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Slossberg Announces She Will Not Seek Reelection

Sitting in her living room surrounded by family and friends, Gayle Slossberg (D-14) announced that after 14 years in the State Senate she will not seek reelection this November. After thanking all the people who supported her through seven election cycles, Slossberg reflected.

"Fourteen years ago almost to the day, I announced my run for the State Senate, pledging to work day and night for the people of Milford, Orange, West Haven and now Woodbridge," she said. "Since then, I always listened to my constituents, did my homework and voted what I believed was in the best interests of my community and our state. I promised I would be a positive force focusing on the issues that matter most to our community; jobs and a strong economy that provides opportunities for all, a quality education for every child, healthcare for all and dignity and respect for our seniors and our veterans. While I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved, I am most grateful and humbled by the friends and neighbors who invited me into their homes to share their most personal and difficult issues. To everyone who placed their trust in me, opened their doors to me and allowed me to be their fiercest advocate, thank you. You are the reason I went to Hartford every day."

During her tenure in the Senate, Slossberg has held chairmanships in a wide array of areas. She led Connecticut's first Select Committee on Veteran's Affairs, where she championed the most comprehensive package of benefits for veterans since World War II and developed the Connecticut Wartime Service Medal as a measure of the state's gratitude for veterans' service.

Slossberg also chaired the Government Administration and Election Committee for

six years, where she helped pass significant government reforms relating to ethics, clean contracting, eliminating waste in government, and same-day voter registration. As the vice chair of the Public Health Committee for a decade, she overhauled the state's lead poisoning laws, resulting in a 50 percent reduction rate. She ensured that there are lifesaving AED defibrillators in every school and that breast self examination is taught in school. As chair of the Human Services Committee, Slossberg argued for a fair system for nonprofit providers and led the charge to improve the auditing process. She developed the state's mental health clearinghouse, a resource to help families connect with the services they need.

Slossberg's commitment to improving the economy led her to create and pass the state's first job creation tax credit program, an initiative that eventually became part of the 2011 jobs bill. She supported efforts to keep UTC and Sikorsky in the state. Slossberg was also chosen to lead the Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes, a bipartisan panel that successfully identified nearly half a billion dollars in savings for taxpayers without cutting services or raising taxes.

In her current position as the co-chair of the Education Committee, Slossberg returned to her roots as a PTA president and a staunch advocate for public education. She was the moving force to make Connecticut the first in the nation to provide a state-sponsored SAT for every high school student while eliminating other tests that were overwhelming eleventh-grade students. She championed reform of Connecticut's high school graduation requirements, dyslexia legislation, and full-day kindergarten.

Slossberg also cast one of the deciding votes



to repeal the death penalty, delivering a floor speech that was reproduced around the world. She supported civil unions, gay marriage, increasing the minimum wage, hate crimes legislation and sensible gun safety legislation that has led the nation.

In addition to her legislative accomplishments, Slossberg championed funding for her district, including the West Haven High School renovation project, the West Haven train station, the YMCA, Platt Technical High School, Boys & Girls Village, Boys & Girls Club, Main Street West Haven, Fred Wolfe Park, Bridges Healthcare, American Legion, VFW, Clean Water Funding, Open Space acquisition around the district, Arts Center in West Haven and many more projects. She helped families navigate the rebuilding of their homes in the aftermath of Storm Sandy.

Slossberg opposed the Silver Sands buildout, passing legislation to stop it in the Senate. As the chairwoman of the Housing Committee, she successfully led passage of legislation to reform

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Democratic Candidates Visit Orange

Democrats running for statewide offices in November's election had a chance to make their case to area residents March 3 at Orange's High Plains Community Center. The event was sponsored by the Democratic town committees of Orange, Milford, Bethany, Naugatuck, Shelton and Woodbridge. Some have declared their candidacy, while others are still in the exploratory phase.



Cindy Boynton, House of Representatives, D-117 and William Tong, Attorney General. Photo by Lexi Crocco

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Orange TPZC Blocks Children's Therapy Center

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

What is a "substantially similar" use?

It may seem like an arcane technicality, but it prevented a Cheshire-based therapy center for children with special needs from gaining approval Feb. 20 by the Orange Town Plan and Zoning Commission for a request to move into a former real estate office at 564 Racebrook Road.

Cheshire Fitness Zone was seeking to open a satellite office in a now-vacant building, which contains about 3,000 square feet of space and was most recently occupied by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

According to its website, CFZ specializes in providing physical, occupational and speech therapy to special-needs children. The business serves clients from birth to age 21.

In addition to its Cheshire headquarters, the business already has a second location in Meriden.

The move required the TPZC's approval because the office is in a residential zone. The

previous tenants were grandfathered in when the zone was created, but the proposed center constitutes a different type of use for the space.

But just how different?

That was the questions the commissioners grappled with in a heated debate over the definitions of zoning regulations that lasted for nearly half an hour.

Commission member Kevin Cornell sparked the discussion when he read a passage from Orange's zoning rules that says, "No nonconforming use of land or buildings or structures shall be changed to any use which is substantially different in nature."

"I believe that your use as described and practiced by yourselves is an asset to the community in which it resides," Cornell said. "But I don't even get to that issue, because the existing use is a nonconforming use in a residential zone."

Commissioner Ralph Aschettino argued that the use was, in fact, similar. "The building's not

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News & Events

Milford's St. Patrick's Day Team Raises Irish Flag

Each year, Milford's St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee selects a Grand Marshal and Miss Emerald Isle to serve as honorary participants in the parade, and the Milford Irish Heritage Society selects an Irish Man and Irish Woman of the Year. Individuals selected are those who exemplify community spirit and pride in their Irish heritage.

Grand Marshal Mike McCabe, Miss Emerald Isle Emily Mager, Irish Man John Torgerson, and Irish Woman Tracy McCabe were Milford's chosen royalty for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day festivities.

