus each week on that goal, and we’ve been doing that and we’ll continue to do that.”

The offense did their part. Jarrid Grimmett (19 carries, 78 yards) rushed for two touchdowns in the opening half. Connor Butkiewicz came out throwing, completing 10 of 16 passes in the first half for 158 yards and two scores. Jordan Chapman caught a 12-yard touchdown. Brian Kaminsky (3 catches, 40 yards) caught a 13 yard score, and Dave DiNeno capped the scoring with a six-yard run in the fourth quarter of play.

“The game plan offered itself up to be able to throw the football,” said Drury. “If the opportunity is there, we’re going to throw the football. If the opportunity to run is there, we’re going to run the football. That’s what was offered up to us, and that’s what we were able to do.”

The defense did their part. Zac Stewart had 1.5 sacks, including the first hit in the endzone for the safety that launched Southington’s scoring. Nick Gothberg had seven tackles. Matt O’Connor had five tackles with 1.5 sacks. Andrew Walowski had

Nov. 12  
**Southington 52**  
**East Hartford 13**

two sacks. Jonathan Repollet and Jaylon McKee had one sack apiece, and the back-field did the rest. O’Connor returned a touchdown 44 yards for a score. Tyler Dube returned another one for a 75-yard score in the second half, and East Hartford threw a pair of long snaps out of the end zone for safeties.

“We really wanted to focus on the energy because we were a little flat last week in practice and we came out flat in the game,” said Drury. “I think that, from the get-go tonight, we came out with a lot of energy. They’re a good team over there. They were probably working just as hard during the week, but we came out with just a little bit more energy and did what we could in all aspects of the game.”

As the teams raced onto the field in the second half, the biggest question was the margin of victory. How could the Knights keep the contest within 50 points? How could they avoid another week in the headlines and another suspension?

“We teach them to play hard, play fast, and that’s basically it. Then, we try to get our varsity guys out in those situations and let our young guys play,” said Drury. “You don’t want to embarrass a team or put the coach or the school system in that type of situation. You want to try to stay within reason, and that’s what we did. That’s



VINNY ROSSITTO

Assistant coach Mike Drury led the Knights on the sidelines against East Hartford while D.J. Hernandez served his one game suspension.

what we tried to manage.” Now, the Knights can focus on Thanksgiving Day. At 6-1 in the division, Southington has clinched the conference title. At 8-1, the Knights are one victory from clinching a postseason berth. With a win over Cheshire (4-5), Southington will return to the state tournament.

Kick-off is scheduled at 10 a.m. at Fontana Field. “We’re looking for a battle,” said Drury. “They’re a great team, and we’re going to try to have a great time on Thanksgiving and try to get a win.”

To comment on this story or to contact sports writer John GoralSKI, email him at jgoralski@southingtonobserver.com.

Up Next



vs



Thursday, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.  
at Southington High School

**Southington High School**  
**Record: 8-1**

**Last week’s highlights**  
**52-13 win vs. E.Hartford**  
**Connor Butkiewicz:**  
10-for-16 passing (62.5%),  
158 yards, 2 TDs.  
**Jarid Grimmett:**  
19 carries, 78 yds, 2 TDs.  
**SHS defense:**  
3 safeties, 2 fumble recoveries, 3 interceptions.

**Cheshire High School**  
**Record: 4-5**

**Last week’s highlights**  
**23-6 win vs. Shelton**  
**Jake Scinto:**  
3 catches, 112 yds, 2 TDs,  
1 interception on defense.  
**Max Slade:**  
17 carries, 28 yards,  
3-for-5 passing, 39 yds, TD.  
**Kyle Pulek:**  
2 extra pt kicks, 20 yd FG.

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Our Athletes

Championship effort  
Lady Knights did everything but win

By JOHN GORALSKI  
SPORTS WRITER

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, the Lady Knight soccer team saved their best for last. Southington out-shot Staples, 7-2, in the first half. They out-shot them in the second half, 6-4. The Lady Knights took a 1-0 lead into the break and the underdog locals kept the Wreckers from mounting any sort of attack on the net.

