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Retiring Library Director Embraced Change

by Joseph Cole

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Meryl Farber loves to read. Starting in December she'll have a lot more time available for indulging in that personal pleasure. Farber is retiring from her position as the director of Orange's Case Memorial Library, effective Dec. 1. She's not leaving for

another position or moving to another town. Farber has simply reached that point in life when it is time to relax, enjoy the Golden Years and lavish her grandchildren with attention.

"It was a hard decision to make. I still love what I am doing," Farber said.

Farber's love of the job had

begun to run up against family obligations and wishes. Her youngest daughter is expecting her first child. Farber's husband had begun to hint that maybe it was nearing time to start enjoying retirement.

In the end, family won over work.

Farber has been the library

director at Case since 2000, and previously worked at the old library (now the Orange VNA building). She's seen the nature of libraries shift and change over the years as they adapted to new technology.

"You can still find the cards in the backs of some of the classic

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Orange Country Fair - 2017



Photos By Lexi Crocco
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School Renovation On Track

by Brandon T. Bisceglia

Special To The Orange Times

Milford Public Schools Chief Operations Officer James Richetelli, Jr. came to the Milford Board of Education meeting Aug. 28 intent on convincing the board members that despite recent setbacks in the renovation of West Shore

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Salon Is More Than Smoke and Mirrors

by Joseph Weathered

Milford Correspondent

One doesn't travel to the Smoke and Mirrors Parlor in the Walnut Beach area of Milford; one simply happens upon it. For three years now, owner and operator Melissa Styles has occupied

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Orange First Selectman's Race: What Is The Greatest Challenge You See Facing Orange In The Next Two Years?

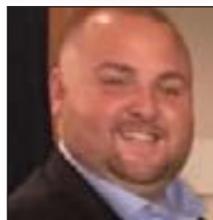


**JAMES
ZEOLI (R)**

State level will have long-lasting effects on many towns that could impact their school systems, town services and cause their property taxes to increase.

Over the next two years, the greatest challenge to the residents of Orange will be the State's fiscal crisis caused by the inability of Governor Malloy and the Democrat-controlled legislature to manage the State's finances. The uncertainty at the

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**ALEX
DEANGELO**

willing to evolve and adapt to an ever-changing outside world.

As a millennial, I have seen some of the problems that Orange will face in the next

DeAngelo cont. on page 27

Since 1822, the town of Orange has been evolving at a rapid pace. However, so have its residents and the towns surrounding it. In order to ensure that Orange remains one of the top towns in not only the county, but also the state, our elected officials must also be



**MARGARET
NOVICKI (D)**

our schools remain at the highest levels if the state cuts education funding? Will new retirees relocate where tax rates are more favorable? Will our senior citizens be able to stay in their

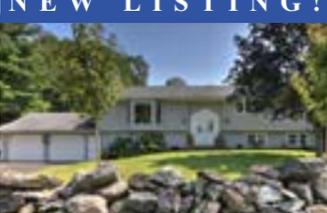
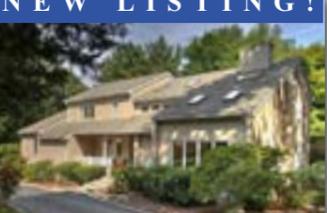
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As I speak with Orange voters, I am hearing a growing sense of unease—about the polarized national political scene, about the budget stalemate in Hartford, and about the future of our town. Will our young families be able to afford to raise their children here? Will

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News & Events

Board Game Cafe To Open In Milford Green In October

by Joseph Weathered
Milford Correspondent

The Milford Green will be home to a unique new business as Milford resident Ryan McConnell will launch Hawkwood Games in October. The board game cafe will be located at 50 Broad Street, across from the Colony Grill.

"The idea is to have a place where you can go with your family and children or your friends to actually spend some time and hang out where there is a focal point that isn't food and drinks," said McConnell of the new cafe. The cafe will have roughly 250-300 games to start, with games ranging from the classic to the newly released. Along with games rotated in and out every day, McConnell also remarked that specific game nights will be included, with genres ranging from chess groups and backgammon leagues to Pokemon, Magic the Gathering and Dungeons and Dragons meet ups. Guests will pay a \$5 fee per person upon entering and will get to play for as long as they wish. While McConnell refers to Hawkwood Games as an analog alternative to the modern day screens, the exception will be in the form of a partnership with Play Table, which has

created a digital board game table in which the imagery will change as players progress in the game. Hawkwood will offer coffee and non alcoholic drinks along with an array of snack foods and bakery items. McConnell also spoke of working with local bakeries and the neighboring Parklane Deli to have fresh sandwiches and snacks offered daily. While guests are invited to bring their own beer or wine to the cafe, McConnell specifies that it would take place after 7 P.M. and all guests bringing beer or wine would have to present identification. With the cafe set to open in October, McConnell requests that people visit <http://hawkwoodgames.com> to follow the progress, along with their Facebook page for updates. As far as being a new face in the downtown Milford community, McConnell is excited to be a part of the neighborhood: "It's spectacular, the downtown Milford business community has been so welcoming and so helpful. The Chamber of Commerce has walked me like a baby deer through the forest as I've gained my sea legs as far as what it takes to be a part of the business community."



Hawkwood Games held an event at Colony Grill to promote their anticipated opening in October. Photos By Joseph Weathered

News & Events

Milford Remembers POW/MIAs



Milford VFW Post 7788 held their 10th annual POW/MIA Ceremony in tribute and remembrance of CT servicemen and women who have been declared missing in action or known to have been a prisoner of war. Photo By Joseph Weathered

Milford Rotary Club Installs Officers



Outgoing president of Milford Rotary Club Robert Thomas congratulates incoming president Winthrop Smith Jr. at the club's recent installation dinner.

Milford Rotary's 2017-2018 officers and board of directors were recently installed by Rotary Immediate Past District Governor Paul Mangels at a dinner held at Riverview Bistro in Stratford. Club member Don Wetmore was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Wetmore began the evening with his usual jokes, warming up attendees for the evening's program, before turning the event over to outgoing club president Rob Thomas. Thomas reminisced about his year as president, speaking about all of the fundraising, events, and initiatives that Milford Rotary Club had participated in during 2016-2017. He highlighted the annual Lobster Bake put on by the club, the Oyster Festival food tent, donations of dictionaries to local third graders, Beth-El Center soup kitchen service, support of local charities, and more. Thomas went on to recognize many club members for their dedication and hard work to further the club's mission of service.

Mangels took over for the actual installation of the club's officers- Win Smith Jr. in his new role as club president, in addition to Robert Bogert, president-elect,

Gary Opin, vice president, Carrie Reed, secretary, Tracy O'Brien, treasurer, Jeff Wilson, assistant treasurer, Cyrus Settineri, sergeant-at-arms and Anthony Vasilou, assistant sergeant-at-arms. Each of the Rotarians in the secretary, vice president, and president-elect roles will serve in that capacity for one year, then will advance in the "chairs," and ultimately become Milford Rotary Club's president.

Smith was overjoyed that many of his family members were able to attend the dinner and celebrate his installation as president. "I'm so happy they were all able to make it. It's going to be a great year!" The club's board of directors was also installed at the dinner. Each board member serves a two year term, and works to determine the direction of the club's focus and the planning of club activities. The 2017-2018 board members are Youssef Boutros, Chris Cody, Theresa DeGray, Win Smith III, Dan German, Shaileen Landsberg, Greg Schmitt, and Tina DeNaples.

For more information about the Milford Rotary Club visit www.milfordrotary.org Meetings are held Thursdays at 12:15 at Gustos, 255 Boston Post Road Milford.

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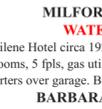
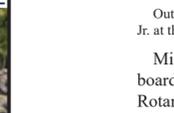
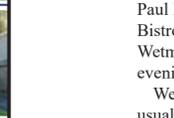
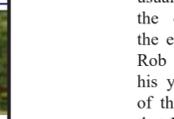
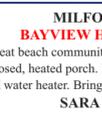
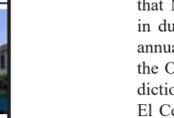
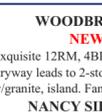
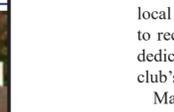
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Opinion & Editorial

In The House:

No New Taxes



STATE REP. (R-114)
THEMIS KLARIDES

In an effort to end the longest state budget impasse on record, Republican lawmakers crafted a two-year roughly \$20 billion budget that eliminates the deficit, raises no taxes whatsoever and preserves

Equifax Breach



STATE REP. (D-118)
KIM ROSE

As I am sure many of you have heard, the recent Equifax data breach has affected the sensitive personal information of approximately 143 million Americans. Due to this breach of data, I wanted to share some helpful information to make sure your credit and identity are protected.

Our Chance



STATE REP. (R-119)
PAM STANESKI

Connecticut is a great state, but for years it has been stuck in an economic rut. Unless we address structural reform the outlook is not good and we will continue to remain in a "rut" of perpetual fiscal deficits.

Budget Update



STATE REP. (R-117)
CHARLES FERRARO

As I am writing this, we are days away from a budget vote. The only budget that has no-tax-increases, puts a stop to the governor's executive order, restores funding for education and core social services, and provides stability for towns and cities is the House and Senate Republican proposal.

By the time the House and Senate Republicans had put their eighth budget proposal on the table, our Democratic colleagues had not put forth one full developed plan

We will know in the coming months - with the final budget that is produced and signed into law by the Governor - who had the right ideas when it came to solving the state's fiscal crisis. But if history is any indicator, it has shown that simply raising taxes without any corresponding spending cuts or changes in the structure of state government, we will back again to address future deficits.

Republicans and Democrats had talked for months about coming up with bipartisan solutions but to no avail. Our Democratic colleagues are certainly entitled to pursue their public policies as are Republicans. But philosophically, there was not enough common ground to come together.

That may change in the future as I am an optimist by nature. Connecticut is best served when its elected officials can agree and work together.

In order to determine if your personal information may have been impacted and for steps to protect your information, visit equifax.com/personal and equifaxsecurity2017.com.

Consumers are also asked to be vigilant in reviewing their account statements and credit reports and immediately report any unauthorized activity to their financial institutions. They should also monitor their personal information and visit the Federal Trade Commission's website, ftc.gov/idtheft, to obtain information about steps they can take to better protect against identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes.

In addition, it had been brought to my attention by a constituent that the Equifax site had originally included an arbitration clause that had confusing language which could be interpreted as meaning anyone who signed up for free credit protection would waive their legal rights to take legal action for damages.

However, based on information I received from the State Attorney General, Equifax had assured them that no waiver of legal rights was intended and that portion of the webpage has now been clarified to confirm that enrolling in the free credit file monitoring and identity theft protection that as part of the cybersecurity incident does not waive any rights to take legal action.

They removed that language from the Terms of Use on the website, equifaxsecurity2017.com. The Terms of Use on www.equifax.com do not apply to the TrustedID Premier product being offered to consumers as a result of the cybersecurity incident.

If you think you have been affected by this breach, I encourage you to go to the Equifax website.

This is why we need to end the status quo; let's stop taxing residents to reach an expected revenue number in the budget only to have that number come up short every single year.

As I have repeatedly stated—real budget reform requires out-of-the-box thinking and leadership.

To that end, here are just some of the reforms we, on the Republican side, believe need to be part of the overall budget package:

Constitutional State Spending Cap: Let's have a mechanism in place to curb out-of-control state spending.

State Bonding Cap: It is time to prioritize spending on the state's credit card

Enact modifications to the State Employee Retirement System: Overtime should not be included in state pension calculations.

Municipal mandate relief: Let's give boards of education more flexibility with regards to educating our children; eliminate the minimum budget requirement, (if enrollment decreases school district should have budget flexibility); and let's permit local binding arbitration modifications.

Mandatory votes on labor contracts: No more contracts automatically being approved without a vote by the legislature.

Auditors' Findings: Require public hearings on the findings of state auditors' reports.

Place limits on General Assembly action with regard to municipalities: Require a supermajority vote to adopt any new statewide mandate.

Many of these long-term budget reforms require us to move out of our comfort zones. We need to stop banging our heads against the wall saying it cannot be done—we need to be The Little Engine that Could.

Yet, in recent days, Democrat leaders have decided to end bipartisan budget talks. It appears that they have cut a deal with the governor to raise taxes on hospitals by over \$500 million, add a new tax on restaurant and hotel transactions, and increase the real estate conveyance tax. The Democrat budget also has the potential to cut millions in municipal aid.

The Republican budget in comparison does not expand the sales tax, hospital tax or income tax. Our budget rejects the governor's devastating education cuts to Orange and Milford and his play to shift teacher pension costs onto municipalities.

We also make structural changes that achieve significant savings such as implementing a real spending and bonding cap. Another core component of our budget is fully finding employment and opportunities for the intellectually disabled. We need to make sure that people that need our help the most receive the necessary services.

It is unfortunate that Democrat leaders have waited months to vote on a budget, and are going to resort to more of the same old budgeting tactics instead of working in a bipartisan way to move Connecticut in a new direction. We need to restore the confidence of taxpayers and business owners, and the only way to do this is to end the tax increases.

You can visit cthousegop.com/budget to view our latest budget proposal.

Editor's Note:
As of deadline the state of Connecticut's budget was unknown. It is possible that has changed between printing and delivery.

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Issue 15
(Pre-Election Issue)
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Senator's Seat:

Promoting Inclusion For The Disabled



STATE SEN. (D-14)
GAYLE SLOSSBERG

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is observed every October, giving us all the occasion to acknowledge the great contributions that the disability community has made to our economy as well as the progress we still need to make in order to ensure equal access to employment for all

This year, a record 68 employers earned the top DEI rating of 100. This positive trend shows that corporate America is becoming more inclusive to people with disabilities, and that this inclusiveness is helping to drive success in business. The DEI report shows external employee recruitment has become even more inclusive with 95% of all 2017 DEI participants having recruitment efforts in place that are specifically geared toward hiring individuals with disabilities; an 11 percentage point increase since 2014.

Companies are also becoming more inclusive internally to employees with disabilities. 88% of reporting companies

have a specific disability-focused employee resource group or affinity organization, an 18 percentage point increase since 2015. In addition, 86% of DEI companies reported a senior executive proactively acts as a champion or sponsor of these resource/affinity groups; a 17 percentage point increase since 2015. Both points signal corporate culture is gradually shifting to be more inclusive.