In advance of the March 10 parade, McCabe, Mager and Torgerson gathered at City Hall with Parade Chairman Marty Hardiman, Alderperson Ellen Beatty and Mayor Ben Blake to raise the flag of Ireland alongside the American flag as a tribute to Milford's Irish community.



The Irish flag was raised in front of Milford City Hall March 6 in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Contributed photo.

Recycling Tips



You can make the biggest difference at home to the amount you recycle. Recycling is easy and requires minimal effort if you create a simple recycling system. A system starts with having a place to store recycling inside your

home; most successful is a container next to your rubbish bin. This will act as a reminder for everyone in your household to recycle and make it as easy to recycle something as it is to throw it away.

Like the Orange Recycling Committee on Facebook for updates and tips at bit.ly/ORC-Facebook.

Boating Safety Course Being Offered

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-2 is offering a course titled "About Boating Safely" on Saturday, March 24 in Stratford.

Successful completion of this course satisfies the Connecticut licensing requirements for both boats and personal watercraft. Instruction will cover all the basic topics involved in the safe operation of recreational boating and seamanship.

The cost of the class is \$50 per student. Pre-registration is required. To register, email Flotilla242@comcast.net or call 203-381-2085.

Flotilla 24-2 is located at 1 Birdseye St.

in Stratford, at the Birdseye Boat Ramp. "About Boating Safely" is an eight-hour course, starting at 8 a.m.

All students will need to obtain a State of Connecticut Conservation ID number before taking the ABS/PWC class. To register for a free ID number, visit ct.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/Sales.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the U.S. Coast Guard and supports the Coast Guard in nearly all mission areas. The Auxiliary was created by Congress in 1939. For more information, please visit cgaux.org.

Colonial Properties Brokers 2 Property Sales Worth \$614K

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

Richetelli represented Fresh Meadow Properties, LLC in the sale of 50 Fresh Meadow Rd., West Haven. The approximately 20,520 square foot light industrial building on 1.8 acres sold for \$225,000. The buyer, Panagrafix, was represented by Joel Hausman of Colonial Realty in Fairfield. The property was formerly home to Seaboard Metal Finishing and will be used as a print shop.

Al Melotto, Commercial Broker with

Colonial Properties, was the sole broker in the sale of 1872 Hartford Tpke. in North Haven for \$389,000. The property is an approximately 6,000 square foot retail plaza with five units on 1.87 acres. Melotto listed and sold the commercial investment property in less than 30 days.

"These two transactions demonstrate that the market for both owner-occupied and investment properties is still brisk in New Haven County," Richetelli said.

Colonial Properties is a full service commercial and residential real estate brokerage.

Orange Memorial Day Parade

In preparation for the Town of Orange Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2018, the committee has started to meet to plan for the parade.

Any person or group may march in the procession provided that they fill out an application form and list any special requests or accommodations they might require, especially those with disabilities.

Forms are available on line at www.orange-ct.gov and at the Orange Town Hall in the First Selectman's Office and are due back by May 1, 2018 to Kevin Gilbert, Parade Organizer, at 256 Peck Lane, Apt. #29, Orange, CT 06477. Participants can also fax the completed form to Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall 203-891-2185.

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Chambers Of Commerce Welcomes New Members

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Orange Chamber Offers A Morning Jolt

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is starting a new program called "Morning Jolt, Coffee & Conversation" for area businesses. Start your morning off with coffee and conversation, meet other business members, share information and grow your business.

Bring your business cards and get ready to give your company a jolt. Here's an opportunity to talk about your business with

like-minded professionals, expand your circle of influence, and have a cup of coffee.

Morning Jolt takes place at 8:15 a.m. every fourth Thursday of the month at Eli's Orange at 285 Boston Post Rd. in Orange. The first Morning Jolt will be March 27.

The program is free. All you need to do is call the Orange Chamber at 203-795-3328 or email your reservation to director@orangetchamber.com.

Orange Land Trust Hosting Guided Hike In Turkey Hill Preserve

The Orange Land Trust will be leading a guided hike at the Turkey Hill Preserve on Saturday, April 14. People should meet at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at 300 Derby-Milford Road. This is opposite Turkey Hill Road.

The Turkey Kill Preserve is Orange's largest open space site, with 376 acres offering the most varied experiences for the visitor. An old growth core forest is dotted with ledges, ridges, vernal pools, gorges, streams, ponds, shallow waterways, and a few hills that are steep but hikeable. It is populated by a wide variety of plant life and wildlife.

This moderate-to-challenging hike will include information on historical highlights and a hike through one of the most enjoyable natural places in the area.

Please wear appropriate footwear, as there are some rocky areas and some "ups and downs" in the trail. It is recommended to

wear hiking boots/shoes, or shoes/sneakers with a good tread. A good hiking stick or trekking pole can be helpful.

The Orange Land Trust will team up with the Orange CERT Emergency Communications Team. They will serve as trail assistants, while they get to know the area's terrain and perform a simulated search and rescue communications exercise, such as would be needed to find and escort lost hikers out to safety.

This free hike, conducted by volunteers of the Orange Land Trust, is not at all difficult for those who are sure-footed and fit, and presents an opportunity to reconnect with the town's history and beauty. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

Only steady rain showers will cancel. For more information, call Chris at 203-397-7599 or email cshaw@snet.net with "OLT Spring Hike" in the subject line.



Orange Land Trust hikers enjoying a Saturday morning in the woods while learning some local history and seeing some of the most interesting old growth forest terrain in Orange. *Contributed photo.*



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Opinion & Editorial

In The House:

Pass Proposals That Help Taxpayers And Businesses

We are just over a month into the legislative session, and this is the time when bill proposals in the Connecticut legislature receive public hearings and are voted on by committees.