A pair of second half penalty kicks ended Southington's hopes.

Girls Soccer

"Unfortunately, it's the story of our year," said Southington coach Sal Penta. "We played very hard. We out-hustled them. We just couldn't finish when we needed to, and we committed poor fouls when we shouldn't have."

On paper, the Knights shouldn't have even had a chance. No. 11 Staples cruised through the regular season with a 9-3-3 record in the challenging FCIAC conference. The No. 22 Knights managed to clinch a postseason berth in the final days of the regular season.

Penta was pleased with his team's effort.

"I told the girls that, after 80 minutes, I wanted Staples to know what type of team Southington is, and we did that," said the coach. "We have [an FCIAC] team that makes it to the semifinals of their tournament who's supposed to be challenging for a state tournament. We go to their field and we out play them. You can't ask for more than that."

At the half, the Knights were ahead. With 11 minutes left in the opening period, senior co-captain Kristy Solomon rifled a free kick

Class LL Tournament	
First Round	Nov. 9
Staples 2	
Southington 1	

over the shoulder of Staples' keeper in a 35-yard kick with the wind at her back. Southington took the 1-0 lead into the break.

"It's going to be tough to sleep tonight because those girls deserved the win," said Penta, "but in the same sense I know that this program is headed back to where it should be and that's to the top."

Staples increased the pressure after the break, but Southington defenders kept them out of the net. Michaela Melillo collected four saves, but Lauren Kratky scored on two penalties and the Knights fell, 2-1.

"To Staples' credit, both of their goals were very good goals," said Penta. "That's the sign of a good program in the tournament. They really know how to take advantage of their free kicks, and both teams did that today."

With the loss, Southington finished its season with a 5-7-5 record. The season marked a return to the postseason after a one-year absence, and Penta feels like his young program has turned the corner.

He points to his small band of seniors for the team's quick turnaround. The coach said that Southington played its best at the end, and that's the way it's supposed to be.

"The seniors did themselves proud. Not only did they play well at the end, but they realized what it takes to be successful," he said. "As a coach, that's what you want them to do. They learned that every player has a role, and sometimes you can do better

than you think you can. Sometimes you have just a little extra left in the tank. We wanted to bring it out of them, and we did. They gave me their best today."

The gauntlet has been thrown for next year's team.

"With the talent that I have in the program and the talent that's coming up, I feel like our next two years are going to be exciting," said Penta. "We're going to put those younger players in positions, right away, to get better. We're going to create an environment where we can improve right away, and I'm excited about that."



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We played very hard. We out-hustled them. We just couldn't finish when we needed to, and we committed poor fouls when we shouldn't have

”

Sal Penta,  
SHS girls soccer coach

At left, senior Lauren Ainsworth possesses the ball during a regular season contest.

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# Sports Calendar

## EVENTS

**SHS POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL**—Monday, Nov. 22, 6:30 p.m., at Southington High School. Second meeting between Southington High School and New Britain High School senior classes. Cost is \$5 (\$7 at the game). Tickets are available at the SHS athletic director's office.



## SPECIAL NEEDS

**DISCOVERY/CHALLENGER BASKETBALL**—Mondays through Dec. 20, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. (younger players) or 7 p.m.-8 p.m. (older players), at Bristol Boys Club, 105 Laurel St., Bristol. Open to athletes aged 5 and up. This program introduces the game of basketball to the players and teaches them various phases of the game as the child advances in their dribbling, passing and shooting of the basketball. Cost is \$20 per child, \$25 for 2 or more; scholarships are available. Volunteers are also needed to buddy with the children. Contact: Dee Valerio-Matyka, (860) 584-1828.

**BOWLING WITH A BUDDY**—Last Saturday of the month during the school year, 9:15 a.m. at Brunswick Super Bowl Lanes, Plantsville. Open to any Southington elementary school students with special needs. Peer volunteers from Southington High School's Best Buddies program will be participating in helping the elementary students with their bowling game! Cost is \$2.05, which includes shoe rental. Bowling with a Buddy is not run, sponsored, or endorsed by the Southington Public Schools or the Southington Board of Education. Contact: Katrina Toce, kattoce@hotmail.com.