NDEAM is a great occasion to recognize these companies that have led the way in embracing people with disabilities. Unfortunately there is still much to be done. Many people with disabilities still struggle to find employment and achieve independence. I hope that more businesses can follow the lead of the companies recognized by the DEI and discover the great contributions that people with disabilities can make to their workforce.

The recognition of being a "Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion" is reserved for those companies that have scored 80 or above on the DEI. The full company list can be accessed online at: www.disabilityequalityindex.org.

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Letters To The Editor:

Ode To A Tree

To the Editor:
The term slash-and-burn popped into my head as I headed down Clark Lane the other day. The only explanation I can give for such an unusual thought was the gut wrenching reality of what confronted me. It was, in fact, the wrong term for what I was looking at but it wasn't far off the mark.

What I gasped at from my car is what's known as 'clear cutting.' That afternoon, clear cutting had become the instrument of fate for four magnificent trees that had shaded the front lawn of my across-the-street neighbor for as long as I could remember. What had taken decades to grow to maturity was lost forever, chain-sawed down to ugly stumps in less than a day. The yard was now wide open with the house totally exposed to the road.

Technically, clear cutting is a forestry/logging practice that refers to the process of uniformly cutting down trees in a forested area. Slash-and-burn, an equally devastating clearing method, refers to cutting and burning forests and using the cleared land to grow crops, an often permanent conversion of the tropical rain forest into farmland, leading to severe environmental problems. Both leave the land exposed.

We do not live in a tropical rain forest here in Connecticut but we are experiencing just as harsh a

clearing of land. Drive down Clark Lane, and across other parts of town as well, and that is pretty much what you'll see. It's the latest UI solution to power line remediation. UI is using it to cut down trees and tree limbs within close proximity to power lines that could potentially cause a power outage during storms if they were to fall. It is the permanent conversion of every lawn or patch of woods with trees bordering a street or country road where a power line rests atop a pole, into open, ugly swaths of roadside weeds and stumps.

What will be left of you, oh beautiful Orange, when the buzz saws are through with you? Will we recognize our town, our streets, our front yards, when we look out at neighborhoods bereft of the shade and the character that those leafy giants once bestowed on them?

Big and little towns all over CT are being shaken to their roots and their natural beauty bespoiled along the way. Yesterday, today, and unless someone stops it, tomorrow, the idyllic picture postcard country roads that wind their way through our part of New England will continue to be threatened by the trucks and crews that pull up, stop, and set cones out to direct traffic around the wanton destruction of trees in the name of protecting the grid.

Bonnie Coppola

Recycling Tips

Plastic recycling is now available at the Orange Transfer Station and stores statewide! Put in designated bins: plastic shopping & produce bags, baggies, zip-top storage, box liners (cereal, crackers, etc.), snacks & pre-packaged food wrappers, dry cleaning bags, newspaper & magazine bags, and bubble wrap. Grocery stores, department and big box stores such as Kohl's, Shop-Rite, Whole Foods, Lowe's, Best Buy, Target and more have large recycling bins easily accessible. More tips & info on website bit.ly/OrangeRecycling and Facebook bit.ly/ORC-Facebook.

Orange Registrars Hold Voter Registration Sessions

The Orange Registrars of Voters announce the following 3 voter registration sessions in the Orange Town Hall, at 617 Orange Center Road:

A special registration session will be held at the Registrar's Office on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday Oct. 31 is the in-person cut-off for voter registrations.

Applicants must appear in person to the Registrar of Voters office between 9a.m. and 8:00p.m.

There will be a limited enrollment session on Monday Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for persons who attained age or citizenship after the Oct. 31 deadline.

Call Orange Registrars of Voters Office at (203) 891-4715 or (203) 891-4716 with questions.

Notices:

TOWN OF ORANGE REQUEST FOR BIDS LARRY DEGENNARO AND BRINLEY FIELD RENOVATIONS

The Town will receive bids for the renovations of Larry Degenaro and Brinley Field at the Old Tavern Road Complex, 110 Old Tavern Road, Orange, CT. Bid packages are available at the Park

and Recreation office, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT. Bids will be opened on Tuesday October 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Daniel Lynch Director of Parks & Recreation

NOTICE OF CORRECTIONS SESSION TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARY REGISTRY LIST (Sec. 9-35)

Registrars will be in session on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Registrars of Voters

office, Parsons Municipal Office, 70 West River Street, Milford, CT to complete the preliminary voter list.

Correction:

The Rotary Club of Orange column on Aug. 31 was written by Roger Tausig, not Baxter Walsh.

The column also misspelled Jim McLoughlin's name.

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"The arts and humanities are vastly more important in troubled times." - Jim Leach

by Patricia Miller

The 80s Struck Back



Photo By Lexi Crocco

"RUBIX KUBE – the galaxy's most original '80s tribute band" and their Eighties Strikes Back Show - headlined the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation's 15th annual Evening for the Arts Gala Benefit on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, at Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

ART IN THE LIBRARY continues showing the paintings of and the photography of Paula Wood Esposito through the month of September and also Rosalba Saenz, a painter trained at universities in Bolivia and Guatemala. Paula is a photographer who is an Orange Orange business owner (Paula's Hair and Wig Boutique on the Boston Post Road. The exhibitors for the month of October are Rachiko Hotra, an artist who works in stained glass, and painters Inge Weber and Susan Zeanakis. A reception where the public can meet the artists will be held on Thursday, October 5th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m..

GILDED LILY (101 River Street, Milford) announces an exhibition of the work of Milford resident Colleen Reilly Reese through October 3rd.. This intimate gallery features the work of many interesting artists.

OACC (Orange Arts and Culture Council) hosted the Orange Premiere showing of "Gold Star" at the Case Memorial Library on Sept. 11. "Gold Star" is an independent movie written, directed and acted in by Orange native Victoria Negri. The film, shown to a full capacity audience, is partly autobiographical, part fictional. The action occurs after her father, with whom she had a great relationship, suffers a devastating stroke. This, and the effects of this on relationships is a major theme. In a question and answer period after the screening, Victoria characterized her father as a "Renaissance Man", a retired art teacher at Lee High School and a private piano teacher for many years. He was also a physical fitness devotee—long before it became in vogue. Several attendees recalled seeing him jogging regularly around town, wearing his beret, -- well into his eighties! Victoria also said, "This has been a surreal journey--I have learned so much, not only about the film making process, but what can happen when you share your passion with others!" Victoria and her team are gearing up for the final phase in the distribution process. The film is being released theatrically November 10th-16th in New York City at Cinema Village in Manhattan, with Video On Demand release on the same day. They are in the process of raising an additional \$10,000 before the release to pay for a publicist, legal fees and marketing costs to make for the most successful release possible. They have almost, but not quite, achieved their goal. If you are interested in becoming involved as an investor, please email victorianegri@gmail.com or call 203-444-7872 to discuss further.

PARDEE-MORRIS HOUSE (325 Lighthouse Road, New Haven) invites the public to attend Friends and Family Day on Sunday, September, 24th. The event is free (donations are accepted) There will be Colonial demonstrations, including spinning, and wool dyeing; children's crafts and games—face painting, corn husk dolls, pumpkin painting, and tin punch lanterns. Guided tours of the house will also be provided.

MILFORD ART CENTER'S Eastbound Theater (40 S. Railroad Ave, Milford) presents David Mamet's "November" September 29th-October 15th. The play is an oval office satire depicting one day in the life of a beleaguered incumbent American Commander-in-Chief, Charles Smith. The time is November of a Presidential -election year -approval ratings are down, money is running out and another war might be imminent. His staff is ready to throw in the towel and the First Lady is already beginning to prepare for her post White House life. The POTUS is not willing to give in just yet. Amidst the biggest fight

of his political career, he has to find time to pardon two turkeys from their Thanksgiving slaughter. This simple PR act inspires Smith to risk all to win. In Mamet's typical style and use of language, with a no-holds-barred approach,, the play is a hilarious take of the state of America today and the lengths people will go to win. For tickets got to milfordarts.com or call 203 878-6647. The rest of the season includes "Sylvia" by Kevin Pelley, and "Third", by Wendy Wasserstein.

THE NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA season this year has music ranging from classic to rock to contemporary. The opening season features music from our many different cultures and diverse backgrounds, according to Music Director and Conductor William Boughton. Concerts will be held at the traditional venue, Woolsey Hall, and also at the Lyman Center for the Performing Arts at Southern Connecticut State University. NHSO will continue its regional pops series in Hamden and Shelton. It is possible to buy a mix and match subscription, choosing your four favorite concerts and receiving significant discounts. The opening concert is Thursday, September 28th, when Boughton leads the orchestra, featuring masterworks by Beethoven, Berlioz, Elgar, Bartok, and Tchaikovsky, as well as artists-in-residence pianist Michael Brown, cellist Nick Canellakis, and violinist Elena Unoste. Opening night is also School Night for the NHSO, where K-12 students, teachers, staff and families are invited to attend free of charge. Prior registration is required at NewHavenSymphony.org. For subscriptions or individual tickets go to NewHavenSymphony.org or call 203-865-0831.

OACC (Orange Arts and Culture Council) will once again provide transportation to the Woolsey Hall Concert on September 28th. The bus will leave High Plains Community Center at 6:45 p.m. (concert is at 7:30 p.m.) To register for a seat, call 203-397-8915. To obtain tickets for the concert, call NHSO number cited above.

Yale University Art Gallery (1111 Chapel Street, New Haven) has an interesting exhibit through December 31st entitled "Artists-in-Exile: Expressions of Loss and Hope." It is an innovative approach to the theme of exile, connecting artists who left their homes for many reasons, including discrimination, war, and genocide. Reflecting not only the mental and physical state, exile also acted as a catalyst in the creative process, inspiring many artists separated from their families to experiment with form and technique. The installation features the work of many well-known European artists such as Paul Gauguin, Josef Albers (a former Orange resident when

he was a faculty member of the Yale School of Art), Kurt Schwitters, Marcel Duchamp and Georg Gros. Also achieving more global perspective. The exhibit includes works by Arshile Gorky, Malle, Elizabeth Catlett, Ana Mendieta, Miu Kin, Sherin Neshat, An My Le, Mona Haloum,, Abelard Morrell, Ahmed Alsouadani, with particular focus on female artists. Most of the works come from Yale's encyclopedic collection, enriched by loans from other institutions and private collections. The Museum is closed on Mondays and is open to the public Tuesday through Sunday free of charge.

THE YALE MUSEUM OF BRITISH ART (1080 Chapel Street, New Haven) has "Things of Beauty: Growing History of the History of British Studio Pottery", an exhibit tracing the growth of English pottery from the early twentieth century to the present. It shows the evolution of the vessel—from vase, bowl, charger, set; the forms of ceramic's functional origins. It follows typologies that have defined studio pottery since the beginning of the twentieth century, while also looking back at historical pieces that inspired modern pioneer pieces.. Recent monumental works by Julian Stair, Felicity Ayleff, and Clare Twomey are included. The Museum is free and open to the public and is also closed on Mondays.

YALE PHILHARMONIC performs on Friday October 13th at 7:30 p.m., with guest at Woolsey Hall (500 College Street, New Haven) with Guest Conductor David Robertson conducting Strauss' glorious tone poem...Ein Heldenleben and more. Tickets start at \$10.00, with prices for Yale faculty and Staff \$8 00, and Students \$5.00.

GOODSPEED OPERA HOUSE (Main Street, East Haddam) winds up the run of Oklahoma on September 23rd and the next presentation is Rags, a celebration of Goodspeed's new adaptation of a masterpiece of American Musical Theatre, opening on October 6th. The rich roots of American population are explored in this tale of a young mother and her son, fresh from Ellis Island, embark on a quest for her lost family as they adjust to a new country and a new culture .Opportunity optimism and hope are their watchwords. Book is by Joseph Stein, Music by Charles Strause, ("Wicked" and Annie"), and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. (also "Wicked" and "Annie"). It all combines into a musical portrait of America's immigrant past. For tickets go to goodspeed.org or call 860-873-8668

THE SHUBERT (247 College Street, New Haven announces current and soon to come presentations --- "Dean Lives" on Saturday, September 23rd at 8:00 p.m. The world-class

Las Vegas entertainer Drew Anthony stars, backed by a swinging twelve piece band.. Music is from Dean and Jerry's early years to Dean's solo performances.

Nest, "The Book of Mormon" a Broadway blockbuster, is scheduled to run September 26th-October 1st. The NYT calls it the "Musical of the century!" Entertainment Weekly calls it, "the funniest musical of all time!" And, on Wednesday, October 18th, "A Conversation with Harry Belafonte".

The revered singer, actor and devoted activist will be the featured speaker for the event at the Shubert sponsored by Christian Community Action. The proceeds from this evening will be donated to members of the community struggling with the challenges of poverty. For tickets or more information about any of these shows, call 203-5666.

LONG WHARF THEATRE (222 Sargent Drive, New Haven) is coming to the end of the run (September 24th of "Small Mouth Sounds", which focuses on six city dwellers who are tired of the hassles and frustrations encountered in the city. They decide to go on a silent retreat. This play is winning awards for its awkward and insightful humor. Gordon Edelstein, the Artistic Director of Long Wharf, characterizes it as a play about "seekers". The next play, "Fireflies opens October 11th and runs to November 5th. It is an unlikely romance making its premiere at the theatre. It is a story about overcoming judgment and fear in order to establish a real human connection. It is a universal story.

For tickets, call 203- 787 – 4282 or go to longwharf.org

YALE REPERTORY THEATRE (York and Chapel, New Haven) has a season of scope and complexity, according to Artistic Director James Bundy. The first play is "Enemy of the People", based on the classic Henrik Ibsen work, running from October 6th-28th. This version is newly translated from the Norwegian by Yale School of Drama's Paul Walsh. The action revolves around a family in power as they struggle with the implications of fulfilling their obligations to society as well as to each other. For tickets, got to yalerep.org or call 2-3-432-1234.

LYMAN CENTER JAZZ SERIES lists the following concerts: September 23rd-Jonathan Butler with Elan Trotman and Tropicality; October 28th—Nick Collone, Maysa, Brian Simpson and Art Sherrod For tickets go to tickets.southernconnecticut.edu.