This session, I proposed legislation that if adopted by the General Assembly will help our state move in a new direction.

As a small business owner, I know we pay too much in unnecessary taxes, and that is why year-after-year I have proposed legislation to eliminate the business entity tax. Right now, every two years businesses have to pay a \$250 BET. This tax is unfair to business owners. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle help me eliminate this tax.

In addition to helping business owners, I proposed bills that look to reform state government. For too many years, lawmakers and state employees have been able to include their mileage reimbursements in their pension calculations. A number of state employees and lawmakers have abused the mileage system, and that is why I have proposed excluding mileage reimbursements from state employee pension calculations. I



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CHARLES FERRARO

also asked the Appropriations Committee to consider excluding overtime from pension calculations. We need to address our unfunded pension liabilities, and my bills will help us do just that.

I am proud to serve the House Republican Caucus as the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans'

Affairs. Last year I was able to help those who are suffering from PTSD, and this year I am looking to pass legislation that expands an existing program that gives surplus state vehicles to honorably discharged disabled combat veterans. Our veterans fought and sacrificed for our freedoms and they deserve better from our state government. Passing this bill will signal to our veterans that we are here to help.

Two more bills I would like to see passed repeal the hospital tax and provide a credit against the personal income tax for interest paid on student loans.

As you can see, I have proposed bold ideas that will better our state. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov.

Ferraro Seeks Third Term

State Rep. Charles Ferraro (R-117) announced Monday he is seeking a third term in the Connecticut House of Representatives. He promised to "continue the important work of resolving the state's financial crisis and advocating for the residents of Milford, Orange, and West Haven."

"Right now my focus is on the legislative session and preventing Governor (Dannel) Malloy from pushing more taxes through," Ferraro said. "I joined my Republican colleagues last session and showed that we can pass a state budget that starts to restore our state's economy and doesn't rely on increased taxes. Allowing a tire tax, a restaurant tax, and tolls to go through now will set us back drastically."

Since 2014, Ferraro has championed legislation helping veterans, small business owners, individuals with intellectual disabilities, first responders, and reformed affordable housing regulations. Ferraro also supported a historic bipartisan budget passed last year.

"In 2014 I went to Hartford and hit the ground running," Ferraro said. "By

working across the aisle, I was able to pass legislation that helped taxpayers in our communities, and legislation that will reform our state government. I am proud of what I have been able to accomplish in such a short period of time, but we still have a lot of work to do. I will not stop until our economy is firing on all cylinders and taxes are reduced."

Ferraro is the ranking member of the legislature's Veterans' Affairs Committee and serves on the Human Services and Energy & Technology committees. He owns the West Haven Academy of Karate and oversees over 70 karate schools in the United States, as well as 30 in South America.

Once the current session has been completed, Ferraro said he will be out in the community speaking with voters to discuss the past legislative session and understand residents' concerns. Ferraro says his door is always open. He can be reached at 203-410-3207 or cferraro04@snet.net. He encourages residents to follow his campaign on Facebook @ReelectFerraro or on his website, ReelectFerraro.com.

Rose Supports Tuition Assistance Bill



State Rep. Kim Rose (D-Milford) joined colleagues to roll out House Bill #5371, An Act Establishing The Free 2 Start Scholarship Program And The Free 2 Finish Scholarship Program, which promises state aid to help qualified Connecticut students start and complete their college careers at community colleges and state universities. The aim is to improve college graduation rates and prepare the state workforce for the thousands of new jobs needed in the near future.

If approved, the scholarship would take effect in the fall of 2019, and Connecticut would become one of several states in America – following recent efforts in New York, Rhode Island, and others – to provide a state-sponsored higher education scholarship for qualified students.

"This bill will help employed graduates to contribute to the economy by alleviating their monthly outlays," Rose said.

Connecticut's Free 2 Start/Free 2 Finish college program is a so-called "last dollar" program which does not supplant existing institutional awards or other aid. It simply fills in the missing funding gaps.

According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, from 2009 to 2015, 74 percent of Connecticut students completed their four-year public college

degree within six years (the fifth-best completion rate in the country), but only 34 percent of students completed their two-year community college degree within six years – placing Connecticut 33rd out of 50 states.

The Connecticut program would have two main components. The "Free 2 Start" portion would grant state aid for tuition and required fees for the first two academic years at a regional community-technical college. Students would have to be full-time undergraduates in good academic standing. They would also have to meet annual family income guidelines of \$48,060 for a family of two, \$60,480 for a family of three, and \$72,900 for a family of four. The state would provide a minimum benefit of \$1,000 per year.

The "Free 2 Finish" portion would provide state aid for tuition and required fees to complete an associate's or bachelor's degree at a Connecticut public university. Students would need to have graduated from a Connecticut high school. As with Free 2 Start, students would need to be full-time undergraduates who met annual income guidelines, and they would receive a minimum benefit of \$1,000 per year. They would also have to participate in a volunteer-based mentorship and counseling program.

"I am looking forward to working this session to move this bill forward and hope that it gains the support to pass," Rose said. "This would be a great investment in Connecticut's future."

Rep. Staneski, Advocates Call for Change in CT Domestic Violence Laws



State Rep. Pam Staneski (R-Milford and Orange) joined a bipartisan group of legislators and the Connecticut Coalition

Against Domestic Violence in calling on Connecticut to change its existing intimate partner violence dual arrest law to add a "dominant aggressive" provision.

Current statistics show that Connecticut has a 20 percent dual arrest rate, in which both the alleged aggressor and victim are arrested. The intent of the mandatory arrest policy was to remove discretion at the incident scene. However, it came with the unintended consequence of victims being arrested.

Connecticut's dual arrest rate is double national rates, according to a press release from Staneski's office. Victims of domestic violence have experienced first-hand the unintended consequences of dual arrest when they make the call to have police intervene – small children who just witnessed a parent being abused are traumatized when both parents are carted

away in police cars, public reporting of the arrest results in quiet gossip among neighbors, and many feel victimized all over again.