## SOUTHINGTON YMCA

Registration for the following classes and programs, unless otherwise noted, can be made at the Southington Community YMCA Membership Services Desk at (860) 628-5597 or on-line at [www.southington-cheshireymca.org](http://www.southington-cheshireymca.org).



**YOGA AT THE Y**—Registration is underway for a variety of Yoga programs at the Southington YMCA. Choose from Hot Yoga, Vinyasa Flow Yoga, Hatha Yoga, Power Yoga, Intermediate Yoga, Forrest Yoga, Yoga Run, Yoga 101, and Outdoor Yoga at Camp Sloper. Low cost packages range from \$4.75-\$6 per class. Drop in classes available for \$8.

**PRESCHOOL & YOUTH GYMNASTICS**—For children ages 16 months and up in a state-of-the-art facility located at 26 Putnam Place, Plantsville. The programs are designed to enhance the child's strength, flexibility, hand eye coordination, and



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## Drinking from the Connecticut Cup

with a win over West Haven in the championship game on Saturday, Nov. 6, the Southington Soccer Club U12 girls team captured the Connecticut Cup.

social and listening skills. The YMCA also offers a competitive gymnastics program where participants compete in YMCA and USAG meets. YMCA instructors encourage and support children and serve as positive role models. Contact: Nancy Bauman, (203) 272-7688.

## PARKS & REC

Registration for the following classes and programs, unless otherwise noted, can be made at the Southington Parks & Recreation Department at (860) 276-6218. Checks should be payable to Town of Southington. To learn more check out the activity schedule at [www.southington.org](http://www.southington.org).



**YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**—Late sign-ups are still being accepted for boys (grades 3-12) and girls (grades 3-8). Cost is \$65 per player. A parent or guardian must sign the registration form, and the program is not open to any player on a team sanctioned by the CIAC. Deadline for High School registration will be Friday, Dec. 3. Grade three (boys, girls) is a six-week clinic beginning in January. League play one night per week with games on Saturdays (boys grades 4-9, girls grades 4-8). Varsity practice and games on weekdays (boys grades 10-12). Forms may be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Office.

**MENS BASKETBALL OPEN GYM**—Sundays through March 13, 9 a.m.-noon, at the Derynoski Elementary School gym. Participants must be over

18 years of age and a resident of Southington. Proof of residency is required. Cost is \$5 per week and will be collected at the door. Checks should be payable to Town of Southington. The gym is closed whenever there is inclement weather.

**MENS BASKETBALL OVER/ UNDER 35 LEAGUES**—Registration on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays through Thanksgiving, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at the DePaolo Middle School gym. Cost is \$400 per team. Participants must be over 18 years of age and a resident of Southington. Proof of residency is required. League play begins after Thanksgiving. The gym is closed when school is not in session, on shortened days, or whenever school is canceled due

to inclement weather.

**ZUMBA CLASSES**—Mondays and Wednesdays from Jan. 3-March 16, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., at the Plantsville Elementary School gym. Cost is \$70 and class size is limited for this dance/fitness program that burns over 500 calories per hour. Pre-registration is required. Payment is due upon registration and cannot be paid at the class. Checks should be payable to Town of Southington and can be mailed to the Parks & Rec department at PO Box 571, Southington, CT 06489.

**ADULT FITNESS PROGRAM (WINTER)**—Tuesdays and Thursdays through Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at the Kennedy Middle School gym. There will be no class when schools are

closed for inclement weather. Cost is \$50 for the program which consists of low/high aerobics and strength training with free weights. Participants should bring a mat, free weights 1-10 lbs, comfortable clothing, and sneakers. No children are allowed. **WINTER YOGA CLASSES**—Thursdays from Jan. 3-March 7, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m., at Strong School, 820 Marion Ave, Plantsville. Instructor Kathy Conyeres will direct this beginner's class of 'Gentle' aerobics aimed at improving flexibility, strength, balance, muscle tone, and physical coordination. Cost is \$50 for eight classes, and participants should bring loose clothing and a mat or flat blanket. Pre-registration and payment is required. No money will be

