



Inside Our States Capitol

Our own Johnny Curley was fortunate enough to spend nearly an hours worth of time with our states Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman.



Johnny Curley (Left) pursued an interview with the state's Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman (Middle). The Eaglet thanks Johnny and his father (Right).

Wolcott High School provides a positive learning environment, where students are engaged in meaningful learning that develops the intellectual, creative, social, technological and physical skills necessary to prepare them for the next phase of their lives.

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On May 9th, I got the opportunity to meet with our Lt. Governor of the State of Connecticut, Nancy Wyman. During our 40 minute interview, we discussed topics such as transportation, tourism, the economy, and education.

How has your 4 months as Lt. Governor been?

It has been very challenging as Lt. Governor. When Dan and I came into a hole in the budget of 3.5 billion dollars it changed what we were going to do. It has been very fun, but also very difficult when you are placed in the situation of putting together a budget for the next fiscal year. It is a very difficult time for gov-

ernment right now. We had to put together a budget in 6 weeks time that was in place for decades.

What are the basic duties of the Lt. Governor and how does it differ from the Governor's duties?

I am the President of the State Senate. The duties of Governor and Lt. Governor are actually very similar. My responsibilities are very different than when I was State Comptroller. When I was state comptroller, my duties included paying the bills and also was in charge of the state's healthcare system. As President of the Senate, I rarely vote unless there is a tiebreaker. A lot of discussions that I have had with the



Around the School

A Student's Fond Memories after Four Years with Mr. Duffy

By Dani Spino

After 30 years of teaching at Wolcott High School, Mr. Duffy is ready to say goodbye. He has been teaching since 1981 and has enjoyed each and every student he has had the pleasure to meet. He has entertained the school with half-time shows at football games, or by organizing Showtime, Battle of the Bands and the play. He has also been a great influence in their lives and the students always sought guidance from him.

Students will remember the band trips they took, especially the cruise trip to Bermuda where Mr. Duffy won 1st place in the Belly Flop Competition. During my 4 years with Mr. Duffy, he has inspired his students by telling them they could do anything, been fantastic by letting us just have fun and still getting work done. He makes sure we take the right path and keep us on that path.

With music, I found friends that will stay with my forever, found courage to go in front of people, and found respect for people who look different but share the same passion as me and I have Mr. Duffy to thank. He will be greatly missed and the music department will never be the same without him.

Don't Feed the Plant!

By: Vincent Frosolone

If you open your mailbox and see seeds for a plant called Audreyll, do not open them. This plant may seem innocuous at first, but if you plant it, you'll find that it thirsts for human blood. It persuades you with a deep, chilling voice. This plant is a carnivorous danger to your family and friends.

On another note, the performance of the play version of the Howard Ashman book, "Little Shop of Horrors" was a great success. The characters were portrayed well, and the plot was seamless; the singing was quite entertaining, and the ensemble and dancers topped it all off. Audrey II was viciously gripping, voiced by Troy Bond, whose voice sounded like it came right off the introduction of a new drama film.

I give kudos to the cast too. Zachary Cipriano was Seymour, and Variety Show co-host Adam Swatt was his "father" Mr. Mushnik. Jake the Shaker played a double role as Orin Scrivello, DDS and as Skip Snip, lecturer. Also playing a double role was the other host of the Variety Show Connor Evelich, embodying Mr. Bernstein and the masochistic patient. Michelangelo Mancini was Patrick Martin, and his role was a good deal. Audrey was Hillary Brown, Seymour's friend and coworker who inspired the plant in more ways than one. Let's not forget about the three girls who

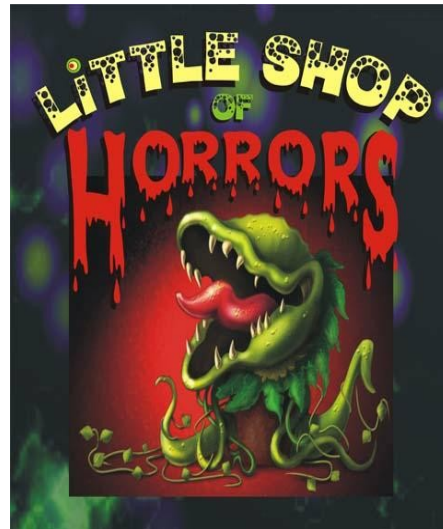
started each scene with a show, Brittnee Maia, Katherine Rosner, and Emma Casagrande.