"I certainly understand the concern expressed by some of our police officers around the liability that can come when an arrest is not made, especially when our statutory language dictates an arrest in response to an incident of family violence," Staneski said. "These are emotionally charged situations; however, asking the state to allow police officers some discretion in handling the incident by adding a 'dominant aggressive' provision will help reduce the harmful impact on victims and their families."

The proposal that the group supports is before the judiciary committee and calls for changing Connecticut's family violence arrest law to clarify that, when receiving complaints from two or more opposing parties, law enforcement must determine which party is the dominant aggressor. Such laws exist in 27 other states and guide law enforcement in determining which party is the most significant aggressor or poses the most serious ongoing threat.

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Klarides Testifies In Support Of Coverage For Breast Imaging Process



Connecticut House Republican Leader Themis Klarides (R - Derby) testified before members of the legislature's Insurance and Real Estate Committee March 1 about clarifying insurance codes to make certain that tomosynthesis, a three-dimensional image screening process, is considered a mammography. Klarides was joined by Dr. Thomas Farquhar, chief of

radiology at Hartford Hospital. In 2016, Klarides got legislation passed that requires insurance companies to cover Tomosynthesis if a patient's physician deems it necessary. But since then, Klarides has learned that some insurance companies weren't covering tomosynthesis because they didn't consider it a mammography. The committee's leadership thanked Klarides for not only pursuing the legislation last year, but for coming back this year to make sure it's done right. Farquhar said the process is more likely to identify breast cancer, and that the test saves lives.

Giving Back

Orange Lions Spread Generosity Throughout Town



by Marianne Miller
Special to The Orange Times

The senior pizza party sponsored by the Orange Lions Club Feb. 21 was a huge success. With a record turnout of over 100 seniors, the Lions served 40 pizzas, soda, and other snacks. Thank you to the many Lions who helped, especially our co-chairs Ron Capozziello and Joe Carollo, along with Dennis Marsh, senior center coordinator. All the attendees enjoyed the delicious pizza made by Andini's and a wonderful show by Ashley Cruz.

The Orange Lions Club continues to grow. We inducted two new members into the Club this month. Welcome and congratulations to new Lions Ron and Ann Marie Goldberg, who were sponsored by Lions Kevin and Betty Hadlock. Membership pins have also been awarded to Lions Pat Romano and Marianne Miller.

The Orange Lions presented their annual community grant awards March 12. The following organization received community grants totaling \$7,000: the Garden Club; Orange Youth Services; the Rape Crisis Center; the Blinded Veterans Association; the Orange Fire Marshal; the Orange Elementary Schools Olympic Festival; the Orange Volunteer Fire Association; Girl Scouts Troop 60226; the Orange Historical Society; Orange Senior Services; the Orange Conservation Commission; the Orange Arts and Cultural

Council; the Blanket Fairy; the Community Soup Kitchen; the Case Memorial Library; Kenya Health Care; Orange Community Services; and the Orange Police's DARE program. In addition, the Lions gave special recognition to The Home Depot and Julia's Bakery for their consistent contributions to the Lions' charity events.

Our 56th annual Easter egg hunt will take place Saturday, March 24, with a rain date of March 31, at the High Plains fairgrounds at 525 Orange Center Road. The Easter egg hunt will begin at 1 p.m., but the Easter Bunny will arrive with the help of the Orange Police Department at 12:30 p.m. and parents will be allowed to take pictures of their children with the bunny. Chocolate eggs will be plentiful, and there will be prize eggs for some lucky children. There will also be face-painting and do-it-yourself Home Depot projects for the children, as well as coffee for the adults. All Orange children must be accompanied by an adult and should bring a basket or bag for the egg collection.

Future Lions projects include: mattress pick-up on April 28 in collaboration with the Recycling Committee and Orange Rotary; a Centennial project on May 5 to benefit the Rape Crisis Center; and Breakfast for Dinner at Chip's on May 15.

One very important fundraising event is the Spring Winetasting on Friday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the St. Barbara's Church hall at 480 Racebrook Rd. in Orange. There will be lots of basket raffles and a silent auction with an electric Tesla kiddie car and genuine NCIS items specially selected for the Lions, which includes an original signed script from Mark Harmon. Tickets are \$35 and can be obtained by calling 203-795-3906 or 203-795-0134. Some tickets will also be available at the door.

Orange Senior Center Thanks Lions Club

The Orange Senior Center and Orange Community Services wish to say a big thank you to the Lions Club of Orange for all they do for the community. The Orange Lions recently donated a CCTV low vision reader to the town. The reader is located at the High Plains Community Center in the Senior Lounge, just a few steps away from the Senior Center Library. Thank you to

Lion President Fred Turner and Lion Mark Leventhal for delivering and installing the Low Vision Reader.

The Lions Club of Orange sponsored a Lions Club pizza party Feb. 21 at the Senior Center. Nearly 100 seniors attended as the Lions personally served each guest. The guests stayed for the musical entertainment by Ashly Cruz, a senior center favorite.

Joint Chamber Business After Hours At Eli's In Orange



From L to R: Annemarie Slidy, Marianne Miller, Kenneth Lenz, Carol Hechtman Contributed photo.



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Arts & Entertainment

“Art is the daughter of freedom” – Frederick Schiller

by Patricia Miller

ART IN THE LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) continues the show of the work of Andy Bishop in the exhibition “Landscapes, Cows and Other Stuff” at the Case Memorial Library through the month of March. Bishop’s approach to his oils on canvas has been described as unique and humorous. His sense of humor is also evident in the naming of his show. He juxtaposes viewers of art and the famous work viewed in his paintings, showing both the reaction to the art and his take on the art itself, ranging from old Dutch masters to Pop Art. His work features great attention to detail. It is a show sure to delight art lovers. The Art in the Library Committee presents juried exhibitions monthly and has been in existence since 2002. Make a point to take in these displays of work by local artists.