SINGERS are called by the Bethesda Lutheran Church Choir. Yheir schedule includes a fall concert, featuring Bach's Cantata 80 and a spring concert featuring Mendelsohn's Elijah. Their weekly Sunday service music includes music by composers ancient and modern, The choir consists of a mix of professional and amateur musicians Basic music reading skills needed. Contact Music Director Dr. Lars Gjede for more information at music@bethesdanewhaven.org.

STUDENT MONOLOGUES are sought by Drama Notebook for an ongoing monologue contest for students aged 6-18. They are assembling an extensive collection of fantastic original monologue selections for kids and teens—all written by students. For more information go to dramanotebook.com/monologues-kids-teenagers for more information.

Have an event, a comment or an idea? Send to patmiller605@sbcglobal.net

Arts & Entertainment

Trick or Trot Returns Oct. 28



Photo By Nell Moll

The 6th Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk, to benefit the Beth-El Center shelter and soup kitchen, will take place on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Sign in begins at 7:30am and the race starts at 9:00am from Lisman Landing in Downtown Milford. Halloween costumes

are welcome.

Fee is \$27.00 per person for advanced registration/\$30 same day. Register at www.milfordtrickortrot.com.

The event is sponsored by Harlow, Adams, and Friedman, P.C. and Sikorsky Credit Union.

Theatre Presents November

Eastbound Theatre, a division of the Milford Arts Council, will present *November* by David Mamet as the first show of its 24th season. This darkly comedic piece is directed by Michael R. Mele and will run from September 29th through October 15th.

November centers on troubled President Charles Smith in the run up to his reelection. Approval ratings are down, his money's running out, and nuclear war might be imminent. Though his staff has thrown in the towel and his wife has

begun to prepare for her post-White House life, Chuck isn't ready to give up just yet. Amidst the biggest fight of his political career, the President has to find time to pardon a couple of turkeys — saving them from the slaughter before Thanksgiving — and this simple PR event inspires Smith to risk it all in attempt to win back public support.

Tickets are \$20.00, \$18.00 for seniors and students and \$16 for MAC members. For tickets, go to www.milfordarts.org or call 203-882-0969.

The Book Club:

First Novel Is Dazzling

Meir Shalev
Two She-Bears
Schocken, 2016



PETER HECHTMAN

This novel, by one of Israel's most popular authors, is a dazzling accomplishment. It is a tale bounded by two revenge murders perpetrated by members of the same family. The family founder, Grandpa Ze'ev, is presented in his later years, as the quintessential Jewish peasant, sitting contentedly under his carob tree near the wadi, knowing the qualities of the soils he has tilled, the seeds that drop on them and the birds that gather them up. But in his youth Ze'ev was a violent brute who performed a particularly vicious murder out of jealousy and pride. It is only through undertaking to raise his grandchildren that he acquires the qualities of an empathetic human being.

His granddaughter, Ruta, is the author's chosen vehicle for first person narration. And what a character he has created. She is wise, witty, ironic, reflective, insightful and (as befits a narrator) a veritable chatterbox. She is also historic, impulsive and manipulative. Here is Ruta on male-bonding, "they will rescue, they will pitch in ... but it's another one of their games, squeezing out another spermy droplet of action and adventure. This isn't friendship" or on the subject of orchids, "If there's one plant we all agree is unbearable, it's orchids... The most plastic kitchy, pampered, nouveauriche, pretentious, arrogant, show-offy, love-me plant that there is."

The center of Ruta's world is her marriage

to Eitan who she describes as "Neanderthal in the good sense of the word." Reader, you will probably never encounter in literature a marriage as playfully romantic and as joyfully sensual as this one. Indeed their love antics cause quite a stir in the community to which Ruta responds with "if raising eye brows were an Olympic sport..." In some of their marital rituals they find it easy to imagine themselves as characters in a biblical drama, addressing each other as Abraham and Sarah with much brandishing of thees and thous.

But this joy lasts only until tragedy strikes and Eitan sees himself as being responsible. He sentences himself to an indefinite period of mute, mindless manual labor and to celibacy and Ruta to the burning sheets of a widow's bed. This state of affairs lasts for twelve years until equilibrium is restored through the enactment of a second revenge murder and the circle, so to speak, is squared.

Shalev has been much criticized for writing an immoral book with a story in which the crimes of murder not only go unpunished but are almost recommended as therapy. To such comments he has replied "If you want morality go to a priest or a rabbi. I write books to entertain." He certainly does.

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TEDRA SCHNEIDER

the interior of your house.

However, I believe that the heart of any house is the kitchen. Have you noticed that everything seems to end up in the kitchen from homework, to notices of dental appointments, to a place to throw anything from mail to books on its surfaces? It could be a great excuse to get take out food because you can no longer see the kitchen counters. (Just kidding—but maybe not.)

Most of the homes that I have been in recently have kitchens that are either in the process of redoing and redesigning or the hope that one day soon, the kitchen will have a makeover. Many people will

buy a home because it has "good bones" but the kitchen often has to be renovated. So my advice is to take your time, do your due diligence and research the needs and expectations for your kitchen.

Here is a tip on how to see what you like. Go to Home Decorating Ideas and Interior Design-HGTV. There is a video called Popular Design 101 Videos. You will see a video that describes "Design Styles Defined." In this mini video series, four kitchen styles are exemplified -An Asian Kitchen, A Contemporary Kitchen, A French Country Kitchen and an Arts and Crafts Kitchen. What makes these videos worthwhile is the fact that they go over every feature that you would need to get the look you want - what materials, countertops, lighting, cabinets,

backsplash and accessories to name a few.

One kitchen stood out in particular for me and that was the Asian kitchen.

It was serenity personified. There were smooth surfaces, indirect lighting, peaceful muted colors, minimalistic in design with small plants and even the idea of a small waterfall creating an environment that becomes a respite from a busy, frenetic day.

Let's be honest, though, that even in a serene styled kitchen it will probably still have stuff on the countertops, stuff that all kitchens tend to accumulate. Bottom line, whatever style you choose, your kitchen will always be the heart of your home!

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Just Floored:

Which Carpet Is The Best Fit For Your Home?



ANNAMARIE MASTRANGELO

cut pile tends to be very dense, it provides a cushiony feel while the lack of open loops makes it a good choice for homes with pets because there's nothing for paws and claws to get snagged on.

Almost as popular as solid cut pile, next we have cut and loop carpet. This is a better choice for homeowners interested in subtle patterns. Cut and loop carpet achieves its sculptural look through varied levels of sheared top loops and uncut low loops. Often patterns appear to have been cut directly into it, and made with contrasting colors from the same

palette. This slight variation in color helps camouflage everyday wear and tear as well as hide a variety of sins. Which makes this option great for families with children that want a carpet with a little more interest. The cut and loop is drastically softer than solid cut pile, however it is less durable. Due to the loops in this design, it is not ideal for families with pets.

The term "shag" refers to carpet that has extra-deep pile, resulting in a shaggy appearance. The shag, which was made quite popular in the 1970s, was originally available only in earth tones such as harvest gold, avocado green, burnt orange and brown, which we have all seen in those homes built in the 1960s and 70s. These retro shags are usually the first to go in a remodel! However, when they were reintroduced in the early 2000s with more up-to-date colors, the shag has gone a little more mainstream again thanks to its plush softness and textural look. Although not a smart choice for areas geared toward eating such as dining rooms, shag is ideal for private spaces like bedrooms and playrooms or even a small area rug in a reading space. Shag's thick texture hides flaws and is extra comfortable for lounging on, making it a great option for homes with kids and pets. In order to properly care for wall-to-wall shag, homeowners will need a heavy-duty vacuum because the thick fibers tend to shed a lot during the first month after installation and can quickly clog the filter on a standard vacuum.

When it comes to durability, carpet tiles may actually be the best possible choice for active families. Available in hundreds of colors, textures, patterns and design styles, these tiles are easy for DIYers to install. Should a tile become soiled, just take it up, rinse it clean in the sink, then replace the

tile once it's dry. Should the tile become permanently damaged, you can replace it with a new piece. Something to consider before choosing modular carpet tiles is their lack of padding, often resulting in a less cushy surface underfoot. Using carpet tile in a rec room or basement is a great way to add some cushion and durability to a space that gets a lot of use!

Are you a homeowner with bold taste? Are you looking for something to really WOW your guests? If so, a carpet with a large geometric pattern is what you are looking for and is used by designers to add high-energy impact to spaces lacking architectural detail or a real focal point. The boldness of large-scale geometric patterns can be played up or played down depending on contrast. One of the biggest mistakes made when installing wall-to-wall large-scale geometric carpet is cutting off its pattern repeat by using it in too small of a space — this graphic carpet is best used in oversized rooms. The same goes for when you are making this pattern into an area rug. You want to make sure that the area rug is large enough to support the pattern itself. If you still love the pattern but want something a little more subdued than large-scale geometrics, smaller patterns may be what you are looking for. However, keep in mind, when using small-scale geometrics, it can look cluttered and busy. Usually this is a better choice for small areas such as landings, staircases, hallways and bedrooms.

No matter what how many kids or dogs you may have, there is a carpet out there to fit your personal style as well as your lifestyle! Happy Carpet Shopping!

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The Garden Spot:

The Monarch Butterfly Migration



PAT DRAY

One of the things that I find most fascinating about the Monarch butterfly is their migration. Monarchs can't survive in cold weather so the Monarch migration generally begins in late September or early October. Those in our area and those that began their migration from Eastern Canada will migrate to Mexico and hibernate in the oyamel fir tree. What's so interesting to me (and also to entomologists) is that since it generally takes four generations

of Monarchs to make a round trip to Mexico and back, they migrate to and hibernate in the same trees year after year. As someone who was shortchanged in the "sense of direction gene" it's just a mystery how these Monarchs, who never made the trip before, know where to go and where to hibernate. I know that without my faithful GPS, I couldn't drive 250 miles without getting lost, let alone the 2500 miles that these incredible insects migrate. It's no wonder that they are the only

insect that makes this type of migration.

Now that we know the Monarchs migrate, the next question is what do they eat during migration? Monarchs will only lay their eggs on and the larvae eat only Milkweed, which is why the Milkweed is essential to the Monarch's survival. We will be seeing Monarchs that are migrating from Canada in the next few weeks, and they will need Milkweed during the migration to lay their eggs and for the larvae to mature in to a butterfly. The adult butterfly will then consume nectar from fruits, plants and flowers through their straw-like tongues or

proboscis. This is why it's important to plant milkweed in areas where there are additional food sources for the Monarchs.

If you're interested in helping the Monarchs, you can learn more by visiting the website of The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. website <http://www.ctgardenclubs.org/> and downloading the Save the Monarchs Fact Sheet.

Pat Dray is a past president of the Orange Garden Club.

Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

Radon Update



BARBARA LEHRER

It is good to know that environmental hazards are limited in your home these days, no longer are new cabinets and windows containing lead or asbestos, but Radon gas is still evident in many homes in the area.

Easily remedied, testing should be done in your home periodically.

You can review material on the Internet regarding the State's advice on the proper way to test. Call a local home inspection company to set up a monitor or purchase the canister product on line from the EPA.Gov and mail it in yourself.

Either way, the inspectors tell purchasers that if you are spending more than four hours a week in the basement, you should test.

As an agent, I advise all my clients to test. Another way to purchase, is to order a kit on line at: www.lungne.org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

Everyone is testing when they purchase a home, and the homeowner does not want to find out then, that they have been living with this problem. It can cause major health problems and homeowners need to be aware of this.

The remedy is very simple, a plastic pipe is installed into the foundation and out to the roof line, it runs on a small fan, which is visible with its gage in the garage, or basement or outside on the side of the house. This fan draws all the gases out from under the building and can bring the radon level from an eight to a .02 in just a week, for example. It seems unbelievably, but it works!

The fan is good on its battery for about ten years, I am told, and the gage will keep you confident that it is continuous.

I have also mentioned in the past that well water can contain radon. If you have a well, then have the water checked periodically for all contaminants, and add radon to the list. You can have it in the water, and not in the house, and vice versa.

Radon is colorless and odorless, according to the EPA, it is found in one out of fifteen homes in this country. It comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in the soil, rock and water and gets into the air that you breathe. Homes trap the radon inside, yet opening your windows will not relieve its presence.

Mitigation is needed in old homes as well as new and those without basements can still have an elevated rate, which is anything over 4.0 pCi/L.

Whether your home is on the market or not, please test your home. This carcinogen moves up through the ground and there is a system designed to reduce concentrations in the indoor air. They are approved and still need a follow-up after the installation. The National Radon Program Services website is designed to assist homeowners in selecting qualified installers and suggesting cracks and moisture in basements be repaired first to assist in the process of remediation. Hiring a professional is the best method used to assess any fluctuating test results using techniques for crawl spaces and slab on grade structures, for example.

One thing you can be assured of, the stone and granite you use in your kitchen has a minute level of gas, therefore building materials such as granite are deemed safe.

OVNA Flu Clinic Schedule

The Orange Visiting Nurse Association has announced the following flu clinics. Clinics marked HPCC are at High Plains Community Center and ones at OVNA are at their office at 605 Orange Center Road. The clinics are:
Sept 27; 12-3, HPCC;
Oct 16; 1-3, HPCC;
Oct 19; 4-7, OVNA;

Oct 26; 12-4, HPCC;
Nov 7, 8-10, HPCC;
Nov 7, 1-3, Mary L Tracy;
Nov 7, 6-8, HPCC;
Please wear short sleeve shirt bring insurance card.
OVNA does not accept United Healthcare insurance. No appointment necessary. High dose vaccines will be available.

All natural products do contain trace amounts of some radioactive elements called NORMs, Naturally Occurring Radioactive Mineral, some of these items are: clay bricks, concrete products, even fertilizer, all containing small amounts of potassium and uranium. This safety update seems a little complicated, call me with any questions, there are many local resources to rely on.

If you need more information on these issues, email Barbara.Lehrer@cbmoves.com.

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School Opens Soon



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by Joseph Weathered
Milford Correspondent

The Fig Cooking School will open soon in the Walnut Beach area of Milford. The formerly Hamden-based school is owned and operated by Founder and Chief Instructor Heidi Lang, who trained at the French Culinary Institute in New York. While Lang cites her professional training, she also includes her 30 year experience cooking in her own kitchen, innovating menus and focusing on the concept that healthy, gourmet cuisine can be simple enough for any night of the week.