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## PARK & REC TRIPS

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**RED SOX VS OAKLAND**—Sunday, Aug. 28. Departs:TBA. Cost is \$95 per person and includes deluxe motor coach transportation and ticket to the game.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**SHS INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY & SENIOR GOLD CARD PASSES**—Available at the SHS Athletic office, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Family passes cost \$85 and includes immediate family members for boys/girls volleyball, football, boys/girls basketball, wrestling, and night baseball. Individual passes cost \$40 (\$30 for students). Senior gold cards are free for Southington residents ages 62 and over and are good for all regular season home games. Those who already have gold cards do not need new ones. Contact: SHS Athletic Office, (860) 628-3229 x 425.

**THE SPEEDWAY LINE REPORT WITH GARY DANKO**—Mondays, 6 p.m.-7:00 p.m., on WATR 1320 or on-line at [www.speedwaylinereport.com](http://www.speedwaylinereport.com). The call-in radio show focuses on the world of auto racing with in-studio guests. Southington's Gary Danko leads the discussion and provides results from local tracks and periodic vintage historical shows. Call-ins: (203) 757-1320.

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## Boys soccer: eliminated in second round

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quarterfinals the last couple of years, and we've got a game on Thursday for a shot to get back there."

That's why Yanosy was so surprised by the second round result. Antonio Da Graca muscled through two Southington defenders for the first goal. His brother, Edir, drove an opportunistic line drive past Queen for the second, and Bridgeport Central entered the half with a 2-0 lead.

Hilltopper coach Jay Silverman wasn't feeling too secure about his team's lead

at the half.

"My biggest fear was that they are a second half team, and that's what I told my guys at the beginning of the game," Silverman said. "Watch out for this team. They come out in the second half, so you'd better lock it down. A lot of credit goes to those guys. They played their hearts out. Unfortunately, somebody's got to win."

The Knights trimmed the deficit with a fee kick and a Connolly header with 17:33 remaining, but the Knights couldn't regain momentum.

"It kind of seemed that, once we scored, we went

back to our first half mode a little bit instead of really pressing forward like I hoped we would," said Yanosy. "We kind of let them rediscover their form and their game."

The Hilltoppers scored once more to put the game out of reach, and the Knights were eliminated from the postseason with a 3-1 loss. Southington finished the season with a 7-5-6 record. Yanosy said that his team battled well all year, but didn't capitalize in their final contest.

"We were in no way taking them lightly. It was just a matter of them setting the

tone in the first 20 minutes, them burying their opportunities, and us not doing the same thing," said Yanosy. "It was a case of too little too late in the second half."

The Hilltoppers went on to beat Ridgefield in overtime in the quarterfinals and will meet Farmington in the semifinals with a chance to compete in the Class LL finals.

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Volleyball: eliminated

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unforced errors in a 15-8 loss.

“I think the first game Cheshire came out hard, but we won the next two. We won game three convincingly, and we had game four,” said Heitz. “I think we handled the pressure pretty well, but it’s a game of momentum. They got that momentum at the end of game four, and they carried it into game five.”

To reach the quarterfinals, Southington bested Stamford in straight sets on Thursday. The Knights collected 15 aces, 37 kills, and 43 digs as they cruised past the Black Knights, 25-9, 25-18, and 25-21.

“In the tournament it’s survive and advance,” said Heitz. “I think that, in game one, despite the score disparity they gave us a lot of points. I think we aced them nine or 10 times. Elsie

served very well on the night. She missed a couple, but she had seven aces.”

Kaminsky had 30 assists. Broytman (14 kills) and Carlbert (13 kills) attacked the net 23 times apiece. Horanzy had three kills and 12 digs, and Bernaiche added 10 digs. Southington cruised to a 3-0 victory to set up the quarterfinal match with Cheshire.

With the loss in the quarterfinals, Southington ended its season with a 21-2 record.

“They all got along well. They all worked hard,” said Heitz. “You really want to see them go out on top. Every school wants that. They want to see their seniors go out on top. I can’t even describe in words how great this group is.”