Andy Bishop: Cow With Wisconsin Barn

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (500 College St., New Haven) continues its music director search with the concert “Miller Conducts Tchaikovsky,” on Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Woolsey Hall conducted by Rebecca Miller, one of the three finalists. Each of the finalists has been invited to rehearse and to conduct the NHSO at one concert each during this season. The program will include Tchaikovsky’s *Symphony No. 4*, Shostakovich’s *Concerto for Cello*, and Borodin’s *Steppes of Central Asia*. Artist-in-Residence Nick Canellakis will return as soloist in Shostakovich’s *First Cello Concerto*, widely considered to be the most challenging of the cello repertoire. For tickets, call 203-865-0831 or go to newhavensymphony.org.



Andy Bishop: Horizontal Perspective

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL will sponsor a bus to the NHSO concert at Woolsey Hall on Thursday, March 22. The bus will leave from High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Rd. promptly at 6:45 p.m. and will return there directly after the concert. To reserve a seat on the bus, call 203-397-8915. Tickets to the concert may be obtained by calling NHSO at 203-865-0831 or by going online to the NHSO website at newhavensymphony.org.

ST. PATRICK’S POPS (2623 Dixwell Ave., Hamden) by the NHSO Pops Orchestra transforms Connecticut into the Emerald City with favorite Irish songs and jigs, including “Danny Boy,” “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” and “Whiskey in the Jar.” The concert takes place Saturday, March 17 at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Hamden Middle School. Kids’ tickets are free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

AMITY CREATIVE THEATER (25 Newton Rd., Woodbridge) will present *The Addams Family Musical* for their Spring production Friday, April 6, Saturday, April 7, Thursday, April 12, Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. at the John Brady Center for Performing Arts in Amity High School. The musical revolves around the lovable but kooky Addams family. Remember the TV show by that name? The same characters are back, alive and well, living in their spooky mansion in Central Park. Morticia, the gaunt and seemingly undead mother of the clan, is joined by her ever-devoted husband, Gomez. Their daughter, Wednesday, is in love – with a “normal” guy. When Wednesday invites her boyfriend and his family over for a visit, comic chaos ensues. Rob and Andrea Kennedy are the directors of the show. They have guided their troupes of student actors through many award-winning shows,

including *Grease*, *Chicago*, *Rent*, *Les Miserables*, *Tarzan*, *In the Heights*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Sweeney Todd*. The Kennedys have made Amity High School’s theatrical events into community events. The shows are regularly sold out.

LYMAN HALL SERIES (Lyman Hall, 501 Crescent St., New Haven) has The Celtic Tenors on Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. This serves as a reminder to reserve tickets for this St Patrick’s holiday musical celebration. The trio has been singing together for 15 years and has gained critical acclaim as well as fans all over the world. They recently added a more contemporary edge to their performances, displaying a fresh and invigorating style. They sing all genres, from classical to folk and Irish to pop. For tickets go online to southernct.edu/lyman/.

BETHESDA MUSIC SERIES (Bethesda Lutheran Church, 450 Whitney Ave., New Haven) presents Eric Trudel, pianist, and Margaret Astrup, soprano, in an hour-long program, including the colorful *Pictures at an Exhibition* by Mussorsky and *Le travail du peintre* by Poulenc. The event will be April 29 at 4 p.m. A reception will be held after the concert. There is free parking and a free will offering to benefit the New Haven Soup Kitchen. This promises to be a beautiful afternoon of piano and vocal music.

MILFORD ART COUNCIL (Eastbound Theatre, 40 Railroad Ave., Milford) announces LIVE @ the MAC: The Meadows Brothers with Blue Grass and Blues on Friday, March 23 at 8 p.m. *The Boston Globe* says “these singing guitarists prove that root music is an enduring resource, turning early influence from the Band and Gillian Welch into an engagingly twangy sibling sound all of their own.” On Saturday, April 7 at 8 p.m. Amy Lynn and the Honey men present “The Music of Janis Joplin.” Open Mic Nights are on Wednesday, April 11 and May 9. Registration starts at 6 p.m.; the show

begins at 7 p.m. All performing arts are welcome. There is a \$5 door fee (seniors/students \$3, performers free). New this year at MAC is the Sunday afternoon classical concert on April 8 at 4 p.m., featuring the Laurel Beach Casino Symphony Orchestra in “An Afternoon with Mozart,” with accomplished musicians from the region. For more information on these events, visit milfordarts.org or call 203-878-6647.

YALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC announces several musical events. First is the Horowitz Piano Series. Students of Boris Berman with alumni return from international successes to perform on Wednesday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. Second is the Oneppo Chamber Music Series presents the Brentano String Quartet on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m., playing Mozart’s “Dissonance” Quartet and works by Beethoven and Shostakovich. Both of these events will be held at Morse Recital Hall in Sprague Hall (470 College St., New Haven). Finally, the Yale Philharmonia performs at Woolsey Hall (500 College St., New Haven) on Friday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m., featuring conductor Peter Oundjian in Mahler’s astonishing and transcendent *Symphony No. 9*. For information or tickets, call 203-432-4158 or visit music.yale.edu/concerts/.

WEEKLY WORD WORKSHOPS (100 Audubon St., New Haven) has migrated from the Institute Library to the Neighborhood Music School, where they will continue through May 3. The workshops are free and Program Director Hanifa Washington says that she hopes to see young poets, rappers, and spoken word artists from the greater New Haven area come out to write and perform. The workshops take place every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All are welcome.

