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MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 2 | 9 p.m. | Hartford, Conn.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 5 | Providence, RI

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 5 | 2 p.m. | Chestnut Hill, Mass.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 5 | 6:30 p.m. | Ann Arbor, Mich.

WOMEN'S SWIM
Nov. 6 | 4 p.m. | Chestnut Hill, Mass.

VOLLEYBALL
Nov. 6 | 5 p.m. | South Orange, N.J.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 6 | 6 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S SOCCER
Nov. 6 | 7 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 6 | 8 p.m. | Boston, Mass.

FOOTBALL
Nov. 7 | Noon | East Hartford, Conn.

WOMEN'S SWIM
Nov. 7 | Noon | Boston, Mass.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
Nov. 7 | 3 p.m. | Villanova, P.A.

MEN'S HOCKEY
Nov. 7 | 5 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

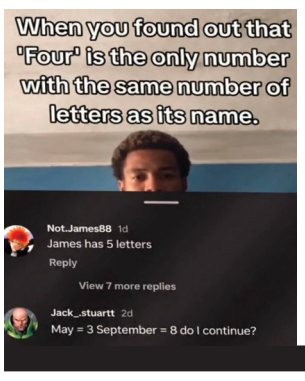
VOLLEYBALL
Nov. 7 | 7 p.m. | Queens, N.Y.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Nov. 8 | 2 p.m. | Storrs, Conn.

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MEME OF THE DAY



LAMONT REELECTED FOR 3RD TERM AS CT GOV.

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Ned Lamont was reelected as governor and Susan Bysiewicz as lieutenant governor over opponents Ryan Fazio and Matthew Corey.

As of the morning of Nov. 4, Lamont won 56.14% of the vote with 648,100 votes, and Fazio has 39.44% and 455,341 votes, according to the Secretary of the State's election night unoffical results reporting website.

Lamont's campaign focused on lowering costs to make Connecticut more affordable for families, lowering the cost of electricity, expanding childcare access with the goal of achieving universal pre-K and investing in public schools and special education programs, to name a few stated from his website.

Fazio's platform highlighted cutting energy costs, expanding the state's housing supply, reforming the 2020 anti-police legislation, improving education achievements in reading and math, holding data centers accountable to pay their electric bills and cracking down on corruption tax, as stated on his website.

There were two candidates running to fill the second congressional district seat, incumbent Joe Courtney (D) and George Patrick Austin (R). As of Nov. 4, Courtney has 61.26% of the vote with 146,958 votes and Austin has 36.63% and 87,863 votes.

Courtney was initially elected to this seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2006.

Courtney's key priorities include investing in modernizing the state's infrastructure, specifically supporting the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that was signed into law by former President Joe Biden in 2021, making health care costs more affordable by building on the Affordable Care Act and proposing to expand Medicare to cover those 55 and over and pushing to eliminate interest on federal student loans among other initiatives, according to his website.

Austin's key priorities include the expansion of technical programs in high school settings, strengthening boarder security and enforcement, including the reform of the asylum process and lowering the cost of living through tax relief and utility bills, as stated on his website.

Mae Flexer (D) and Chris Reddy (R) were the two candidates running for a state senator seat representing Mansfield. As of Nov. 4, Flexer has 72.66% with 3,795 votes compared to Reddy with 21.21% and 1,108 votes.

Flexer, the incumbent, was elected to this seat in November 2014 after six years serving as the state representative for district 44. This is the second time Flexer and Reddy have faced one another; they first met in the 2024 general election. Flexer received 49.8% and 21,385 votes and Reddy received 48.4% and 20,796 votes, as stated on the Secretary of the State's website.

Gregg Haddad (D) ran unopposed in assembly district 54 for state representative. Haddad received 90.04% with 3,227 votes as of Nov. 4.

Haddad was elected to the Connecticut General Assembly in 2010. Prior to his election, Haddad served as the Deputy Mayor on the Mansfield Town Council for 11 years and on the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, according to the Connecticut House Democrats website.

The race between incumbent Pat Boyd (D) and Anthony J. Emilio (R) for the state representative seat in District 50 concluded with Boyd receiving 79.52% with 792 votes vs. Emilio with 20.48% and 204 votes as of Nov. 4.

Boyd was first elected to the house in 2016. In the state house, Boyd serves on the joint committee on veteran's and military affairs, committee on children and most recently started serving as house chairman of the public safety and security committee, as stated on the Connecticut House Democrats website.