There were other key roles in the play, but just as important was the pit orchestra, conducted by the one and only Mr. Duffy, and the director, Mrs. Solocius. It couldn't have been so successful without them.

From the start, it was funny with Connor doing some improvisational work with advising the excited audience about the rules. The curtains opened, and the play began. The dancing

and singing truly gave the musical its purpose. Then appeared Seymour, Audrey, and Mr. Mushnik at the Skid Row flower shop, with much enthusiasm. The first time I saw Audrey II, I didn't think it would become the monstrously evil botanical charmer it did. I wouldn't want to go to Orin's office with a cavity, or any pain for that matter, without some defense. The looming mystery of the whole thing climaxed with Seymour sacrificing himself to save the world, although I don't think Patrick Martin cared. The music was captivating as well, giving the play the mood it deserves.

Overall, this play was humorous, mysterious, and undoubtedly musical. If I were a stingy critic from Skid Row, I'd give it 1 out of 10 stars, but I'm not, so I rate it 10 out of 10!



Have a Voice

Team Max 1071



Our local robotics team, Team Max 1071 hosted the fourth annual "Where is Wolcott?" Invitational (WiWi) recently in our high school's gymnasium. Over 25 teams crammed themselves and their robots into the gym for the weekend competition.

TAKE IT TO THE MAX!



Photo credit goes to Iona Brockie, Wolcott High School Alumni, who captured the transformation of our gym into a robotics field.



According to Trina

encourage everyone to make the best of it, and find a group, club or team to join to share the memories with you.

I hope the best for the Eaglet and it's current and future staff. Please take good care with each publication as I have since its re-publication.

I would also like to thank all of my classmates of the graduating class of 2011. We have been through a lot together and I wish every last one of you success in your future.

I have learned a lot from working on this paper. Even though many people don't even know we exist I still put my all into each and every issue. There is so much to be involved in at WHS.

Goodbye to Wolcott High School, and all of its members. Have a safe and happy summer!

This will be my final post of *According to Trina*. I wanted to take this time to thank all of my teachers throughout the years, and especially Mr. Pape who has put up with me and my perfectionism and criticism with this paper.

I hope that every student enjoys their time here in these halls as I did for the past four years. I

Creative Space



Poetry Corner

The Vow

Galway Kinnell

When the lover,
Goes, the vow though,
Broken remains, that
Trace of eternity love
Brings down among us
Stays, to give
Dignity to the suffering
And to intensify it.



The Umbilical Cord of Love

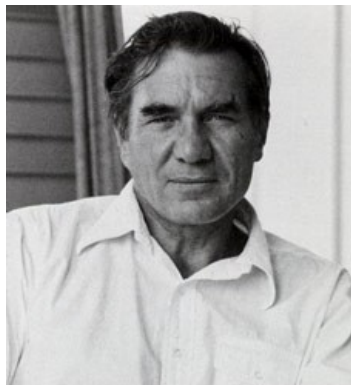
Amanda Green

As we part our separate ways,
We are attached, to a solitary
Thread that will bond us,
forever more, extended far
Beyond the realm of eternity
Toward the sweltering depths
Of the enduring infinity of ones
Facing an intense degree of
Pain as we cannot part but
Start anew.