THE NEW HAVEN ORATORIO CHOIR (185 Cold Spring St., New Haven), a community chamber choir, invites singers of all parts to audition. Singers are also welcome to attend one of the rehearsals

that are held Wednesday nights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer. For more information, go to nhoratorio.org/. To schedule an audition, call 203-624-2520 or email nhctchoir@gmail.com.

YALE REPERTORY THEATRE (1120 Chapel St., New Haven) presents *Father Comes Homes from the War, Parts 1, 2 and 3*, by Pulitzer Prize-winner Suzan Lori Parks, part of her derivation of Homer’s *Odyssey*. The play is set over the course of the American Civil War. Hero is offered his freedom from slavery in exchange for joining his master in the ranks of the Confederacy. *Father Comes Homes from the War* is a devastatingly beautiful epic, a new work filled with music, wit and lyricism. This production is the second of Yale Rep’s 2017-2018 WILL POWER! program and includes two 10:15 a.m. performances on April 3 and 5, available only to high school groups. The play contains coarse language and is recommended for students in eighth through twelfth grades. To book a student group, call 203-432- 9734. If there are questions about content and curriculum, contact Jocelyn Prince at 203-432-1541 or at jocelyn.prince@yale.edu.

THE PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY (170 Whitney Ave., New Haven) presents a groundbreaking exhibit, “Invisible Boundaries,” through March 25. This interdisciplinary exhibition combines art and science to explore the meaning of wildlife migrations to the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. Also featured at the Peabody through April 15, is “An Artist for Conservation,” featuring works by Al Gilbert, who as a child enjoyed drawing tigers, lions, bears and birds, and who is today regarded as one of the world’s foremost wildlife artists. For more information, call 203-432-5050 or go to peabody.yale.edu.

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

Wine Talk:

The Wealth Of Bordeaux

“Wine makes every meal an occasion, every table more elegant, every day more civilized.” – Andre Simon

The Romans began planting wine grapes around 60 BC in the Bordeaux region of France, which is an area on the Atlantic coast in southern France on the Garonne River. Even then the results were considered of high quality. Rations of wine were given to Roman soldiers. The wine was popular with the Romans in Great Britain.



RAYMOND SPAZIANI

Today 960 Million bottles of wine are produced in the Bordeaux region. Both red and white wines are made. Bordeaux is a blend of grapes consisting of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Malbec. This is the classic Bordeaux blend. In recent years some chateaus have included a small amount of Carménère. White Bordeaux is a blend of Sauvignon blanc and Sémillon and a little Muscadelle. Sauternes are produced in small quantities. They are intensely sweet, white dessert wines. The most popular is Château d’Yquem, made in the Graves sub-region of Bordeaux.

especially Thomas Jefferson, Sauternes were the favorite wines produced in the region and dearly sought. During that period sweet wines were more popular than dry ones. The reds in Britain were called claret, and the most popular were lighter-bodied wines.

Total white wine production in Bordeaux consists of only about seven percent of all the wine produced. The red Bordeaux wines range from everyday drinking wines to some of the most expensive wines produced anywhere in the world. The most sought-after wines in the region are referred to as “first growth” wines. The first growth grapes are produced in five chateaus. They include Lafite Rothschild, Margaux, Latour, Haut-Brion and Mouton-Rothschild.

The left bank of the Garrone River is known for growing more Cabernet, whereas the right bank is known for growing more Merlot. The Bordeaux region is divided into several sub-regions, of which there are six major ones that stand out. They include Médoc and Graves on the left bank, where

the Cabernet is grown. These two are the largest. The right bank includes Bourg en Bourre, Libournais, Entre-des-Meres and Sauternus, where the whites are grown. The percentages associated with Bordeaux blend are different depending on which side of the river they’re made and on which grapes have a bumper crop that year. The left bank wine grapes are bigger, with more tannins. The right bank wines, having Merlot as the main ingredient, are smoother and more elegant. They are, however, all unmistakably Bordeaux.

One of the tricks those who are in the know try to do is find an everyday Bordeaux that comes from a great vintage and let it age. After the world takes a few turns, the wine is greatly improved. Some recent great vintages may be 2016. It is a little too early to tell, but worth a shot. 2015 definitely is, and you can still obtain some everyday drinking Bordeaux that is inexpensive and will improve. The 2010, 2009, and 2008 vintages are also great and within reach.

Foods that match well with Bordeaux would be any big, hearty beef dish. Marbleized fat works well with the tannins.

My favorite is a New York strip with duck fat French fries. My favorite white Bordeaux is Baron de Rothschild Reserve Special. The current bottle is 2009 and it is rated an 87. It is 60 percent Sémillon and 40 percent Sauvignon Blanc. It only costs \$15. However, I purchased a case a few years ago and loved it. It’s great with raw clams, sushi, or light fish and chicken dishes. You can find great white and red Bordeaux wines at The New England Food and Beverage Company at 550 Boston Post Rd. in Orange.

This coming holiday season, try some great white and red Bordeaux. You will be glad you did.

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College and for the Milford Board of Education Adult Ed Program, and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award-winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Realestatepro1000@gmail.com

Orange Garden Club At The Advanced Standard Flower Show

Members of The Garden Club of Orange earned state awards at the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut’s Advanced Flower Show. Larry Huzi won the Terry Stoleson Award for Creative Design, as well as a Blue Ribbon for his floral design, “Earth Songs.” Pat Dray scored 90+ points

for her creative design, “Sweeping Vistas.” In addition Pat earned a Blue ribbon for her holly specimen in the horticulture division. Caroline Dirsra received a second place award for a rosemary plant. Debbie Antoon exhibited in the photography division. In addition, members served as hostesses at the event.



Hostesses at the Federation Show Photo by M.Ryan

The Book Club:

Winning At All Costs

Fredrick Backman, *Beartown*, Simon and Schuster, 2017

Beartown is set in a small town in a remote location in northern Sweden. It could equally be staged on the Canadian prairie or in a small town in the frigid zone of the USA – Lake Woebegone comes to mind.



