

Letters etc.



Is It Time For A Change?

Dear Editor:

Come the first Tuesday in November, we all again have the opportunity to determine who will represent us in Hartford; the same old cast of characters or maybe, just maybe some new faces, new blood, and new ideas.

In the 89th District [Prospect, Bethany and parts of Cheshire] the choices well represent these two very different perspectives. On the Democratic side, we have Vickie Nardello, the long-term, perennial incumbent representing the status quo, and the Republican candidate, Tim White of Cheshire, who brings a refreshing perspective and new ideas to the table.

Take away all the campaign signs, and the accompanying hype and rhetoric and what you're left with is the choice to either just keep things headed as they are today, or to help turn things around. If you're comfortable with ever increasing taxes, unfunded state mandates, binding arbitration and an ongoing deterioration of infrastructure and services, then vote Democratic. However, if you've had enough of the status quo, send a message and put Tim White and his new ideas to work for you in Hartford.

Understand your choices: if you like paying higher taxes, enjoy sitting on I-84 watching nothing happen and don't mind your town getting back just a fraction of the money it provides to Hartford, then send back the same old tired faces to represent you. However, if you do that, then don't complain about these problems, because you're part of them.

This Election Day you have the power to make change happen. Vote Republican – for a change – and in the 89th District, that's Tim White. Let's give him the opportunity to help turn things around for all of us in Hartford.

Sincerely,
Thomas J. Galvin
Prospect

Bethany Resident Supports Republican in 89th

Dear Editor:

Tim White is running for State Representative in the 89th District. I support him and I think voters should listen to what he has to say.

Tim understands America's need for energy independence. He knows that by beginning a real discussion on alternative forms of energy, energy independence, along with renewable energy, that has the potential for a number of different benefits.

He supports school buses running on biodiesel, which has been demonstrated to help reduce asthma problems in our children. Another biofuel comes from corn farms for the production of ethanol, which would help curb urban sprawl as well as supporting a renewable U. S. grown fuel. Transit buses running on natural gas would help reduce mobile source emissions in our cities, while improving the passenger's ride.

Unfortunately, none of this will happen without having a meaningful dialog. And the current legislature doesn't seem interested in having a discussion about transportation fuels and resulting emissions.

Tim White wants to have this discussion. He wants to bring clean renewable biofuels to the state, introduce technical innovations, and solve the energy problems we face, not ignore them. In addition, he takes the issues of global warming very seriously. I'll be voting for Tim in November. I hope you do, too.

Sincerely,
Lee Grannis
Bethany, CT
[Lee Grannis is the Coordinator at Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition, Inc.]

Vickie Nardello: Serving Her Hometown

Dear Editor:

I have known Vickie Nardello since we were in high school together, and we have been good friends since she moved here in 1973. When she first ran for State Representative fourteen years ago, I supported her because I knew that she had the energy, commitment and ideas we needed. Some politicians become jaded and out of touch over the years, but not Vickie. She is as enthusiastic and dedicated now as she was in high school.

Vickie won her first campaign by knocking on every door,

Special Needs Camp Offers Hope to Area

Dear Editor:

The Friends of Camp Nerden would like to thank all who supported our fund-raising sale on Sunday, September 17. The John J. Nerden RTC Camp is a free seven-week summer camp for special needs children and adults.

Camp Nerden was set up over 40 years ago, as a free camp to any child or adult currently enrolled in a full-time special education program. Adults with special needs are also welcome.

Requests for funding are made to the communities through their Park and Recreation Departments based on the cost per camper per day. Funding for program expansion, capital improvements and special activities depend on the sponsorship of many local service organizations, foundations and individual donations.

The Friends of John J. Nerden RTC Camp is a group of camp parents whose mission is not only to raise awareness about this wonderful camp, but to help raise the funding necessary to keep this camp running.

Camp Nerden is located in Middlefield, Connecticut and services children and adults predominantly in the Cheshire/Prospect, Southington, Wallingford, Meriden and Hamden areas.

We would like to thank New England Bedroom Gallery for the use of their parking lot and all of the Camper Families who came down to support the camp.