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Southington High School Cross Country

Boys Results 2010 New England Championships

Saturday, Nov. 13  
264 runners, 3.1 miles  
At Thetford Academy, Thetford, VT

**SELECTED INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

1, Robert Allen, Cranston (RI), 16:28.5; 2, Jeff LaCoste, Bish Guertin (NH), 16:35.4; 3, Connor Rog, Fairfield Prep (CT), 16:35.6; 4, Zach Fraielli, LaSalle (RI), 16:45.8; Alex Gallo, No. Providence (RI), 16:51.1; 6, Bryan Fowler, Tolland (CT), 16:56.6; 7, John Conlin, Merrimack (NH), 17:04.7; 8, Jonathan Anneli, Xavier (CT), 17:05.0; 9, Ian Albert, Xavier (CT), 17:05.2; 10, Jeff Moretti, Guilford (CT), 17:08.4; 11, Trevor Lafontaine, Tolland (CT), 17:10.0; 12, Adam Seften, Bolton (CT), 17:11.7; 13, Brendan Copley, Colchester (VT), 17:12.3; 14, Muad Hrezi, Naugatuck (CT), 17:12.6; 15, Ryan Meehan, Bishop Hendricken (RI), 17:13.5; 16, Z Seites-Rundlett, No Kingston (RI), 17:14.2; 17, Kevin MacPherson, Pinkerton (NH), 17:15.1; 18, Sam Gagnon, Manchester Central NH , 17:15.9; 19, Dan Kilcoyne, Chariho (RI), 17:18.1; 20, Silas Eastman, Fryeburg (ME), 17:19.3; 21, Jack

Collopy, Oyster River (NH), 17:20.0; 22, James Godin, Dover (NH), 17:20.7; 23, Colin McCrory, Pomperaug (CT), 17:21.1; 24, Liam Hillery, Smithfield (RI), 17:21.7; 25, Spencer Nelson, Nashua NH , 17:21.9; 30, Bryan Wilcox, Southington (CT), 17:27.8.  
\*Top 25 are all-New England

Girls Volleyball Class LL Tournament Second Round Southington 3, Stamford 0 (25-9 25-18 25-21)

Thursday, Nov. 11  
At Southington

**HIGHLIGHTS—Southington:** Danielle Kaminsky, 5-for-5 serving, 5 attacks, 30 assists, 2 digs; Connor Taricani, 5-for-5 serving, 1 dig; Corinne Horanzy, 19-for-20 serving, 4 aces, 12 attacks, 3 kills, 12 digs; Briana Gregoire, 0-for-1 serving, 1 assist, 2 digs; Emily Sherwill, 4 attacks, 1 kill, 4 digs; Natasha Carlbert, 10-for-11 serving, 3 aces, 23 attacks, 13 kills, 1 assist, 7 digs; Tory Broytman, 4-for-6 serving, 23 attacks, 14 kills, 2 digs; Elsie Bernaiche, 12-for-14 serving, 7 aces, 1 attack, 10 digs; Tori Munson, 12-for-12 serving, 1 ace, 8 attacks, 4 kills, 1 assist, 3 digs; Emily Durocher, 9 attacks, 2 kills. **Stamford:** Danielle Jordine, 8 kills, 9 digs; Laurie Pochette, 11 digs, 10 service points.

**Records—StHS,** 11-9. SHS, 21-1.

Quarterfinals Cheshire 3, Southington 2 (25-17, 23-25, 13-25, 28-26, 15-8)

Saturday, Nov. 13  
At Southington

**HIGHLIGHTS—Southington:** Danielle Kaminsky, 14-for-15 serving, 3 attacks, 1 kill, 36 assists; Corinne Horanzy, 22-for-23 serving, 1 ace, 36 attacks, 17 kills, 2 blocks, 2 digs; Emily Sherwill, 1-for-2 serving, 8 attacks, 1 kill, 6 digs; Natasha Carlbert, 11-for-13 serving, 45 attacks, 16 kills, 1 assist, 3 blocks, 1 dig; Tory Broytman, 14-for-15 serving, 28 attacks, 10 kills, 1 block; Elsie Bernaiche, 18-for-21 serving, 7

attacks, 13 digs; Tori Munson, 12-for-13 serving, 22 attacks, 2 kills, 1 assist, 1 block, 3 digs; Emily Durocher, 4 attacks, 1 kill, 1 assist, 1 block. **Cheshire:** Gina Buzzelli, 40 assists; Emily Werth, 24 kills; Ashia Wright, 10 kills, 3 blocks; Brittney Gunneson, 11 kills, 5 blocks; Kerry Chavoya, 19 digs.