"We started eight years ago from my home with the idea that food brings people together so what we found over the years is that if you have a group of people who don't necessarily know each other and they come together to have a meal, magical things happen," said Lang. According to Lang, the main concept of the school will be education, with a diverse array of classes focusing on everything from seasonal ingredients and cuisine to spice market classes, where students and guests can learn to blend spice mixes from all over the world.

"The key of what we are doing in any of these classes is to empower our students and our guests to cook

for themselves and not be afraid to try new spices and ingredients. We try to make sure the ingredients are easy to obtain," said Lang.

While the Milford location has now become the main hub of Fig, the school will also continue to hold classes in customer's homes and companies along with appearing at various food and health fairs.

Along with the cooking school aspect, Fig will also offer deluxe lunch and dinner boxes to be delivered to Walnut Beach in the summer months. Lang also commented that Fig will also be a restaurant, with Friday and Saturday nights devoted to dining during the summer and depending on the demand the fall and winter months. Guest chefs and cook book authors will also be on hand to do guest lectures after the school opens.

While Lang has scheduled the official opening to be in late November, the process of obtaining and constructing the school has been a three year process. While the process has been lengthy, Lang is excited to be a part of the Walnut Beach community, commenting that "I knew that this was where I wanted my business to be. This business community has been unbelievably supportive."

To learn more about Fig Cooking School, visit <http://www.figcookingsschool.com>

Your Finances:

Women Face Retirement Hurdles

Retirement planning is important for everyone, but women face special challenges. A number of issues place many women at risk when it comes to providing for their post-working years.

The disparities between men and women as they age begin with a basic fact of life: Women tend to outlive men, so they have to put aside more money so their nest egg will last longer. Women turning 65 today can expect to outlive men of the same age by 2.5 years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

But remember, that's just an average, and the disparity varies depending on age. For instance, American women born in 1960 have a life expectancy of 73.3 years, compared with 66.6 years for men, a difference of 7.6 years. In addition, one out of four people aged 65 today will live past age 90, and one out of 10 will live past age 95, according to HHS, and it's not hard to see that more of them will be women than men.

As a result, women are at a higher risk of outliving their assets, making it vital for women to conduct serious retirement planning.

Another major concern lies with income disparity. In August, the U.S. Department of Labor reported that



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women earned 82 cents for every dollar men earned in 2016, on a median weekly basis. Regardless of the reasons behind this disparity, it's clear that women bring in less income than men and are unable to save or invest as much for retirement.

Women also pay a price for earning less when the time comes to draw on their Social Security benefits: In 2014, women aged 65 and older received an average \$13,150 in annual Social Security income, compared with \$17,106 for men, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration. In addition, among those aged 65 and above, Social Security benefits comprised 47 percent of total income for unmarried women but just 34 percent of unmarried men's income and 29 percent of couples' income.

Other factors come into play as well: Women are more likely to spend money taking care of ill family members, and are more likely to work part-time in order to have time to care for others.

Single, divorced and widowed women need to have a comprehensive financial plan that includes solid retirement planning. And married women need to make sure their family's financial planning efforts include the probability of outliving

their spouse.

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Business

Goodwill Opens At New Location



Goodwill celebrated the opening of their new location at 319 Boston Post Road, Orange. The building was the former Bernie's Audio Video and Appliances. Photo By Lexi Crocco

Milford Diner Ready To Serve



Moe Elhelw and his wife and diner co-owner Wafaa Elhelw were joined by Milford Mayor Ben Blake for the opening of their new, Milford Diner. Photo By Joseph Weathered

Food And Drink At Bridge House



The Milford Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours hosted by Bridge House Restaurant. Photo By Joseph Weathered

Orange Chamber Offering Student Memberships

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is helping give select University of New Haven, College of Business, students an education in the finer points of networking relationship building. The two organizations have entered into a partnership to offer student memberships to the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

For now, Orange Chamber of Commerce member Geico will sponsor ten students to be identified by the the university. This will give the students access to the resources and networking opportunities available to chamber members.

Neil Feigl, who manages the local Geico office, wanted to increase the insurance company's involvement with the Orange Chamber and recognized the student membership offering as an ideal opportunity to support emerging leaders. "Geico engages in ongoing efforts to recruit the best qualified talent," says Feigl. "Getting college students involved in real-world interaction with the business community struck us as a practical way to help grow the local talent pool".

"The College of Business at the University of New Haven is proud to partner with the Chamber on this important initiative," said Dean Brian Kench. "Our College of Business programs are designed to produce successful, confident, creative 21st century citizens with the imagination, drive and skills that students need to tackle the complex problem-solving they will be

tasked with in the world. The partnership with the Chamber expands our internship program, which affords our students the chance to put their skills to the test prior to graduation."

Students will experience the benefits of chamber membership, networking events and relationship building activities in this innovative program. Geico will initially sponsor ten students identified by Darrell Singlettery, Director of the University's MBA program.

Through membership with the Orange Chamber, college students will be afforded the opportunity to meet professional members, get involved in committees, community initiatives, share information, gain personal visibility and gain personal, professional and leadership skills through their involvement. Additionally they will be promoted through the Chamber's online membership directory under categories of "Student" and "Job Seeker".

At the September Board meeting Charles (Pete) Peterson, Director of the college's internship program spoke about the value of participating in the program. Both the business community and the student interns will benefit. Richard Zorena, President of the Chamber, said, "We already have members who have expressed an interest and we look forward to a great relationship with the University of New Haven."

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On Your Mind:

A New Perspective On Dating



FERN TAUSIG

I realize that this topic is totally new for me but certainly related to what I do every day with clients. Many of my clients are single and struggling with self-esteem around dating and that inspired this article.

When most people go on a date, they really want the other person to like them. They sometimes feel insecure in wondering how they will be perceived and some anxiety begins. I am going to introduce a new perspective that will completely alleviate those fears, if, of course, you allow yourself to change your present beliefs about yourself and about dating. Here is a new option if you are open:

Think of dating as buying shoes. That's right, just for a moment imagine you need a

new pair of shoes. You enter the shoe store and there are so many choices.

Some of these shoes are immediately dismissed as they aren't the 'look' you want. You reject some as they aren't what you want to use for the occasion. Then there are those shoes that catch your eye and you love something about them.

You immediately imagine how you will look in them and you try them on. You may immediately realize they don't fit or aren't comfortable but you really like them! You want them to fit but they just don't. You never ask yourself: "What is wrong with my feet?". You just accept the fact that just they just don't fit. Sometimes you really like

them so much that you decide to buy them and take them home anyway. You then try to wear them and soon realize they are really uncomfortable and just not worth the pain. There are also those times when they feel good enough at the store and you really like them so you buy them and then after wearing them a few times, when your back hurts or you get blisters, you realize they really aren't a good fit. You just made a mistake, hopefully not an expensive one! Then there is the pair of shoes that aren't your first choice but you buy them because they feel really comfortable. You soon realize they are your favorites because the way they make you feel...so comfortable!

Like I said, dating is like shopping for shoes. Sometimes you don't realize it's not a good fit with someone until you have dated

a few times. If you find that the date doesn't want a second date but you did, you can feel grateful that they knew earlier than you that it wasn't a good fit. The problem is not that something is wrong with either of you; it's just not a good fit. You will find a good fit, but not if you give up. There are those times that you may feel bad because you feel rejected by the other person. I suggest you change that perspective to one that says, "There are many more 'shoes' out there to try on." It is a choice. You can feel bad or feel optimistic knowing that there are always more choices to try on.

Fern is a certified hypnotist, life coach and health educator. She can be reached at www.myhealinghypnosis.com.

Plastic Bags And Wrap Can Now Be Recycled In Orange

Orange Recycling Committee Chair Mitch Goldblatt has announced that plastic bag and plastic wrap recycling is now available throughout Orange.

The most recent area to recycle is at the Orange Transfer Station. As a Connecticut WRAP (Wrap Recycling Action Program) Champion with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Orange Recycling Committee secured the Rack 'N Pak system that all residents can utilize.

Located next to the mixed recyclable container there is now a small shed that houses the Rack 'N Pak. Residents are encouraged to bring their clean and dry

plastic bags and wrap to be recycled.

Examples include:

- Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry cleaning bags (clean, dry and free of receipts and clothes hangers),
- Zip-top food storage bags (clean and dry)
- Plastic shipping envelopes (remove labels), bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate)
- Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products
- Furniture and electronic wrap
- Plastic cereal box liners (but if it tears like paper, do not include)

In addition to the Transfer Station, residents can bring the same recyclable materials to a number of Orange merchants including Kohl's, Lowe's, ShopRite, and Target.

These plastic bags and wraps are recycled into new grocery bags, benches, and decking. Goldblatt reminds everyone that "plastic bags and wrap are not to be put into the blue curbside recycling bins or the single stream recycling at the Transfer Station. When separated using the new Rack 'N Pak, our hauler City Carting will transfer the plastic bags and wrap to our material recovery facility Winters Brothers.

By separating it, we will avoid the inevitable clogging of the sorting machinery, which may require a shut-down to remove the material."

In addition to the entire Orange Recycling Committee, Goldblatt thanks Town

Engineer and Public Works Director Bob Hiza and Transfer Station personnel for their assistance in establishing the area at the Transfer Station for plastic bag and wrap recycling.

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Lifestyle

Travel Matters:

The Adventure Of Cruising The Baltics



KAREN QUINN-PANZER

Many people ask me what itineraries are perfect for cruising. Which locations lend themselves to an Ocean Cruise? The Caribbean and Alaska automatically come to mind. But over the last few years, cruising the Baltic Sea has become a favored destination and is truly an adventure like no other! The Baltic countries are filled with natural wonders, ancient villages, medieval towns, and unique culinary experiences - perhaps best seen by cruise ship since the capitals are all seaports.

Many different cruise lines offer opportunities to explore Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Estonia, Poland, and Russia. Most ships - both small and large - leave

from Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Stockholm or Oslo. Ships range in size from 200-900 guests on premium lines such as Windstar, Silversea and Viking Ocean and can get into some of the smaller ports in Latvia and Lithuania... up to larger cruise ships

on Norwegian, Princess, Royal Caribbean, and Celebrity which hold 1800 to 4000 guests. A Baltics cruise provides the most time and cost-efficient way to tour this area of the world. Then, you can extend your trip in Copenhagen, for example, or another European city pre or post cruise.

Four of our favorite Baltic ports are Oslo, Tallinn, Stockholm, and St. Petersburg, Russia. Oslo,

Norway is simply breathtaking. Exploring fjords, interesting cuisine, the Viking Ship Museum in which you can see the largest Viking ship that's been excavated to date. Other amazing things to see in Oslo are the Oslo fjord, the Royal Palace, the Munch Museum, the Norwegian Museum of Cultural History, and Vigeland Sculpture Park.

Tallinn, Estonia is a rich and romantic port filled with medieval charm, and mesmerizing architecture. On arrival, you'll be greeted with rich music and medieval reenactors in the streets. Taking a walking tour of the medieval city and going to the national history museum is a must. While in Tallinn you can visit the Kadriorg Palace, the famous Toompea castle, and Lahemaa National Park, St. Olaf's Church,

and various sites within Tallinn's Old Town.

Stockholm, Sweden is a must see. Explore the Abba museum and find your inner pop idol, explore Gamla Stan (Old Town), and fall in love with cute cozy shops and cobblestone streets. Stockholm offers fine dining experiences, world class modern museums and art galleries, and cultural experiences such as Skansen. Skansen is the colonial Williamsburg of Sweden in which you can experience all the regions of Sweden in one historical theme park.

Cruising offers adventurers a stress-free way to explore St. Petersburg, Russia in a safe and cost-efficient way with the excursions booked through the cruise line providing your Russian visa! Many of the cruises dock

in St. Petersburg for two or three days giving you plenty of time to explore the breathtaking Hermitage Museum, and the Winter Palace, Church of the Savior on Blood, and attend the world-famous Russian ballet.

The best time to go? May through September is the season for the Baltics. To get the cruise you want, it's best to book about 9-12 months in advance.

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Here's To Your Health:

When Life Gives You Lemons



MICHELE TENNEY

I recently have had the honor and privilege to train a client who has battled chronic pain for more than half her life. Not only does she continually have a smile on her face, she works out with me twice a week. I have always been the person who cheers on the underdog, encouraging them to victory because they have an edge the other guy doesn't...they want the victory more than their opponent. I tell my clients when setting goals or when they are up against a challenge to first see it. Imagine your victory in your mind. See it there. Then I tell them to believe it. You must believe you can do it! And lastly, I tell them after they have done these two steps to go ahead and do it!! See it, believe it and do it. What inspires me about my client is that she keeps getting back up. There are days that she doesn't "win". There are days she gets down and days that are very discouraging, however, she gets back up and begins exercising again because she knows it will keep her going. This, in

my opinion, is a true honest to goodness warrior and a champion of champions. I myself am guilty of skipping a workout because I may be too tired or have too many things on my "to do" list. How many of us take for granted healthy functioning bodies?

If you are battling chronic issues such as fibromyalgia, migraines, depression or anxiety, I desperately ask you to begin an exercise regimen detailed to your specific needs. Your body NEEDS to move to stay alive. Exercise is good for you even if it's a walk around the block. Take baby steps toward your goals. Battle the negative thoughts that come with day in and day out discomfort. If you're battling sports or mishap injuries that may limit you in the gym, hit the pool and begin there. Just don't give up! Never say never and know that there is a path toward feeling better but you have to take the first step and say yes. Restore your vision, renew your faith in the world and take back what is rightfully yours,

HOPE!

You must also understand that your food has tremendous influence on how you feel. Eating an anti-inflammatory diet is critical. It should be a low sodium, low to no sugar meal plan with lots of green leafy veggies on your plate. This is a great time of year for victory. The hot days of summer are coming to an end; the harvest is changing for vegetable stew and spaghetti squash. Fall is

a time of year we should let things fall away that are holding us back. You can do it! I believe in you but it's more important for you to believe in yourself. Here's to your health!!

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Has Technology Endangered Our Lives?



JOANNE BYRNE

Do you remember when your telephone was a party line where others could listen in on your conversation? I discovered boys when I was in 6th grade and we would talk for hours each evening on the phone. Every now and then a neighbor would pick up their phone hoping to make a call only to find the line was already in use.

The TV broadcast news for 30 minutes, three times a day...morning, early evening and late at night. The radio had classical music, sports, and a few talk shows. Newspapers had both the morning and the afternoon edition. My dad worked as a typesetter for the morning edition so he went to work each night at 6 pm to put out the paper. Newspapers were delivered by boys on bikes.