We raised \$250, which will be donated to the John J. Nerden RTC Camp in support of our campers.

If anyone would like more information about "The Friends of Camp Nerden" or would like to make a donation, please email us at FriendsofCampNerden@yahoo.com or visit our web page <http://www.takeanotherstep.com/FriendsofCampNerden.html>

Sincerely,
Vickie Canale
Victoria Brady
The Friends of Camp Nerden

and even as a veteran candidate, she still spends weeks knocking on doors and visiting her constituents personally. I have gone walking with her many times, and with every person she talks to, I can see that she truly cares. Vickie has maintained the values of hard work, honesty and integrity that she learned from her parents growing up here years ago, and I strongly urge you to support her this November so she can continue her outstanding work for this district.

Fred Harkins
Prospect

Republican Town Committee Supports U. S. Senatorial Candidate Schlesinger

Dear Editor:

Have you seen the new movie about a common guy who becomes an NFL pro? "Invincible" is the true story of Vince Papale, everyday guy who went on to a successful career with the Philadelphia Eagles. Recently, the Prospect Republican Town Committee was visited by an equally ordinary man who wants to be your U. S. Senator – Alan Schlesinger. We figured we would give him a few minutes out of courtesy; instead, after two hours, he had convinced us that he was "invincible" and our choice for the U. S. Senate.

He spoke from the heart and presented his positions with a rare honesty and clarity. All independently-minded citizens want to change what is going on in Washington. This election cannot be about hatred; hatred only blinds us from the truth. We know that the limousine liberals have moved to support Ned Lamont and Old Joe is running for his political life, as an Independent by necessity. But can Joe honestly say he is an Independent in his beliefs, or can Ned Lamont say that his beliefs are even entirely his own?

In November, you don't have to vote for the lesser of two liberals, not with Alan Schlesinger as a clear choice on the ballot. Alan Schlesinger will represent all of our interests by applying what seems to have been long forgotten in Washington – common sense for our common problems. The Prospect Republican Town Committee, by unanimous vote, wholeheartedly supports Alan Schlesinger as our next United States Senator.

As in 1775, it's time to fire a shot to our Privy Council in the Senate and begin change. We speak as the Prospect Republican Town Committee on behalf of Prospect's Republicans – please support Alan Schlesinger this November. Thank you.

With all our help, he will be our "invincible" story.
Prospect Republican Town Committee

Tim White Receives Resident's Support

Dear Editor:

My friend Tim White is running for State Representative. I have known Tim and his family for several years and fully support him. While Tim has never run for this office before, I believe that he is well suited for the job and will perform a great service for the district.

Tim has been a well-respected member of the Cheshire Town Council for many years and is very familiar with the issues and

Advice for Those Seeking Elderly Assistance

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter so others can benefit from my trial and error experience. My father was a WWII veteran and both his physical and mental health faltered as his age advanced. No longer could he take care of himself without daily assistance from a full-time caretaker. The whole family went through denial about my father's health because it was stressful to see a once vibrant man become totally dependent on someone else to survive.

We were at a disadvantage because we had neither experience nor reference information on the options that were available to us. Most of the information we received from professionals was broad brush stroke information and the devil was in the details. Here is an example of the minor details that can surprise and put you at a disadvantage.

We had to put my father into a rest home for full 24-hour care. Little did we know that getting into the rest home a three-year waiting list existed much to our surprise. An assisted living facility wasn't an option because my father didn't have sufficient financial resources. The only other option we knew about was to use a live-in caregiver. This worked fine as long as there wasn't a medical need required.

With medical procedures we had to contact the VNA. This created two separate entities (two bills) to take care of one person. Eventually, getting into the rest home, we found that there were other expenses in addition to the monthly bill. Fortunately, we had financial assistance coming from Medicare because there was a medical need.

What did I learn about this experience? None of us can be too prepared for old age. It is to your best advantage to research, prepare and stay abreast of elderly issues because old age will come upon all of us. My research has found a website that is a good place to start called www.ctseniorinfo.com It has almost everything that an elderly person or a person to be elderly needs to know. I hope that someone can benefit from this letter.

Sincerely,
J. Smith
Waterbury

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