**Records—SHS,** 21-2. CHS, 17-3.

Girls Swimming Class LL diving championships

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Scoreboard

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INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1, Emily Stotesberry, Greenwich, 412.05; 2, Chloe Russack, Greenwich, 380.45; 3, Schaefer Andrews, Staples, 354.25; 4, Megan Mahoney, Greenwich, 312.55; 5, Nicole DeMarco, Shelton, 307.65; 6, Terri Miller, NFA, 302.35; 7, Weronika Filarska, Greenwich, 286.0; 8, Amanda Miranda, Southington, 283.45.

Class LL swimming qualifying meet

Saturday, Nov. 13  
At East Hartford High School

SELECTED INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

200 medley—(18 teams) 1, Trumbull, 1:52.61; 2, Greenwich, 1:53.16; 3, Ridgefield, 1:54.26; 4, Glastonbury, 1:55.24; 5, Staples, 1:56.04; 6, West Haven, 1:57.8; 7, Westhill/Stamford, 1:57.94; 8, McMahon/Norwalk, 1:58.06; 13, Southington (Alex Irace, Laurel Dean, Sarah Krzesik, Melissa Fiasconaro), 2:05.93. 200 free—(34 swimmers) 1, Erin Calderoni, Greenwich, 1:57.88; 2, Caitlin Cole, Trumbull, 1:58.23; 3, Emily Magnavita, Glastonbury, 1:59.63; 4, Nadine Edwards, Danbury, 1:59.69; 5, Christina Lavery, West Haven, 1:59.86; 6, Sarah Lauridsen, Greenwich, 1:59.99; 7, Jesse Evans, Greenwich, 2:00.09; 8, Anna Lu, Amity, 2:00.55; 25, Haley Marquardt, Southington, 2:09.98; 26, Laurel Dean, Southington, 2:10.58; 32, Jenny Drozd, Southington, 2:17.62. 50 free—(35 swimmers) 1, Dana Grindall, Amity, 24.64; 2, Taylor Byerly, Ridgefield, 24.94; 3, Abigail Fusco, Glastonbury, 25.16; 4, Audrey Butler, Manchester, 25.36; 5, Madeline Dunn, Greenwich, 25.4; 6, Sam Hill, Greenwich, 25.48; 7, Kim Hill, Greenwich, 25.53; 8, Rachel Smolensky, McMahon/Norwalk, 25.62; 17, Melanie Mongillo, Southington, 25.58. 100 fly—(35 swimmers) 1, Dana Grindall, Amity, 55.95; 2, Morgan Karetnick, Greenwich, 56.21; 3, Verity Abel, Staples, 57.83; 4, Jazzi Cooper, Trumbull, 59.82; 5, Taylor Byerly, Ridgefield, 1:00.04; 6, Meredith Pramer, McMahon/Norwalk, 1:00.1; 7, Megan Gray, Westhill/Stamford, 1:00.73; 8, Lisa Ward, Trumbull, 1:01.05; 34, Sarah Krzesik, Southington, 1:12.98. 100 free—(36 swimmers) 1, Abigail Fusco,