PETER HECHTMAN

This is a story about hockey, but it is not a “sports book.” As the author puts it, “It’s only a game. It only resolves tiny, insignificant things. Such as who gets validation. Who gets listened to. It allocates power and draws boundaries and turns some people into stars and others into spectators. That’s all.”

In the novel’s first half we come to understand the meaning of hockey in a decaying provincial town. This is achieved by telling the stories of multiple characters from the young superstar, to the NHL has-been, to the emotionally needy wannabes, to the also-rans whose lives end up in the shallows and miseries, to coaches obsessed by *winning*, to the fans so obsessed by “loyalty” that they become blinded to serious crime in the ranks. The author is superb at keeping many balls in the air.

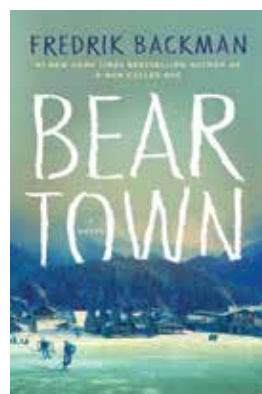
The bottom line is that the ethos of “the team before the individual” – indeed, before anything else – is credited with drawing from the youngsters measures of commitment, endurance and discipline that cannot be elicited in any other way. Yet it is a tense system of self-suppression that appears ready to blow up at the first crisis, and, in the process, implode the whole town.

The crisis is almost predictable. The team, led by its superstar, has won a great season victory. The unsupervised celebration

of these teenage boys contains the usual mixture of alcohol and testosterone. Given the sense of entitlement and the presence of hockey “groupies,” someone has to get raped – and she is the daughter of the general manager. But most of the town rallies around the superstar and things get ugly. The shape of this solidarity begins to resemble a lynch mob directed against the victim. Does justice prevail? In a way, but you will have to read the book to find out how.

Although the story in *Beartown* may be a universal one, its author enjoys exposing the Swedish particularity for self-effacement and taciturnity. Some examples: “Amat is sitting in a corner, doing his very best imitation of an empty corner.” Or: “Like everything else, irony freezes here.” In Sweden, by the way, when a wife says to her husband “you’re an idiot,” it’s a term of endearment.

Beartown is not without some annoying flaws. One of these is the author’s tendency to present silly little didactic remarks as profound wisdom. He writes, “Sometimes it’s easy to learn to play anything at all. You just have to not play, and then you stop doing that.” I confess, as well, to have a problem with the Disneyesque ending. Nevertheless, this is a thoroughly enjoyable book. Readers will not be waylaid by post-modernist tricks, but will get a good story.



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evaluations go up in the asking price. This all happens as that property goes into the pool of closed sales. This whole process takes a few months. The change doesn't show in evaluations until a home closes.

This bidding issue is a sensitive area in real estate. A buyer's best shot is to make a strong offer right away with a good lender preapproval letter, substantial down payment and a complete

explanation of any other contingencies, such as selling another property in order to purchase the one on which the buyer is writing an offer. Any information the buyer can give to the seller will keep the buyer in a good position if there is competition.

I always remind sellers of the times when they had few buyers because the market was slow. I advise my listings that if they get a good offer with great terms, work with it. Starting a deal off on the right foot by being fair and trustworthy will go a long way as the process moves forward. Be respectful of each other. Let the realtor lead you. Whether you are a buyer or a seller, you can go to contract and still have hurdles to complete in order to get to the closing table.

The first offer you get is usually the best one, and if you counter one, you can only counter one at a time. Look at issues such as the day you need to vacate. These are important later on when you need to move out. Be cautious, be grateful and be business-minded.

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

The listing agent doesn't need to share with the buyers' agent that there is more than one offer – not without permission from the seller. His or her duty is to explain the pros and cons of bidding wars, as we call them. There have been multiple bidding wars in Orange the past few weeks because inventory is extremely low, and buyers are in a hurry before rates get hiked up. This type of situation creates a rise in prices. When the buyers pay more than asked, the market

outdated CDs, books, sports gear, magazines and more.

No attempt was made to clean any of the messes or use the "Tedra Fast Method Clean-Up," which consists of throwing things into large cartons and temporarily stuffing them into closets until the company has gone. One room after the other was in major disarray.

"This is how I live," the wife said. I asked her what exactly she wanted me to do as a designer.

"Figure out a way to clean up this mess, discipline my children to put things away, create more room in the kitchen, have sympathy for the way I have to live every day," she replied.

While I presented decluttering ideas, including putting a large bin that resembled a basketball hoop in her son's room so he could shoot his dirty clothes into it, I also suggested putting up a decorative sign in the family room that read, "A place for everything and everything in its place."

I knew for sure that I didn't want to be the decorating police. I couldn't really help until this family truly internalized a need for a sense of order and a willingness to maintain it. Even if I had spent hours coming up with more solutions, I knew in my heart of hearts that in hours everything would be a mess again.

I told her half-heartedly to call me once she instituted some of my decluttering suggestions. But I knew I would never hear from her again. And I didn't.

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Room 911:

The Cyclone Home

I often meet interesting people who have some decorating challenges in their home. They feel better after relaying all their concerns and what attempts they made to correct the situation. However, sometimes they're looking for a referee: someone to take their side and to hear their tales of woe about what a curse it is to live with slob, a disorganized spouse, and ungrateful children.



TEDRA
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What would you do in the following situation? Suggest counseling for the family, tell them that there are always compromises to be made, or run to the nearest door for a fast escape from this scene? Here is one scenario that actually happened during my 32-year career.

Family A lived in a lovely colonial, with a well-manicured lawn, flower beds and a welcoming entryway. Stepping into the house, I was warmly greeted and told to put my decorating paraphernalia on the kitchen table.