When the first family on the block got a color TV, all the kids flocked over to see it. The trees on Bonanza's Ponderosa were bright green and Pa Cartwright's face looked kind of green too! Lucy's face was a bit yellow, but her hair flamed bright orange as

it was supposed to be. Kids played outdoors most of the time. We played on the street, in nearby playgrounds, rode our bikes, went roller skating, played many types of ball games, threw snowballs in the winter, and swam at the beach in the summer. I remember building my own set of stilts and walking around the neighborhood on them. We played all sorts of board games or card games on rainy days.

We had a set of Collier's Encyclopedia and a world atlas at home. We all had library cards and many had parents who expected us to read at least a half-hour each day. I loved the Bobbsey Twins and Nancy Drew mystery books.

We were innocent kids. We went to church or synagogue services every week. We weren't hated or hurt because of who we were, where we came from, or what our religion was. We lived in a cocoon of comfort. We felt protected. Life was about listening to instructions and obeying most of them. Our parents knew where we

were, who we were with, and what we were doing...most of the time! The sixties brought many new realities... civil rights struggles and assassinations of great leaders. The Vietnam War tested our nation's military power, bringing stunning deaths in far-away jungles to our living room TV's and heartbreaking distress to families nationwide.

But what is the cost of all this? The price we pay to be so connected may be at the expense of actual communication, meaningful, emotional, and mutually beneficial interaction between people who are truly listening. Too many young people

no longer speak in full sentences or make eye contact. They don't read or write for pleasure or show any interest in artistic or creative expression. Too many are sedentary and not active, live indoors and not outdoors. Too many are exposed to violence and hate speech. Bullying and victimization are rampant. Certain political and celebrity voices are setting bad examples for impressionable children.

We have some serious work to do. I fear we might lose a generation of emotionally competent communicators. Aristotle is quoted to say "We can choose to act...or choose not to act...These are our choices to make." I hope we will choose to act.

Joanne Byrne served as Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange. She is now actively and happily retired. Email her at joannebyrne41@gmail.com to share your thoughts on retirement.

Orange VNA Offers Tips For Fall Prevention

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day is Sept. 22.

Every 15 seconds in the United States an older adult is seen in an emergency department for a fall-related injury. Falls are one of the main causes of injury and loss of independence in people aged 65 and older.

There are many reasons older people fall:

losing your footing when stepping off a street curb or missing a step going down the stairs, getting dizzy from medications or not drinking enough fluids, decreased exercise and muscle weakness. The good news is that many of the falls can be prevented.

If you live alone, consider carrying a cordless or cell phone with you from room

to room or invest in an alert device so that you can quickly get help if you need it. Ask a friend or family to contact you once a day.

Practice how to get up from a fall - try this when you have someone with you and if you can get up alone, practice this frequently so you feel comfortable getting up.

If you can't get up by yourself, tell your doctor and ask for a referral to a physical therapist. Do a few exercises for strength and balance and practice daily. Wear low-heeled shoes that fit well and give you good support.

If you have pets, keep them in one place at night and put a collar with a bell for your pet so you will know when they are nearby and if possible train your pets not to jump or get underfoot.

Make your home safer - keep your house well-lit and use night-lights in hallways and bathrooms and lights at the top and bottom of the stairs. Put sturdy handrail on the stairways and make sure pathways are clear of clutter, consider getting rid of raised doorways thresholds, throw rugs or loose carpets. Try storing things on lower shelves that you use regularly. Look at your bathroom and consider a shower chair and hand held shower head, add grab handles and nonskid mats in tubs and showers.

Orange VNA has additional resources to help you develop your fall prevention program and additional resources. Contact jbenison@orange-ct.gov for additional information.

Youth & Education

Test Prep:

Common Application Tips



JAMES MARONEY

It is hard to believe that students have been back in school for a few weeks already. We are moving quickly through September, which means that some important dates are coming up for college applications. Early Decision and Early Action deadlines start around the beginning of November. If high school seniors have not started yet on their college applications, then they should begin as soon as possible. The application is not something that you want to rush, so it's better to start earlier than you think you need to. Still confused on the difference between Early Action and Early Decision? Check my YouTube video series, the First Choice Five, for a good primer on things to consider.

Students should be lining up teachers for letters of recommendation, meeting with their guidance counselors, and starting their Common Application. The Common Application is a single application that is accepted at over 750 colleges, including UConn and most of the other Connecticut colleges. The body of the Common Application is the same for every school, although schools may include supplemental questions that are specific to their college or university. The main application consists of six sections:

- Profile
- Family
- Education
- Testing
- Activities
- Writing

Most of these sections just require the student to enter data, such as contact information, parent names, classes taken, and test scores. The activities and writing sections are the ones that students will need to spend some time on. When filling out the activities, the Common Application gives you space to list 10. It is important that you list those activities in the order of importance to you, and keep in mind what the schools are looking for. Colleges want a depth of involvement rather than a breadth of involvement. This means that they would

rather see you doing a few things for all four years of school than a different thing every month. You don't need to list off 40 things on your resume that each only lasted for a month. Instead, focus on areas where you took leadership or were involved for a long period of time. While there is no specific upload field for a resume, students should feel free to enter theirs in the "Additional Information" field in the writing section. When uploading any file, make sure to think about how formatting and presentation. Most importantly, tell the colleges what you want them to know about you, not what you think they want to hear. Be true to yourself, and share your passions.

The essay is the best place for sharing your passion and showing the colleges who you are in the essay. There are 7 essay prompts, and this year the Common Application has added back the catch all "Or a Topic of Your Choice." Some of the questions were on the Common Application last year, and some are new or revised. The questions center around your influences, obstacles you have faced, and your passions. Remember that this is an essay about you - not about the specific topic. The college wants to know what you learned and how you grew. The specifics of the mechanics of your sport of the business plan of your job are less important. The essay is only supposed to be 650 words long, which is about the length of this article. No one can wrap up all their hopes and dreams into one short essay. Instead, focus on one thing as a launching pad to show what is important to you. Keep in mind that less is often more, and that the most effective writing is often the shortest.

Look for my next article for more tips on the essay, what to do when you're applying test optional, and how to most effectively use the additional information section.

James Maroney is the chair of the Financial Aid Working Group of the State Planning Commission for Higher Education and the owner of First Choice College Placement in Milford.

Honorees Named For Amity Halls Of Honor And Fame

The 2017-2018 Amity Academic Hall of Honor and Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held Oct. 19 at the Grassy Hill Country Club, Orange, at 5:30 p.m. This years list of honorees includes:

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P&Z Vote Delayed on Milford Apartment Complex

by **Brandon T. Bisceglia**
Special To The Orange Times

Milford's Planning and Zoning Board delayed a vote Sept. 6 on a proposal for a 342-unit apartment complex with an affordable housing component at 553 West Ave. at the request of the lawyer representing the site's contract purchaser.

The delay gives Milford residents, some of whom have spoken out vehemently against the project, a third chance to voice their concerns in front of the board when it meets again Sept. 19.

Thomas Lynch, who is representing Grillo Services LLC and initially presented the plan for the complex to the P&Z in August, asked the board to keep the public hearing open for one more cycle so that he and his clients could first receive an updated report

from the Milford Police Department's Traffic Division at its Sept. 12 meeting.

Dozens of residents attended the board meeting and took turns speaking out against the proposal. Several had already registered their disapproval at the August meeting, which had to be suspended after dragging on until 11 p.m. The majority lives in or near the Gloria Commons condominiums, which sits across the street from the site.

James Trowbridge voiced concerns regarding the Iroquois natural gas pipeline, which would run between the two proposed apartment buildings. He questioned whether a risk assessment had been done and whether the developers had considered if the complex could handle a mass evacuation should the pipeline be compromised.

"Is it wise to put so many residents on top of the pipeline?" he asked the board.

Other speakers harped on the scale of the project. Clifford Mason passed out photos of a similar development in Norwalk to give the board a sense of what the final result would look like.

"It's like a massive wall, 400 feet long, with garages as a barrier," he said. He went on to suggest the developers scale the project down to about half its current size.

Jacquelyn Sanford echoed that concern. "A four-story garage is going to stick out like a sore thumb."

When the residents had finished, Lynch returned to the podium to present his team's rebuttal. He pointed out that Gloria Commons itself was a large-scale development. That drew groans from the audience. He said they weren't hiding the fact that it's a big building, adding that section of town "is not zoned for a quaint, quiet area."

He dismissed complaints that there would be a massive increase in traffic, saying that a traffic study his clients conducted relied on "empirical, not anecdotal" evidence. He also said that complaints about noxious smells from a nearby by sewer pump station were misdirected.

"We received approval from the sewer commission. These complaints should be directed to public works," he suggested.

Finally, Lynch reminded the board that the land use courts had ruled against the board in 2015 over another project that ran near the Iroquois pipeline, saying that the development could not be denied absent specific evidence of an adverse impact on the pipeline.

Rotary Provides Rapid Response to Harvey Victims

Rotarians throughout District 7980, which comprises 56 clubs, jumped into action to provide assistance to the people in Rockport, Texas almost as soon as the news hit about the disaster and before the rain stopped. Rotary provides the perfect network for channeling donations as there is a club in local communities throughout the US as well as in 200 countries in the world.

"It is a way to make a connection with those who will make sure the money goes where it is needed most and establishes a natural relationship with the folks who are the boots on the ground" said Trish Pearson, District Governor of 7980. "We have a personal connection with Rockport as one of our leaders has family there and who knows firsthand what Harvey has done to that community."

"He has visited the Rockport Rotary club many times and knew the members, so it was a natural place for us to focus our efforts," said Pearson. Houston and some of the larger cities and towns will receive lots of attention, but Rockport is much smaller, with fewer resources, but it is one of the towns hardest hit by the hurricane.

Since announcing this plan, many clubs

are planning events to raise funds in addition to sending cash donations individually.

The Rotary club of Norwich is dedicating a portion of the proceeds from their golf tournament next week. Haddam Killingworth put it on their Facebook page allowing people to donate online, and Madison will donate a portion of the proceeds from their carnival this weekend.

The need will continue to be great for months to come, so Rotary will continue to raise funds for Rockport. The theme for Rotary International this year is: "Rotary - Making a Difference" and this is a great example of Rotarians seizing an opportunity to make a difference in a community in crisis.

District 7980 is comprised of 58 clubs in 55 cities and towns in Connecticut with over 2,000 members. Rotary is an international service organization that brings together professional and business leaders who share high ethical standards, in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Anyone wishing to donate can send a check payable to: District 7980 Rotary Foundation, PO Box 409, Milford, CT 06460 and note on the check "Hurricane Harvey".

Colonial Closes On Old Yoga Studio

Michael Richetelli, President and Designated Broker of Colonial Properties, Inc., is pleased to announce the completion of the following transactions.

Kevin Weirsman, Vice President of Commercial Sales at Colonial Properties, brokered a lease for 1,450SF of office space

located at 670-680 Boston Post Road in Milford for a seven year base term. Formerly a yoga studio, the new Tenant is State Farm Insurance, Anthony Gargano, Agent, who is relocating from downtown Milford. Weirsman represented the Landlord, SMH Milford, LLC in the transaction.

OCW Gives To OVFD



Orange Community Women (OCW) recently presented the Orange Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD) with a check for \$200 from the money earned from community activities during the past club year.

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department is 92 years old and volunteer run with 60 active members. Chartered to provide fire service for the Town of Orange, they also own and maintain the trucks as well as maintain the fire houses. OVFD is in the process of purchasing a new truck that will be used for protection of life and property for the town of Orange. The new fire truck will cost approximately \$850K, without the equipment on it.

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department

appreciates all donations as they can apply the money where the need arises. For example, full gear with tanks and masks costs several thousand dollars for each firefighter.

When a call comes in to the police station, they hit the ground running.

OCW hosts various activities throughout the year and the proceeds are returned to the Orange community.

This Fall, OCW is coordinating a Children's Fair Fact Scavenger hunt at the Orange Country Fair to help promote all of the fun activities at the fair. In October, we will have a Saver's Fundraisers to turn community donations back into cash for the community.

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Donations Sought For 'Gold Star' Distribution

by **Joseph Cole**
editor@theorangetimes.com

Victoria Negri's long journey creating and promoting her first film is nearing the finish line. To reach the end though, the Orange native is asking for a little help.

Negri has shown her film, *Gold Star*, at eight film festivals where it has earned five awards. The next step is distribution, but to get there she needs to raise money to cover the cost of lawyers and promoters.

To that end, Negri is asking the public to donate to the project. The film is set to show at theaters in New York and Los Angeles, but to guarantee the best release possible Negri needs \$10,000 to cover costs. She also anticipates digital distribution through video on demand services.

"Immediately, it will be available on Amazon and iTunes," Negri said. She added that getting on Netflix would be a boon for the film as well. The movie features Catherine Curtin as Deanne, based on Negri's mother. Curtin is a regular on Netflix's original series, *Orange is the New Black*. The online service often recommends movies and series customers might like based on metrics such as who acts in them. The immense popularity of *Orange is the New Black* could get more eyes on *Gold Star* as a result.

Negri showed the film to a packed room at the Case Memorial Library on Sept. 11.

"It's kind of surreal showing it here," Negri said, later adding that having standing room only for the showing was humbling. Many in the crowd knew her father, Carmine, whose stroke and passing were the inspiration for *Gold Star*.

Carmine was played by veteran actor Robert Vaughn, in what was his final performance before he died on Nov. 11, 2015. Vaughn never got to see the completed film.

Negri plays a fictionalized version of herself in the movie, which she also wrote and directed.

Gold Star features several locations in and around Orange, including the Orange Ale House.

After the showing, Negri answered questions about making the film and how she drew from real-life experiences.

Anyone interested in donating to *Gold Star* and helping the film get the largest release possible, can visit <https://www.paypal.me/goldstarfilmllc>.

As promotions and touring with *Gold Star* winds up, Negri is forging ahead with her next project, *Ultra*. The film will be about an ultramarathon runner on a 100 mile race through a desert who suffers a psychotic break. Negri said she is looking for a larger name actress than herself to take the lead acting role.



Photos By Lexi Crocco
 Victoria Negri held a showing of her film, *Gold Star*, at the Case Memorial Library on Sept. 11. The screening was followed by a question and answer session. After filming was complete, Negri got a tattoo of stars on her wrist to celebrate completing her first film.