Emilio's campaign highlights a reduction in property taxes, lower electric rates from utility providers, affordability for families and has promoted access to therapy dogs in schools, as stated on his website.

The two candidates running to fill the secretary of state role include incumbent Stephanie Thomas (D), and Peter Lumaj (R). As of Nov. 4, Thomas has 57.89% with 652,469 votes and Lumaj with 37.53% and 422,956 votes.

Thomas was elected to her first term as secretary in 2022. In this year's election, Thomas was endorsed by the Working Families and Independent parties. Her priorities include continuing the early voting initiative, expanding civic engagement and education as well as business development, as stated on her website.

Her opponent, Lumaj highlighted reducing taxes, cutting red tape, fostering a thriving environment for families and defending constitutional rights through his campaign.

Fred Wilms (R) ran against incumbent Erick Russell (D) for the seat of state treasurer. As of Nov. 4, Russell has 56.54% with 637,103 votes and Wilms has 38.81% and 437,380 votes.

Wilms's key priorities elaborated on reducing dept, reforming the state's public pension program and concluded with financial transparency and accountability, as stated on his website.

Following his initial election to treasurer back in 2022, Russell's futuristic vision for Connecticut is to continue building reforms to the pension fund, upgrading the state's credit rating and investing in housing development that is both affordable and positive economic growth for the state, according to his website.

The race between incumbent Sean Scanlon (D) and Jennifer S. Tooker (R) for state comptroller concluded with Scanlon receiving 57.65% with 647,047 votes compared to Tooker with 37.91% and 425,480 votes.

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Recently reelected Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont. Lamont won 56.14% of the vote against Ryan Fazio, who had 39.44%. PHOTO COURTESY OF OFFICE OF GOVERNOR NED LAMONT ON FACEBOOK

Gov. Lamont's campaign manager incident sparks POLITICAL CLASH

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Late on Oct. 20, Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont's campaign manager and Connecticut's then-candidate for the 28th State Senate District, Rob Blanchard, was pulled over by police in Newtown, according to WTNH.

Blanchard received a traffic ticket after he drove through an active construction zone on South Main Street and failed to obey the police officer's signal to cross into the opposite lane. His vehicle reentered a closed lane and drove into a construction hole, damaging one of his front tires, according to Yahoo! News.

Blanchard claimed he had been blinded by the construction lights, which prevented him from being able to see the police officer's signal or the traffic pattern. No injuries were reported.

The ticket triggered a political dispute at a Stamford campaign rally on Oct. 31, when a Connecticut Centinal reporter recorded Lamont and questioned him about Blanchard's infraction.

Connecticut Centinal is a conservative news and opinion website which was founded in 2021, according to WFSB.

The video showed Lamont asking, "what is this about," before swatting the phone away when Lamont saw he was being recorded. This prompted the reporter to accuse him of assault in the video.

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> RYAN FAZIO'S CAMPAIGN SPOKESWOMAN

When asked to comment about the video, Lamont told WFSB that he thinks his Republican competitor for the election, Sen. Ryan Fazio, was getting desperate and that maybe someone was trying to stir up trouble at the event. He said that he was just celebrating Halloween and he wished Fazio were doing the same thing.

Lamont's campaign team defended him by saying that the reporter invaded Lamont's personal space and neither the phone nor the reporter had been touched, according to WFSB.

According to WFSB and Yahoo! News, Fazio's campaign team had condemned Lamont and said that the incident was shameful and a misdemeanor under Connecticut law.

Fazio's campaign spokeswoman, Hannah Lemek, said Lamont was getting too comfortable in office after serving two terms as governor.

"Ned Lamont has become so arrogant after nearly a decade in office that he feels comfortable committing a crime on camera. The free press plays a vital role in defending our democracy, and physically intimidating reporters for asking questions is a bully tactic that has no place in Connecticut. We expect the media to bring the same level of scrutiny and reporting to this incident that they would to any other serious controversy in this race. Governor Lamont clearly believes he is above accountability and doesn't have to answer to the people of Connecticut. His actions speak for themselves," Lemek said in a statement.

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Connecticut 28th district Senator Rob Blanchard at a Labor Day parade. Blanchard was pulled over by police in Newtown on Oct. 20, shortly before election day. PHOTO COURTESY OF @ROBFORCT ON INSTAGRAM