When I Have Fears that I May Cease to Be

John Keats

When I have fears that I may cease to be
Before my pen has glean'd my teeming
brain,
Before high-piled books, in charactery,
Hold like rich garner's the full ripen'd
grain;
When I behold, upon the night's starr'd
face,
Huge cloudy symbols of a high ro-
mance,
And think that I may never live to trace
Their shadows, with the magic hand of
chance;
And when I feel, fair creature of an hour,
That I shall never look upon thee more,
Never have relish in the faery power
Of unreflecting love;--then on the shore
Of the wide world I stand alone, and think
Till love and fame to nothingness do sink.



Well Written Poetry: Causes you to: Think, Feel, Want, Reevaluate, Challenges You, ETC.

By: Amanda Green

By analyzing the poem *The Vow* written by Galway Kinnell and my own poetic creation *The Umbilical Cord of Love* one could establish a 'vast array of characteristics' of what they are saying and what forms great poetry.

The literary work by Kinnell can be translated as conveying the message: When the

lover departs, the promise, even though it has been broken, is still in existence. The love still comes down wherever we are and surrounds us forever. Lastly, it says love supplies dignity to those suffering and plans to increase the depths of the passion they feel.

My poem *The Umbilical Cord of Love* is comparable in meaning. It says when depicted

into more common language: Even though we are parting ways we are to remain connected. We are to be attached to a single cord that bonds us permanently this cord will reach further than eternity into the depths of infinity and beyond. The sweltering hot depths are so infinite we will never be able to move on because of the intense pain.



Sports & Clubs

Tennis

BOYS

Jon Ramirez and Sean Tansley (9 seed in tourney) advanced to the Quarterfinals of the State tournament after knocking off the 8 seed from Guilford. They hung tough with the #1 seed from Stonington but couldn't get over the hump losing 6-3, 6-4.

Jon and Sean made this great run after winning the NVL's Double's Tournament! Ramirez was also picked as co-player of the year in the NVL!

GIRLS

The Doubles Team of Taylor Mazurski and Pam McWaid won the Girl's Doubles NVL Tournament Title and Jessica McHugh was picked as the NVL's Most Outstanding Senior!

Softball

The girl's softball team finished its first year under head coach Lisa Belval with an 11-11 record.

The team was led by **ALL-NVL** selection Jackie Couillard and **All-Brass Division** selections Gabby Gallucci and Alex Harbanuk

Track

Our track team at the State open had the following results:

Joe Gioielli, 13th in the 800 meter
 Dave Scheibenpflug, 14th in the 3200 meter (personal best).
 John Chomack, 17th in the long jump.
 Rebecca Darley, 11th in the shot put (personal best).
 Eimante Eidukaityte, 14th in the 300 hurdles (personal best).

Golf

Our Golf team, led by seniors Brian Quilter, T.J.Staples, Henry Gargano and Chris Cattania won the NVL Championship by 10 strokes. It was the second consecutive NVL title for the team!

More impressively, the team also won the Division III State title, ***the first ever state title for any boy's team at Wolcott High School!***
CONGRATULATIONS!

Staples and Quilter were also selected to All-State Team!

Baseball

The baseball team finished one of its most exciting seasons ever, falling 4-0 to NVL rival Seymour in the semi-finals of the CIAC Class M State Tournament. The team finished its season with an 18-8 record

Individual honors for the team included the following **ALL-NVL, ALL STATE**— C.J. Monroe and Dom Gambino
All-BRASS DIVISION - Matt Meier and Mike Gigliotti

Gambino was also the NVL's Most Outstanding Senior!

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Senate had been in regards to the budget lately.

How has your experience as the State's Comptroller helped you to as a Lt. Governor?

For the last 15 years or so, I have made recommendations to the legislature about how they should conduct our state's economic system and healthcare. As the Lt. Governor, I can now implement those ideas that have I have had.

The Governor and I have put together a budget what we think is an honest budget and has no gimmicks. This is not a loosey goosey budget, meaning we are not going to spend money that we don't have. For years we have borrowed money from the rainy day fund and purchased many money bonds that the state has to pay off for the next 30 years.