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There are many insurance plans available in the marketplace and it can be overwhelming trying to sort through finding the right plan that provides the right coverage. The following is a brief description of the three major types of life insurance that everyone should have in their financial portfolio. What changes is the type and amount depending on age and financial circumstances.

Term Life - provides a guaranteed premium for a specified death benefit for a specific period of time. For example: \$250 premium per year, for a \$200,000 death benefit for 20 year period. Most people will have a larger death benefit when they are in their peak earning years and when they have growing families with the largest household expenses. The length of the term should be adequate to cover that time period, generally 25-30 years. Because it is date specific, the premiums are lower than for a permanent policy.

Permanent/Universal/ Whole Life - The premium for a specified death benefit is guaranteed for life. Some policies also allow you to build equity which can be "cashed in" or used to pay the premium once a certain amount of equity is earned. The premium for this type of policy is higher than a term policy.

Hybrid Products - While relatively new in

the marketplace, these plans are gaining in popularity. These policies combine a death benefit with a Long Term Care or Critical Illness rider which allows an insured to use a large portion of the death benefit for long term care needs either at home, or in a facility. This instrument for senior financial planning is proving to be more affordable and rate stable than a straight Long Term Care policy.

The most frequently asked question is: How much will life insurance cost and can I afford it? My response is that all insurance is affordable - it's just a matter of priorities and where it fits in your budget. Most people choose to have some combination of both term and permanent insurance but not necessarily in equal amounts. Speak with an insurance professional who can work with you on determining what type and how much life insurance you need to adequately protect those whom you care about the most. We can also then find the right product or products to fill that need in the most economical way. It's one less thing to worry about - which could keep us healthier longer!

Trish Pearson is a licensed independent insurance agent and certified long term care specialist. Contact her at 203-640-5969 or trishpearson281@gmail.com.

From The Bar:

Trusts within Rev. Trusts

The last time we wrote about Revocable Trusts, we said that sometimes there are separate trust provisions within the Revocable Trust for any distributions that may be made to young children or grandchildren. In a similar vein, there sometimes are separate trust provisions that address potential estate tax issues. The type of trust created by those provisions is called a Credit Shelter Trust ("CST").

Let's use the potential Connecticut Estate Tax to explain when CST planning may be helpful. The Connecticut Estate Tax sets an unlimited exemption for assets passing to a United States citizen spouse. However, when assets pass to other beneficiaries, such as children, for example, the amount that is exempt is \$2,000,000.00. Although \$2,000,000.00 is a lot of money in anyone's book, assets subject to the Connecticut Estate Tax include your home, your retirement accounts, and life insurance. You may be surprised to find that after calculating the total fair market value of all of your assets you are approaching, at, or over that amount.

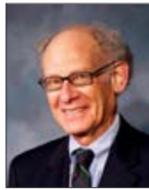
Let's assume a married couple owns assets valued at \$3,000,000.00. If, when the first spouse dies, everything passes to the surviving spouse, there is no Connecticut Estate Tax due (based on the unlimited exemption for property passing to a United States citizen spouse). However, when the surviving spouse dies and everything passes to children, there will be a Connecticut Estate Tax on the value of assets passing to children in excess of \$2,000,000.00, so in this case, there would be a Connecticut Estate Tax due on \$1,000,000.00.

If, instead, some portion of the assets owned by the first spouse to die do not go, outright, to the surviving spouse, but, rather, to a CST, when the surviving spouse dies, the assets in the CST are not deemed "owned" by the surviving spouse. That allows the assets in the CST to pass to children, Connecticut Estate Tax free, when the surviving spouse dies.

The surviving spouse can be the sole beneficiary of the CST or children can be additional beneficiaries. As a beneficiary of the CST, the surviving spouse can benefit from the assets in the CST, yet still not be considered the owner of what is in the CST. The trade-off is that there must be an independent Trustee of the CST; the surviving spouse cannot be the independent Trustee.

CST planning is complex, and while it can be a way to avoid a substantial Connecticut Estate Tax burden, there are also instances where it is not advantageous. Sometimes, even if a CST is advantageous, it is not desired by the family. As with all legal documents, you should consult with an attorney who has an understanding about the pros and cons of using a CST as a Connecticut Estate Tax planning tool and can help you make an informed decision as to whether CST planning makes sense for you.

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Those Who Give:

Volunteering Is More Privilege Than Work

Diane Candido didn't originally intend to become heavily involved in volunteer work. The East Haven native, who moved to Milford in 1971, was committed to caring for her family, including her husband and two children, and working in the Milford school system.

The former Meadowside School secretary who went on to be the lead secretary in the school system and working directly for the superintendent of schools had a taste of service during her career when the schools would combine to raise funds for a charity. She would be in charge of compiling all of the donations and making sure they were sent to the proper organization, and had the chance to learn what these charities accomplished in their various missions. She was also a member and then president of the Pumpkin Delight School PTA during her children's time there.

After retiring from the school system Candido decided she would volunteer for the United Way of Milford. "Gary Johnson had touched my life personally so I wanted to help him and I recognized the need in the community and thought I could help."

She also goes on to explain "I wanted to be a part of the United Way. They have so many local partner agencies that do so much to help right here."



SHAILEEN LANDSBERG

Candido is passionate about her role on the United Way of Milford's Board of Directors, and about sitting on several subcommittees. She has helped the staff at the agency with marketing and has assisted in organizing fundraising events such as the Jersey Boys' show held this past January as well as the annual Rockin' the Runway Fashion Show. She's also helped put on the Community Builders' Dinner to publicly recognize and

thank volunteers in the community. In addition to serving with the United Way, Candido volunteers with Milford Prevention Council, an organization dedicated to educating children and parents about substance abuse. She also volunteers with the Milford Republican Town Committee at the annual Oyster Festival, cooking and selling fried dough at the 2017 event. "If I never smell fried dough again it will be too soon," chuckles Candido.

Serving through her church has also become an important part of Candido's life. She volunteers as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Church, and brings communion to people who are homebound. She also assists the priest at Mass at one of the local nursing homes, and leads Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. "The home visits are very special- these people don't



often see anyone outside of their families and are always happy to have me spend time with them."

Candido's commitment to her volunteer work shines through. When asked how

serving others makes her feel, she is adamant. "I consider it more a privilege than work. I really feel that whatever I give, I get much more in return."

Columnist Earns Publisher's Praise



Photo By Linda Bradford

At the September meeting of The Garden Club of Orange, members were surprised with a drop-by visit from Stephen Hechtman of *The Orange Times*.

Stephen was there to give special thanks to Marion Rizzo for writing a column for his newspaper which she titled *The Garden Spot*.

She began her column when the newspaper was launched in November, 2012 and contributed 72 articles. Her column was filled with tips and information about a variety of topics related to gardening, conservation, and floral design. Stephen was pleased to say Marion had never missed an issue during her tenure and he presented her with a gift of appreciation. Since July *The Garden Spot* has been written by Pat Dray, another past president of The Garden Club of Orange.

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Or Shalom Offers Free Service

Congregation Or Shalom, the only Conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day (September 30) at 4:00 PM.

Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus, the synagogue's spiritual leader, noted that this is an opportunity for Or Shalom to help fill a void among non-affiliated Jews in and around the Orange community. "Everyone should have the opportunity to come say Yizkor for their departed relatives and we hope they will come and take advantage of this opportunity," Wainhaus said.

Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road in Orange.

Senator Murphy Takes A Hike



Photo Courtesy Of The Office of Senator Chris Murphy
U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy (center, red shirt) hosted a Congress On Your Hike with constituents at Racebrook Tract in Orange.

Blumenthal Visits The Fair



Submitted Photo
U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal stopped by the Orange Country Fair, where he posed for a picture with Orange Democratic candidate for First Selectman, Margaret Novicki.

Orange Community Women Present "Women & War"

Connecticut's history is filled with remarkable women who have achieved extraordinary things.

Women have been involved in military conflicts from the beginning of time; some as warriors, some as spies and others who made the munitions or simply called for peace. Connecticut women are among the finest and bravest who have stood for their cause - sometimes defying gender norms, and often without the recognition they deserved.

Orange Community Women is proud to host "Women & War", a presentation which will spotlight noted women warriors, including a teenager who helped save Danbury during the Revolutionary War, Harriet Beecher Stowe who sowed the seeds of conflict leading to the Civil War, and how Margaret Bourke-White's photography brought civilians face to face with the war front for the first time. We will learn more about this year's Hall of Fame inductees including our own Captain

Kristen M. Griest, Amity graduate, and the first female infantry officer in the US Army and one of the first two women to graduate from Army Ranger School.

This free event is part of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame "Talks on the Road" series, and will be held on Thursday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Case Memorial Library.

The mission of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame is to honor publicly the achievements of Connecticut Women, preserve their stories, educate the public, and inspire the continued achievements of women and girls. CWHF Inductees prove

that women are just as tough as men and will inspire others to shatter gender barriers. For more information on CWHF visit www.cwhf.org

OCW meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 at HPCC and new members are always welcome. For information about joining OCW, please contact Donna Wesolowski at donnaweso@optimum.net.

Shabbat Under The Stars And Family Picnic At Temple Emanuel

Come welcome Shabbat under the stars at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven on Friday, September 8. Come and join us at 4:30 to mingle and socialize with friends. At 5:00 we will have a kosher barbecue including hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, salads and more. Rabbi Michael Farbman will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat service starting at 6:00 on the patio.

Bring a comfortable chair or blanket, and don't forget the bug spray! Following the service, please join them for their traditional tasty TE oneg in our social hall.

Not a member of TE? Come check them out. This event is free if you pre-register on the TE website (www.templeemanuel-gnh.org), or \$5 per person with a \$10 maximum per family at the door.

Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Ave. (Rt. 34) in Orange. For more information about this and other services and events at Temple Emanuel, please go to the synagogue's website, call the office at 203-397-3000 or email: office@templeemanuel-gnh.org

Student News:

Graduating

James Semmonella, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Semmonella of Orange, Conn., graduated after majoring in politics at Bates College. He is a 2013 graduate of Amity Regional High School.

Taking On Poverty

Any college students out there who are looking for the best way to survive on a minimal budget might want to ask **Sarah Rippel** for some tips. The Orange native pledged to live on \$14 a day.

Rippel is a student at Bucknell University, where she participated in the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty (SHECP). Shepherd interns pledge to live on \$14 a day and work with poverty-fighting organizations around the nation including public defenders' offices, food banks, clinics, housing authorities and other agencies in distressed communities.

Bucknell is one of 23 schools that participate in SHECP.

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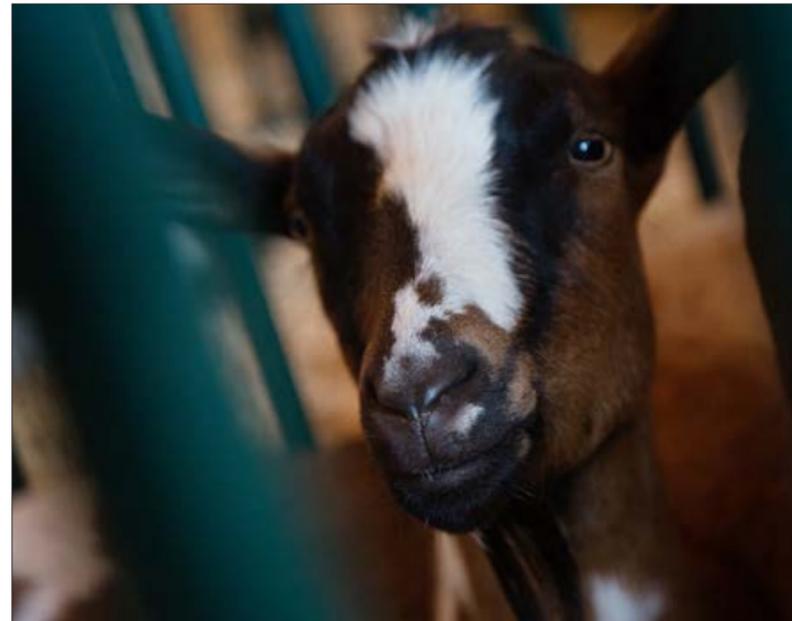
Lauren and Katelyn Ide, of Orange, have both received recognition at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, in Madison, New Jersey.

Lauren was named to the Dean's and Honors Lists for the Spring 2017 semester. Students at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus, located in Madison, NJ have been named to the Honors Lists for the Spring 2017 semester. To qualify for the Honor's List, a student must carry a 3.5 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours.

Katelyn has been named to the Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must carry a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0 and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 letter-graded hours.

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Final Farmers' Market Of The Season: Sept. 28



The Orange Community Farmers' Market 2017 season is coming to an end, with the last market scheduled on Sept. 28.

"It was a great season with more vendors and participants as compared to last year," said Annemarie Sliby, Executive Director of Orange Economic Development Corporation.

Fourteen vendors participated selling their products of a variety of vegetables, baked goods, maple syrup, artisanal teas, fig and citrus trees, soaps and lotions, pasta, pizza, and hand-crafted wool items. The weekly

event attracted visitors of over 350 people. On five occasions, a variety of bands entertained the public under the gazebo and a few instrumentalists performed under the pavilion.

The last two markets of the season will be on Sept. 21 and 28 under the Pavilion at the Orange Fairgrounds, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange. Market hours are 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information, please check the website at www.FarmMarketOrange.com or call 203-891-1045.

NEW IDEAS IN FLORAL DESIGN



Photo By Marion Rizzo

A program on the latest in floral design and flower arranging was presented by program chairs Larry Huzi and Pat Dray at the September meeting of The Garden Club of Orange.

A power point presentation as well as a live demonstration by Huzi and Dray illustrated new ideas and techniques. This included low profile designs, cascade traditional designs as well as techniques using stringing and banding with yarn.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT and NCGC. For membership information contact Joanne Friedrichs, 203-795-4266.

Menu Released for Friends 'Party in the Stacks 2017! – The Enchanted Forest'

Guests who attend the Friends of the Milford Library's Party in the Stacks' on Saturday, October 21 will enjoy imaginative, book-inspired hors d'oeuvres prepared by Brian Virtue, owner of ChristopherMartins restaurant.

"We are so excited to have Christopher Martins back as our caterer for the Party. Brian does an amazing job of designing food for this event that is both delicious and tailored to our literary theme. The food was a huge hit with last year's guests and this year's menu is even more elaborate," said Friends' President Anne Bolin. "You don't want to miss this."