Glastonbury, 54.73; 2, Kim Hill, Greenwich, 55.44; 3, Emily Magnavita, Glastonbury, 55.56; 4, Sam Hill, Greenwich, 55.68; 5, Gabrielle Wimer, Staples, 55.99; 6, Lauren Czulewicz, McMahon/Norwalk, 56.18; 7, Christina Laverly, West Haven, 56.28; 8, Emma Langley, Greenwich, 56.44; 26, Melanie Mongillo, Southington, 59.48. 500 free—(33 swimmers) 1, Molly Loftus, Staples, 5:10.9; 2, Erin Calderoni, Greenwich, 5:11.7; 3, Caitlin Cole, Trumbull, 5:12.89; 4, Jesse Evans, Greenwich, 5:17.83; 5, Nadine Edwards, Danbury, 5:18.15; 6, Sarah Lauridsen, Greenwich, 5:18.93; 7, Sarah Cooperman, Staples, 5:22.28; 8, Olivia Rettstatt, Glastonbury, 5:22.67; 22, Haley Marquardt, Southington, 5:48.66; 30, Gina Kelley, Southington, 6:00.84. 200 free—(19 teams) 1, Greenwich, 1:41.38; 2, Glastonbury, 1:42.73; 3, Amity, 1:43.15; 4, McMahon/Norwalk, 1:43.67; 5, Ridgefield, 1:44.59; 6, Staples, 1:45.22; 7, Trumbull, 1:45.36; 8, Westhill/Stamford, 1:46.76; 12, Southington (Sarah Krzesik, Laurel Dean, Melissa Fiasconaro, Melanie Mongillo), 1:50.52. 100 back—(34 swimmers) 1, Verity Abel, Staples, 57.95; 2, Rachel Smolensky, McMahon/Norwalk, 59.35; 3, Shannon Ahearn, Trumbull, 1:00.27; 4, Sidney Pahmer, Ridgefield, 1:01.52; 5, Christina Frias, Greenwich, 1:01.57; 6, Tess Vorselen, Greenwich, 1:01.86; 7, Olivia Rettstatt, Glastonbury, 1:02.28; 8, Kate Hegwood, Glastonbury, 1:03.37; 27, Gina Kelley, Southington, 1:09.75; 30, Alex Irace, Southington, 1:10.53. 100 breast—(36 swimmers) 1, Alyssa Storino, Trumbull, 1:08.29; 2, Diana Pimer, West Haven, 1:08.3; 3, Hannah Hummel, Glastonbury, 1:08.97; 4, Audrey Butler, Manchester, 1:09.31; 5, Victoria McGovern, Westhill/Stamford, 1:10.51; 6, Courtney Kenyon, Ridgefield, 1:10.69; 7, Meghan Poole, Shelton, 1:11.03; 8, Madeline Dunn, Greenwich, 1:11.3; 17, Laurel Dean, Southington, 1:14.23; 36, Alyson Baribault, Southington, 1:21.58. 400 free relay—(17 teams) 1, Greenwich, 3:41.55; 2, Trumbull, 3:43.45; 3, Staples, 3:45.04; 4, Glastonbury, 3:45.05; 5, McMahon/Norwalk, 3:46.83; 6, Amity, 3:47.65; 7, West Haven, 3:52.96; 8, Westhill/Stamford, 3:53.83; 13, Southington (Gina Kelley, Haley Marquardt, Jenny Drozd, Melanie Mongillo), 4:08.66.

Boys Soccer

Class LL Tournament First Round Southington 2, Xavier 1

Tuesday, Nov. 9  
At Oakwood Soccer Park, Portland  
No.23 Southington 2 0 — 2  
No.10 Xavier 0 1 — 1  
First half—1, Greg Smedberg (J.P. Ricciardone), SHS, 19:03; 2, Smedberg, SHS, 9:38.  
Second half—3, Michael Thompson, XHS, 14:08.  
Shots—XHS, 20. SHS, 6.  
Saves—Bill Queen, SHS, 12.  
Records—SHS, 7-4-6. XHS, 11-4-2.

Second Round Bridgeprt Central 3, Southington 1

Thursday, Nov. 11  
At Southington  
No.26 Briedport Central 2 1 — 3  
No.23 Southington 0 1 — 1  
First half—1, Antonio Da Graca (12), BC, 23:58; 2, Edir Da Graca, BC, 8:18.  
Second half—3, 17 (Smedberg), SHS, 17:33; 4, A. Da Graca, BC, 8:25.  
Shots—BC, 18. SHS, 14.  
Saves—Mario Pecirep, BC, 2. Bill Queen, SHS, 4.  
Records—BC, 9-6-2. SHS, 7-5-6.