What are some of the comparisons between being a comptroller and a Lt. Governor?

The difference is that as State Comptroller, nobody knew who you were. In fact, they didn't even know how to spell comptroller let alone know who I was. As Lt. Governor, some people know who I am, and that I am the Governor when the Governor is out of state. As president of the Senate, I have a lot more interaction with the legislature. As Lt. Governor, there is a variety of things. For Example, you start out with meetings on healthcare and the budget this morning. Then I have to go to a meeting at Hartford Hospital and a meeting



Lt. Governor Wyman didn't come from politics, but her passion for her children and for bettering our state eventually led her to Hartford.

on Tourism.

What are your responsibilities in the legislature?

As President of the Senate, I rarely vote unless there is a tie-breaker. For Example, if there is an 18/18 tie in a vote, I get to be vote 19. A lot of discussions that I have had with the Senate had been in regards to the budget lately.

Do you have the same views as the Governor about getting the people of CT back to work and fixing CT's current economic crisis?

We really have an economic crisis, especially with 9% unemployment in our state. This is probably the first time that we have had that high of unemployment in

more than 10 years.

An issue that we have in this State is that we have no job creation. We need to encourage businesses to come to this state, and that we have got things in control. The Governor has introduced the bill called The First 5, which he likes to call it the First 50, that would be a small business incentive program that would be offered to businesses that bring 500 or more jobs into the state. We would also like to provide healthcare benefits and we would like to lower our utility rates in this state, which are the highest in the nation.

Tourism is also a huge part of bringing revenue into the state. The Rell administration put in a dollar for our tourism budget. Governor Malloy put 15 million dollars into our state's tourism budget because it is an important component of our economic recovery. Connecticut has great education and many attractions. Tourism generates 1.5 million dollars of revenue into the state early year.

What is your typical day like at the State Capitol?

Everyday for me is different. You have to learn to go with the flow and the Capitol, which is very busy. Just today, my schedule has changed at least 5 times.

What are your views on Education? Do you feel like we should reform our state's education system?

There needs to be big time education reform. The reason that



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I got into politics was because at the time my kids were young and I thought that the Tolland Board of Education was doing a terrible job, and I wanted to impeach every member of that board. I did not come from a political background, so I did not know what I was doing.

After 8 years on the Tolland Board of Education, I was kind of talked into running for State Representative in my district, which I had won. I was the Vice Chairman of the Education Committee during my time as a State Representative for 4 years, and then chairman.

I think that we need to discuss investing in our Pre-K classes, so that we can educate students at a young age. With some of our students, if we don't educate them when their young, they will struggle until their senior year in high school.

We need to gear towards not only our students that want to progress to college when they graduate, but we also want to cater towards our students that want to pursue their career in technical education.

Do you think that we should reduce the State Work force; if so by how much?

When employees of the State retire, we need to make sure that we don't fill those positions back later in time, but that we train our current employees to take on some of those responsibilities that were left by those retirees. We can't just hire people that we don't need.

State Government changes sometimes, like technology sometimes as well. I think if there were more responsibilities for State Employees that would make it easier to eliminate jobs that we don't need.

Do you think that transportation in this state needs improvement?

Transportation is very important in our state. Transportation helps to generate jobs. We need to make our transportation easier. We need to invest in high speed rails that come into Connecticut, and improve our major highways.

The Governor and I disagree on toll booths in our state. The Governor only wants to implement these tolls booths on high-

ways that need improvement, which would be able to help funding for it.

Is there anything else that you would like to add?

When the Governor and I say that it is not easy for us currently, we also know that it not easy for the residents of this state. We think that the decisions that we make will help our state in the long run.

I don't want people like you or my grandkids for example to pay the price of the mistakes that were made in the past. My family and I never came from any kind of background involving politics. The Governor and I are trying to do what we think is best for the State in the long run.



Nancy Wyman and Dan Malloy have had their work cut out for them with the current economic crisis.