Christopher Martins owner Brian Virtue noted, "We were inspired by the theme of the Friends' party and are happy to offer an assortment of unusual and delectable hors d'oeuvres and desserts for the guests."

In addition to an enticing antipasti table, the menu will feature several hors d'oeuvres celebrating books and their authors as well as the enchanted forest. Among the items on the menu, released today:

The Old Man and the Ceviche: Shrimp and scallop ceviche with avocado and tomato served in mini tostada cups

The BFG (bacon, fixings and grilled chicken): Grilled chicken, crispy cinnamon bacon, herbed mayo, baby spinach and plum tomato served on a mini brioche bun

Art of the Dill: Smoked salmon cucumber cups with dill crème fraiche

Jack and the Asparagus Stalk: Tender asparagus spears wrapped with tahini marinated sirloin, grilled and chilled

Great Eggspectations: Deviled eggs, baby beet and chive add a twist to Mom's recipe - she would approve

Lions and Tigers and Pears, Oh My: Poached pear frangipane tartlets

Charlie and the Chocolate Chews: White chocolate chunk brownie bites Tickets for the event, which will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Milford Public Library, are available at the Library Circulation Desk or on the Library's website. Individual tickets are \$35 for members of the Friends and \$40 for non-members. After October 1, all individual tickets will be \$50. The Friends encourage inviting friends, family, and colleagues. Attendees must be 21 or older.

Party in the Stacks! is sponsored by The Crushed Grape, The Milford Bank and ShopRite of Milford. This innovative fall fundraiser will be emceed by Milford's Brian Smith and feature a DJ, music and dancing, a puzzle treasure hunt custom designed by author Eric Berlin, a photo booth and an extensive silent auction.

By wearing a garb inspired by the enchanted forest theme or by dressing as a favorite book character or author, guests will be able to vie to win the Costume Contest. Costumes are encouraged but optional.

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Law Firm Rebrands While Embracing Growth

In recognition of its consistent growth and increasing statewide presence, the law firm formerly known as Berchem, Moses & Devlin, P.C. has rebranded with a new name, Berchem Moses PC. On September 5, 2017, sign unveiling ceremonies were held at the firm's offices in Milford and Westport (CT). In Milford, Mayor Ben Blake and members of the Chamber of Commerce participated in the celebration, along with Berchem Moses PC leadership and staff.

The firm's new logo, which appears on new signage, printed materials, electronic and digital media, is reflective of its long and storied history, while also incorporating a more contemporary look and feel. The "sunburst" symbol conveys the vision of a bright future for Berchem Moses PC as the firm continually recruits senior level management staff and cultivates young attorneys poised for leadership roles.

The firm originally was founded by William Gilitz in 1933. Robert L. Berchem joined in 1967, and together with Marsha Belman Moses, who joined in 1975, has led the firm's growth to 40 attorneys today. The firm currently employs over 70 people including attorneys, paralegals, and administrative staff.

In the past two years, seven senior level attorneys have joined Berchem Moses PC, along with several new associates:

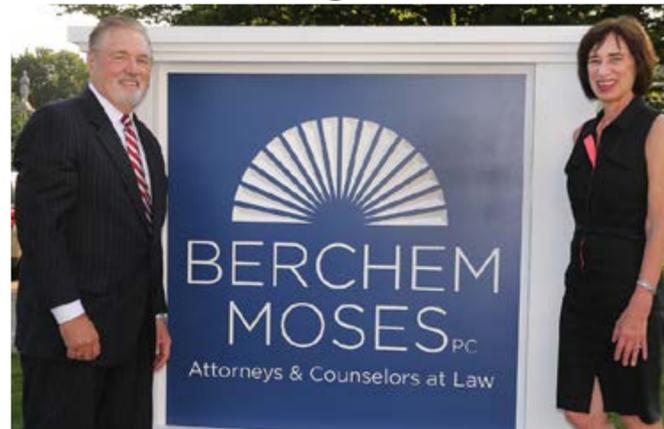
Christopher M. Hodgson was named as Senior Partner in the firm's Labor &

Employment Law Department in August 2015. Since 1990, Mr. Hodgson has represented numerous private and public sector employers in collective bargaining and labor relations matters, including negotiating collective bargaining agreements, presenting municipal and Board of Education interest arbitration cases, and defending grievance arbitration claims. He has also represented management in a wide spectrum of labor and employment litigation in state and federal courts.

In June 2017, Christine Owens Morgan was named as Senior Partner in the Commercial Real Estate & Financing, Business Law, and Affordable Housing & Economic Development Departments. Prior to joining Berchem Moses PC, Ms. Morgan spent more than 25 years at the firm of Wiggin and Dana where she was lead counsel on many highly visible affordable housing developments and commercial real estate transactions across the State of Connecticut.

Eileen Lavigne Flug also joined the firm in 2017 as Senior Counsel in the Municipal and Corporate Law Departments. She formerly served as Of Counsel for Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Ms. Flug was the leader of a 36-member elected legislative body in Westport, CT that approved budgets of over \$200 million for the town.

Christine A. Sullivan joined the firm in 2016 as Senior Counsel in the firm's Education Law Department. She formerly



served as Director of Education and Training at the UConn Health Center, A.J. Papanikou Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service.

Paula N. Anthony was named as Senior Counsel in the firm's Labor & Employment Law Department in 2016. She formerly served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Waterbury, Connecticut.

Desi Imetovski, formerly the Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, joined the firm

in 2016 as Senior Counsel in the Affordable Housing and Community & Economic Development Department.

Alfred P. Bruno was named as Senior Counsel in the firm's Litigation and Education Law Departments in 2016. He formerly served as General Counsel for the State Education Resource Center (SERC).

Additional appointments will be announced in the coming months.

Or Shalom To Celebrate The Efforts Of Marion Pritchard

Marion Pritchard was studying to become a social worker when Germany invaded the Netherlands in May 1940. At the beginning of 1942, the Germans started concentrating Jews in Amsterdam, and many were forced to relocate from the countryside.



The growing Jewish population was then confined to certain areas of the city. July of that year marked the beginning of mass deportations to the killing centers in occupied Poland, mainly to Auschwitz. One day Marion Pritchard witnessed Germans

throwing young Jewish children onto a truck for deportation. It was a shocking sight, and Marion was overwhelmed with rage. The twenty-two-year-old student decided then that she would do whatever she could to rescue Jewish children.

On Sunday morning November 5, 2017, 9 AM, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will celebrate the life-saving, selfless deeds of Marion Pritchard at the 11th Annual Kristallnacht Commemoration.

Marion Pritchard protected the lives of 150 Dutch Jews during World War II, mostly children, using whatever means were at hand. "By 1945 I had lied, stolen, cheated, deceived, and even killed," she said. Although imprisoned and tortured by the Nazis for her resistance work, Marion luckily survived. In addition to participating in scores of short-term rescue operations, she sheltered an entire family - including a new born infant - Erica Polak - for three years. In the course of that undertaking, a Dutch Nazi collaborator discovered Marion's hidden family and was on the verge of informing on them to the Nazi authorities. In that moment, Marion did something that would haunt her the rest of her life.

Throughout her life Marion Pritchard continued to be a formidable advocate for

children, first as a social worker and then as a practicing psychoanalyst. Israel made Marion Pritchard an honorary citizen in 1991. At Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust, she is among those designated as Righteous Gentiles.

Guest Speakers will include Sen. Richard Blumenthal, Marion's son Arnie Pritchard, Professor Deborah Dwork of Clark University and "baby" Erica Polak (pictured on Marion's knee - see attached jpg) and Aviva Slesin an Academy Award documentarian.

All are welcome. Free and open to the public. This program is made possible by a generous donation from the Men's Club Yellow Candle Fund. Please join us for this exciting community event!

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St. Mary's Principal Gets Distinguished Honor

The Archdiocese of Hartford announced that Frank P. Lacerenza, principal of St. Mary School in Milford, has been selected as the 2017-2018 Archdiocesan Distinguished Catholic School Administrator.



An exceptional administrator who engenders respect among all members of his school community, Frank has been principal of St. Mary School for 26 years. His experience with Catholic schools began in childhood when he attended Sacred Heart School in Stamford, followed by Stamford Catholic High School. Frank earned his Bachelor of Arts degree

in Elementary Education and History at Iona College, his Master's degree in Education Administration and Supervision from Fairfield University, and completed additional coursework at both Sacred Heart and Fairfield Universities.

Frank's professional experience began with teaching positions first at Sacred Heart School, then St. Cecelia School, both in Stamford. He then progressed to administrative roles, becoming Principal of St. Bernadette School in New Haven, then at St. Patrick School in Bridgeport. His tenure as Principal of St. Mary School in Milford began in 1991.

A collaborative leader, Frank has always been committed to three critical goals of Catholic school education: 1) to proclaim the message of Christ; 2) to develop community at every level; and 3) to encourage service to the human community. His skills as a peacemaker, communicator, and accomplished leader have facilitated the fulfillment of these goals, while inspiring the respect and admiration of the St. Mary School family. As a man of tremendous faith who is actively involved in parish life, Frank has created a school culture with a strong Catholic identity and a warm, welcoming spirit. In Frank's own words, "As a Catholic educator, I believe religion is more than a subject in a time slot. Rather, it is everything the school is."

Quilt Show Returns To Orange, Oct. 6

The "Starry Night Quilt Show" has returned to the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange.

Featured will be more than 100 original designed quilts by admired artists Phil and Julie Gold. A quilt by Phil will be raffled.

Hand made quilts and blankets will be shown, many that will be donated to the Fairy Mission of

Greater New Haven.

There will be a cafe serving snacks and cider. The show will be open Friday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meet the artists Friday 7 PM-8 PM.

There will be a \$5 donation at the door which will go to the Fairy Mission. Call 203-795-9749 for more information.

Step by Step - Kickoff Sept. 23

Registration is now open for the annual Step by Step to a Healthier Milford program! The event will run from September 23 - November 4, 2017.

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Obituaries:

Patricia R. Olenski
 Patricia R. Olenski, 91, of Milford, beloved wife to Henry Olenski, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2017. Patricia was born in Milford, CT on February 3, 1926, to the late Robert and Elizabeth Pinkham Maiden. In addition to her loving husband, Patricia is survived by her four children; ten grandchildren; six great-grandchildren;

one sister; several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Antoinette J. Bianchi,
 Antoinette J. Bianchi, age 90, of Milford, the beloved widow of Raymond A. Bianchi,

passed away on Friday, September 1, 2017, in her home, with her loving family by her side. Born on June 13, 1927 in Shamokin, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Katherine (Paravatti) Bongarzone, she was a longtime Stratford resident prior to moving to Milford 6 years ago. Survivors include her beloved children, Maryann Bianchi and friend Linda Hooker of Milford and Raymond Bianchi Jr and his wife Laurie of Spring Hill, Florida, her cherished grandchildren, Anthony (Allison), Christina and Nicholas Bianchi and great granddaughters, Amelia and Julianna Bianchi, a sister, Angelina Scandle of Swarthmore Pennsylvania, several nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents,

Raymond J. Fildes
 Raymond J. Fildes, age 84, of Orange, passed away Saturday, September 2, 2017 in Yale New Haven Hospital. Mr. Fildes was born November 11, 1932 in Bridgeport, son of the late Thomas and Mary (Sullivan) English and had been a lifetime area resident. He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War, and was retired from Sikorsky Aircraft. Survivors include his four children, Thomas Fildes and his wife Dorothy of Stratford, Sharon Lebowitz and her husband Mark of Orange, Lisa D'Avignon of Orange and Wendy Fildes-Gebeau and her husband Garry of Seymour; six grandchildren, Clarissa, Kevin, Alyssa, Adriana, Danielle and Emily; one sister, Marie Cotter; sister-in-law, Barbara English and many nieces and nephews.

Claire L. Cavallaro
 May 7, 1936 - September 12, 2017
 Claire L. Cavallaro, 81, of Milford, beloved wife of 60 years to Peter Cavallaro, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2017. Born on May 7, 1936 in Quincy, MA, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Nora Caswell. A graduate of Milford High School, Claire went on to work at U.S. Motors. She was employed at Milford Citizen, American Mutual, and eventually Orange Research, before retiring. Claire was a devout Catholic who attended mass at Saint Mary Church every Sunday. Along with her husband, Claire is survived by her children, Peter (Sharon) J. Cavallaro of Cleveland, OH, Paula (Chet) T. Rutkowski of Ansonia, Michael (Kim) L. Cavallaro of Milford, and Brian (Rebecca) D. Cavallaro of Rosindale, MA; grandchildren, Deanna (Cameron), Heather (Anthony), Eric, Casey, Korinne, Tyler, Amelie, and Maxine; great-grandchildren, Troy, Brandon, and Mateo; and many extended family and friends. Claire was predeceased by her son, Gabriel; and brothers, Richard and Robert Caswell.

Raymond Gordon Johnson Jr.
 Raymond Gordon Johnson Jr. age 74 of Orange, Connecticut, passed away sudden on August 18, 2017 in Illinois. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on October 30, 1942 to the late Raymond Gordon Johnson Sr. and Karin Ruth Dahlin Johnson. He grew up in Milford, Connecticut and graduated from Milford High School where he made all-state for trumpet. Following his graduation he attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts with a degree in electrical engineering. Right out of college Ray worked at Sikorsky Aircraft and stayed there throughout his career for over 30 years and acquired Deriter Services after his father passed away in 1999. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ruth Anne Walton Johnson; his son Eric (Natalie) Johnson; his grandchildren Kayla, Samuel and Soren Johnson; his nieces Karin (William) Foley, Lisa (William) Brown, Rachel (Matthew) Cherry, Jennifer (Michael) Pelletier and Laura (Jeremy) Ross; nephews David (Tiffany) Kramer, Joseph (Beth) Walton, Jeffrey (Christine) Walton, Joshua (Tammy) Walton, James Walton,

Kevin Kowalkoski, Alex (Jenna) Kowalkoski, Philip Walton, Brian (Laura) Walton, David (Tabitha) Walton, David Walton and Daniel Walton; his brothers-in-law Charles Kramer, Philip (Carol) Walton, John (Marge) Walton and Mark (Brenda) Walton; and his sisters-in-law Rebecca (Richard) Kowalkoski and Lois (David) Lee.