Girls Soccer

Class LL Tournament First Round Staples 2, Southington 1

Tuesday, Nov. 9  
At Wakeman Park, Westport  
No.22 Southington 1 0 — 1  
No.11 Staples 0 2 — 2  
First half—1, Kristy Solomon (penalty kick), SoHS, 11:00.  
Second half—2, Lauren Kratky (penalty kick), StHS, 24:00. 3, Kratky (penalty kick), StHS, 16:00.  
Shots—SoHS, 13. StHS, 6.  
Saves—Michaela Melillo, SoHS, 4. Jessica Ambrose, StHS, 6.

Records—SoHS, 5-7-5. StHS, 11-3-3.

Football Southington 52, East Hartford 13

Friday, Nov. 12  
At Southington  
East Hartford 06 00 00 07 — 13  
Southington 21 23 02 06 — 52  
First Quarter  
SO—Safety (Zac Stewart sacked Jose Arriaga), 9:52.  
SO—Jarrid Grimmatt 3 run (kick failed), 8:14.  
EH—Kristofer Williams 38 pass from Arriaga (run failed), 7:38.  
SO—Matt O'Connor44 interception return (kick failed), 5:42.  
SO—Brian Kaminsky 13 pass from Connor Butkiewicz (Jordan Chapman kick), 3:26.

Second Quarter  
SO—Chapman 12 pass from Butkiewicz (Chapman kick), 11:50.  
SO—Safety (Snap out of the end zone), 8:30.  
SO—Tyler Dube 75 interception return (Chapman kick), 3:29.  
SO—Grimmett 2 run (Chapman kick), 0:59.

Third Quarter  
SO—Safety (Snap out of the end zone), 3:44.

Fourth Quarter  
SO—David DiNeno 6 run (run failed), 9:08.  
EH—Jahmal Mitchell 59 run (Nicholas Rodriguez kick), 7:43.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
RUSHING—East Hartford (26-74): Jahmal Mitchell, 6-86; Kristofer Williams, 3-4; DeMarcus Murphy, 1-3; Dave Veilleux, 1-3; Angel Blanco, 1-1; Jose Arriaga, 11-(-8); Team, 3-(-15). Southington (32-74): Jarrid Grimmatt, 19-78; Dave DiNeno, 7-5; Stephen Barmore, 3-2; Team, 3-(-11).  
PASSING—Jose Arriaga, EHHS, 3-8-1 76 yards; DeMarcus Murphy, EHHS, 0-8-3 0 yards; Connor Butkiewicz, SHS, 10-16-0 158 yards; Stephen Barmore, SHS, 0-3-1 0 yards.  
RECEIVING—East Hartford (3-76): Kristofer Williams, 2-55; Patrick Shea, 1-21. Southington (10-158): Tyler Dube, 3-59; Brian Kaminsky, 3-40; Zach Wholley, 1-35; Jordan Chapman, 1-12; Andrew Walowski, 1-11; Jarrid Grimmatt, 1-1.  
Records—EHHS, 3-7. SHS, 8-1.



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**PAMELA JONES,** Zoe Sundra, Laura Ganci, String Theorie, Bill Ridenour. 6:30 p.m. The Space, 295 Treadwell St., Hamden. TheSpace.tk

**TUESDAY, NOV. 23**  
**OTHER**  
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**OTHER**  
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**THURSDAY, NOV. 25**  
**OTHER**  
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**SHAKE THAT.** City Sports Grill, 177 Farmington Ave., Bristol.

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**BRISTOL**  
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**OTHER**  
**SEX AND CANDY.** Place Sports Bar and Grill, 367 Winsted Rd., Torrington.

**CHAYANNE.** 8 p.m. Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville. MoheganSun.com, Chayanne.com/2010/site.html

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**THURSDAY, DEC. 2**  
**OTHER**  
**JAZZ TRUMPETER NICK ROSEBORO.** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mattatuck Museum Arts and

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