Stephen V. Del Vento Sr.
 Stephen V. Del Vento Sr., age 77 of Milford and formerly of Trumbull, entered into eternal rest on Monday, September 4, 2017 in his home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Bridgeport on December 14, 1939 he was the son of the late Stephen A. and Louise (Chapman) Del Vento. Stephen worked as a tool and die maker at Bullard's in Bridgeport and also, he was co-owner of City Cement Block Co., in Bridgeport and Henderson Trumbull Supply Company, in Trumbull. Survivors include his beloved wife of 56 years, Arlene A. (Nemeth) Del Vento of Milford, his loving children; Stephen V. Del Vento Jr., of Newtown, Christine Rapillo and husband Brian of Trumbull, and John Del Vento and wife Suzanne of Trumbull, five grandchildren; Anthony, Stephanie, Nicholas, Tyler and John, three brothers; Vito, Robert and Russell Del Vento and several nieces and nephews.

John H. Winters
 John H. Winters, 73, of Milford, passed away on September 15, 2017. John was born on January 29, 1944 in Ogden, UT to the late Seth and Mary Elizabeth Winters. John served his country in the US Army. He was a volunteer fire fighter at the Point Beach Engine Co. #6. John's family remembers him for saving a child from drowning when he was twelve. John is survived by his son, John C. Winters and his wife Teresa; his grandsons, Gavin and Giovanni Winters; his brothers, Evan Winters and his wife Kathleen, Russell Winters and his wife Robin, and Richard Winters and his wife Debra; and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was predeceased by his grandsons, Dylan and John Winters.

Martin Zwerdling
 Martin Zwerdling, 76, of Manley Heights Rd., Orange, CT, devoted husband of 42 years to Linda (Kantrow) Zwerdling, died at Yale-New Haven Hospital on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017. Born in Bridgeport, CT, March 9, 1941, he was the son of the late Milton & Natalie Zwerdling. Beloved Father of Marc Zwerdling (Amy) of New York City. Cherished Zayde of Max and Elle. Funeral Services at Cong. Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd., Orange on SUNDAY afternoon, Sept. 17th at 3:30 o'clock with Interment Services to follow at Beth Israel Cemetery, Derby-Milford Rd., Orange.

Lillian May Wilde
 Lillian May Wilde, 85, of Milford, beloved wife of the late Frank Wilde, Sr., passed away on September 11, 2017. Lillian was born on May 17, 1932, in Old Town, ME, to the late Leroy and Nina Feero.

Margaret Cecelia Corriveau
 Margaret Cecelia Corriveau entered into eternal rest on September 13, 2017 peacefully at home. She was born November 4, 1918 in Motherwell Scotland to the late John and Ann Boyle. A former employee of Bic Corporation, she was the mother of six children: William J. (Sharon) Corriveau of Milford, Paul (Linda) Corriveau of Orange, Claudette Corriveau of Milford and Peter Corriveau of Farmington. She was the proud and loving grandmother to seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Margaret will be remembered for her kindness, generosity and forgiving ways. She found joy being at home with family.

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Smoke and Mirrors owner Melissa Styles knows there is a lot more to a brand than a flashy street sign.

the last space on the left of the strip of businesses at the end of Naugatuck Avenue, where she has turned a simple white space into a full service, high end hair salon that also curates and sells vintage clothing and jewelry. It's what Styles calls a "hub" for not only her work, but also for the Smoke and Mirrors brand. What's unique though, is that her shop has no outside sign to identify itself.

"Originally I chose not to put a sign on it for a few reasons," said Styles on the decision. "The coolest places that I had been to in my travels had that speak easy feel. They didn't have a sign; you knew where to get to but from there you didn't know what would be behind the doors. So, I like not having a sign."

Styles also remarked that another reason why she opted to not put a sign up was that between her regular clientele and constant travel to New York for fashion shows and photoshoots, she felt unable to accommodate walk in business. This is due to the fact that while Styles lives and works in Milford, her reach and brand extends itself further out than the limits of the city.

Styles grew up in Avon, CT with an infatuation for hair. As she puts it, "when I was young my mom always took me to beautiful hair salons; she always paid top dollar for her hair. My parents shopped with coupons constantly but my mother's priority was always to look good because she knew a good haircut would last through the months."

Styles began her career in high school, working for her mother's friends shop as an assistant. While there, Styles worked reception and enjoyed interacting with clients and discovered the pseudo life changing feeling that comes from getting a new look and style. As her career continued on, Styles began building a client list which has followed her for eleven years now, traveling with her from shop to shop until finally convening at her location in Walnut Beach.

Her career began to expand shortly after opening up her shop in Milford when she met celebrity stylist Laurent Dufourg.

With a client list including Sharon Stone, Gwyneth Paltrow and the late Anna Nicole Smith, Dufourg took note of Styles' work and began hiring her to assist him on runway shows and editorial fashion shoots. Styles then became a part of Dufourg's Privé runway team and started to work fashion shows for designers such as Berenik, son jung wan, Claire Pettibone and most recently celebrity dress designer Romona Keveza, who has worked with Taylor Swift, Kelly Clarkson and Arianna Grande among others. Styles' role on the teams has been to accurately and perfectly re-create and execute the hairstyles that the lead designers would create. In Styles' words, "I was always a train ride away from my dreams and now I finally took that leap and I think that's what more people need to do is bust outside the box and think that they can make it."

Along with Styles' burgeoning style career, she and her fiancé Arum have begun to branch out into other areas to expand their brand. After watching the fashion and style at runway shows, Styles began to notice what the models were wearing when they showed up to shoots and shows and along with her fiancé created Janky Gems, curating and collecting vintage clothing from estate sales and clients. Along with dressing and styling her clients, Janky Gems also does pop up shows in Brooklyn, Providence and Nashville.

Regardless of where her career takes her, Styles relishes her shop in Milford, calling it "a huge relief for me." "I love to come back here, I love to be with my clients and I love to be able to make them feel just as good as those models feel when they see pictures of themselves on the runway." Styles also has great faith in the Walnut Beach scene, commenting on businesses such as Artfish 42 and the upcoming Fig Cooking School. "It is a pleasure to be here and to be around happy people, artsy people; you know, the misfits," said Styles. "This is where everybody can come and feel loved and appreciated and I really am thankful to be in this neighborhood."

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fiction," Farber said. Older patrons would remember the check out cards well: little logs tucked into a pocket inside the book's back cover that tracked who had the book checked out. Book lending today is tracked digitally through computers and thus the check-out cards usefulness has vanished.

While the stereotypical image of a library usually involves rows upon rows of tomes archived for posterity, it doesn't jive with the modern reality. Libraries are sources of information and the means of access and dissemination have had to change with the times. So too, have the skills needed to serve the patrons.

"People will come here for help with their iPhone or when an e-book isn't loading correctly," Farber said.

Indeed, modern libraries often lend digital copies of books and magazines and the staff needs to understand how to troubleshoot issues as they arise.

Farber noted that the library is always

adapting. Hefty tomes are replaced with digital copies. Shelves crammed with VHS cassettes can now hold far more DVDs and Blu-ray movies.

While the specific functions of the library grow and adapt, the underlying purpose of serving the public remains and according to Farber the Case Memorial Library is as busy as ever. She estimates anywhere from 300 to 500 people use the library's services per day - for anything from studying to organization meetings.

Farber said her replacement will need to be prepared to continue embracing new technologies if they hope to be successful. They'll also need to be active in promoting "the library as the valuable asset it is."

"You really need to love what you are doing," Farber said. "And you need to be able to work with all the members of the community." That means having the skills and patience to help educate the public as technology advances.



Photo By Joseph Cole
Meryl Farber has seen libraries evolve from books and VHS tapes to e-readers and DVDs over her career as the library director in Orange. She will retire at the beginning of December.

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Middle School, the project would be finished ahead of schedule.

Board members, however, were skeptical. The renovation, which began in March, is expected to last until 2018. In the meantime, some areas of the school will not be useable at all, while others are expected to be opened to students and then closed off again for more work.

Students at West Shore started classes three days later than the rest of the district so that city inspectors could give the go-ahead on the bare minimum number of classrooms - 25 - necessary to keep the school functioning.

When Richetelli told the board that the gym was set to open in January, board member Susan Krushinsky asked why it wasn't opening in December, as she had previously been told.

Richetelli explained two of the largest setbacks involved asbestos that was found in the interior wall of the gym and in the floor tiles of the media center during demolition. Construction in those areas had to be halted for weeks until the asbestos could be cleared.

Richetelli was backed up in part by West Shore Principal Paul A. Cavanna, who was adamant that everything would work out when school opened.

"My teachers will deliver on Thursday, regardless of the challenges we face," he said.

Cavanna fielded questions from board members who wondered how the staff would work around the lack of a media center or gym in the coming months. Media aides will be pushed into classrooms for the time being, while gym classes will be able to occupy the cafeteria most of the day.

Board member Thomas Jagodzinski expressed consternation over the delays.

"It seems like the project is constantly slipping," he said.

Richetelli responded that unforeseeable circumstances like the asbestos remediation pushed some work behind "by no fault of anyone," but that overall the project was on track to be finished ahead of schedule.

Jagodzinski said his main concern is the impact of the construction on teaching. "I hope everyone is making every effort to make it as easy as possible on the staff," he said.

Cavanna assured the board that the staff was supported, and that they were as enthused as he was.

"It's been a true team effort," he said. "It's going to be a beautiful facility."

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Fortunately, since the State's budget crisis began, my team and I have been preparing to handle this problem.

Under my leadership, working with our Board of Finance and other officials, we instituted a budget that will reduce the impact of these cuts on our schools and town services in the upcoming fiscal year.

We are continually looking for ways to offset the impact of State budget cuts. For example, we recently obtained an agreement for the town's share of the surplus from the Amity prior-year budget to be refunded to us which amounts to approximately \$800,000. Any future Amity surpluses may need to follow suit, as we continue to understand the impact of the mess in Hartford.

Moving forward however, continued failure by the Democratic Governor and State legislature to solve our State Budget crisis could have long-lasting impacts to our town. I am outraged that our State government would be so irresponsible to create this problem for us. I have and will continue to fight to maintain our AAA credit rating, our excellent schools and our quality of life.

By achieving our town's AAA credit rating we save taxpayer money on bonding. Just last month, I participated in a conference call with the credit agency which was considering

downgrading our AAA rating because of the State's fiscal crisis. I immediately argued that our town should not be downgraded. I explained that despite the State's financial problems Orange was fiscally sound. I highlighted our low debt ratio, our economic development, our stable tax base, and our excellent schools. They agreed that our town is well managed, and approved our AAA credit rating, the best rating a municipality can receive.

I have also been working with our town counsel and other municipal leaders to determine whether it is legal for the State to shift teacher pension obligations onto the towns. This shift could cost us an additional \$2 million dollars or more annually. Not without a fight! Hartford needs to learn that it cannot act irresponsibly and push its problems down on us. We have our financial house in order! It's time they do the same.

I have been proud to serve as your First Selectman over the past twelve years. I am proud that my team's work over these years has strengthened our town to a point where we will weather the State's fiscal crisis. We must continue my team's philosophy to do more with less.

I ask for your vote on Election Day.

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few years firsthand. The increasing drug epidemic that has been affecting our youths and school systems must be addressed. Over the past few years several young adults all around my age have lost their lives to drug addiction and overdoses, not only in Orange but also surrounding towns. I've lost many friends that went down a path I avoided, and I understand that getting involved in drugs can be appealing to some individuals in younger age groups. However, I also know that drug usage can be addressed and minimized. By working with local law enforcement, researching what other communities have done to fix similar issues, teaming up with our neighboring towns, and increasing education at an early age regarding the dangers of drugs, I know I can end this issue.

Rising taxes are a concern that every town faces, including Orange. Increasing taxes has never been the answer, and it only causes additional stress and monetary issues for the citizens. I understand that in order to keep tax rates where they are, or even to lower

them, businesses must be entering Orange. Over the past few years however, our elected officials have turned away several large business opportunities that could have helped our town. In 2015, a Stew Leonards was set to be developed on Marsh Hill Road, but the plan was rejected. In 2013, there was a proposal for a winery on Derby Avenue that would have increased business and tourism in Orange, but the development fell through. Our past elected officials have let us down by passing up these business opportunities that would be set at the outreaches of town, away from residential areas. Residents of Orange enjoy living in a small town with the feeling that they're in the country, but at the end of the road is everything they need. I'm committed to upholding these values while also bringing in business to Orange to help address the tax issue.

The good news is, once I'm elected, there won't be any issues facing Orange within the next few years.

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homes in their golden years? These are the very real concerns of our fellow residents.

Let's look at the numbers under Jim Zeoli's 12 years in office: Town spending has gone up by 36%. Your property taxes have increased by 28%. Mr. Zeoli's salary has also gone up - by 27% over 10 years! Meanwhile, new investment in Orange has stagnated. The Republican-controlled budgeting process is keeping Orange in a time warp.

Clearly, we need a change. I am not a career politician. I grew up in Orange and chose to return after serving with the United Nations for 22 years. I plan to continue to live here. I have only the interests of this town that I love at heart. The greatest challenge we will face is ensuring that all our residents can live comfortably in a town that is growing, not stagnating, that offers responsive services to every citizen, and that produces children well prepared for the challenges of the modern workplace.

At the heart of meeting our needs as a town is attracting smart investment that will provide needed tax revenues and jobs. It is not helping Orange when the most valuable piece of land between Boston and New York (that could have hosted Stew Leonard's)

produces only corn, or when tax-exempt universities take over vacant business properties. I will be a pro-active economic development First Selectman who seeks out new investors to revive our withering commercial zones.

My team and I will ensure that our budgeting process is transparent and reflects the needs of our citizens. I will hold open office hours each week to hear our townspeople's concerns and priorities. We will ensure that our town planning is long-term, not ad hoc, that improvements are budgeted for and not dependent on bonds. We will work with residents to draw up a list of priority improvements to be made.

Maintaining our gold-standard school system will be my top concern, having had the benefit of the best education, from Mary L. Tracy elementary up through my Master's Degree from Columbia University. As a parent, I know how important it is that our children's education and skills match the requirements of today's economy.

If you are ready to move Orange forward, vote for me on November 7!

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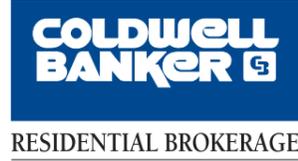
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