Right away, there was a problem. There was no space on that surface. Dirty dishes, school books, a jelly roll pan, a bowl of cookie dough mix, a dog's leash and some penny rolls from the bank filled the area.

Finding a few square inches, I managed to set down my tape measure, file folder, and paint color chart.

I was taken aback as I toured the house to get a sense of their style and color choices. Each room looked like a cyclone had hit it, although the husband's study had some semblance of order. Worst were the kids' rooms, which if we are honest, could have been any kids' rooms: clothes all over,

The Garden Spot:

Green Your Home With A Terrarium

Many people tell me that they would love to grow houseplants, but they have "black thumbs" and can only grow silk plants. If that describes you, consider making a terrarium.

A terrarium is a miniature landscape inside a glass container. Terrariums have been around since the early 1800s, when they were invented by botanist Nathaniel Bagshaw Ward of London. The early terrariums were called Wardian cases, and Ward had them built so that he could send plant specimens from London to Australia.

Today's terrariums come in a variety of shapes and sizes, ranging from simple fish bowls to elaborate glass containers. The easiest type of terrarium to maintain for those of you among the "black thumb" crowd is called a closed terrarium. Just as the name implies, they are closed environments and self-sustaining ecosystems that thrive on neglect. The closed terrarium is a continuous rain cycle and needs to be watered only a couple of times a year since the water evaporates and then reforms as "rain" inside the closed environment. They need diffused medium-to-low light. They should not be placed in direct sunlight; that will scorch your plants. You don't even need to fertilize them, since you want to keep the plants small. They are perfect for those who travel or just don't have the time to keep high maintenance (or even low



PAT DRAY

maintenance) plants.

You can also build an open terrarium, which requires a bit more attention, since it lacks a lid and will need more frequent watering.

Planting a terrarium is simple. Choose small plants that have similar light and water characteristics. Succulents are ideal. Put a layer of about half

an inch of gravel in the bottom of the glass container, then an equal layer of ground charcoal (fish tank charcoal) over that. Cover the charcoal with a piece of window screening, and then put a few inches of potting soil on top of the screening. This setup keeps the soil from sinking down into the charcoal and gravel and allows drainage.

Next, nestle your plants in the potting soil. If you have some small decorative items, you can use them to create a landscape. Finally, water lightly using either distilled water or tap water that has sat for 24 hours to allow the chlorine to off-gas. If you notice that more than half of your terrarium has condensation on its wall, that's a sign that you're overwatering it. If this happens, leave the top off for a few days so it dries out a bit.

I love the look for the miniature landscapes, be they naturalistic with some small rocks and twigs or scenes using figurines. So green up your home and toss the silks.

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



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From The Bar:

What Happens To Your Assets If You Die Without A Will?

The legal term that describes the estate of someone who has died without a validly executed will is to say that the person has died "intestate." Literally, "intestate" means without a will. Every state has a statute that describes what happens to solely owned property of a decedent who dies intestate. Connecticut is no exception.

Connecticut statute about intestate succession: Who gets your assets depends on your family tree. For example, if you die survived by a spouse and children of you and your spouse, your spouse receives the first \$100,000. The excess above \$100,000 is distributed half to your spouse and the other



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half to your children (divided equally by all the children). But if you have a child who is not also your spouse's child (even though you and your spouse may have children together), the distribution changes and becomes half to your spouse and the other half to the children (divided equally by all the

children). If you have a child who died before you survived by children (your grandchildren), the grandchildren get what would have gone to your deceased child. An heir with special needs gets an outright distribution that may affect eligibility for government benefit programs. An heir younger than 18 will need to have a guardianship estate opened in the probate court. An heir as young as 18 (age

of majority in Connecticut) will receive an outright distribution. Is this what you want? Usually the answer is no. So it is important to have a validly executed will. That allows you to be certain what you have goes to the people you want it to go to.

Not everything is covered by the intestate succession statute: The intestate succession statute does not apply to assets that are jointly owned with rights of survivorship (the surviving joint owner becomes the owner), assets that have designated beneficiaries such as retirement accounts, life insurance policies, or annuities (they go to the designated beneficiaries) or transfer on death accounts (they go to the designated transfer on death beneficiary). Even if you die intestate, depending on what you have and how it is titled, what you own may not be subject to the rules about intestate succession. But you need to be vigilant about who is a joint owner and who is a designated beneficiary. For example,

if you divorced spouse 1 and now are married to spouse 2, but you have an old life insurance policy that named spouse 1 as the beneficiary, unless you change the beneficiary, the life insurance money will go to spouse 1.

On balance, what should I do? To find out what happens in your specific situation, you may meet with an estate planning attorney who offers free consultations and who can guide you through how your specific assets would be distributed after your death and help you determine if you should draft a will.

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Bridges Healthcare CEO Announces Retirement

President and CEO of Bridges Healthcare, Inc. Barbara DiMauro has announced that she will retire from the agency effective June 29.

DiMauro was appointed president and CEO on July 1, 2014. She joined Bridges in 2006 and was named Chief of Services in 2011. During her tenure with Bridges, she secured over three million dollars in state and federal grant funds for an expansion of the agency's service portfolio to provide integrated primary and behavioral healthcare and wellness services. She also spearheaded

an initiative to offer clients easier access to pharmacy services to improve medication compliance. This effort resulted in a partnership and lease agreement which provides specialty pharmacy onsite at Bridges' main clinic offices.

More recently, under DiMauro's leadership the agency constructed several new programs and services to offer outreach and engagement programming for an increasing number of youth and young adults in need of mental health and other support services. She secured funding to

create RM4, a drop-in resource center that opened in 2016. She also acquired a local independent non-profit to regionally expand and enhance services for pregnant and parenting teens, and to increase prevention and reproductive health education efforts. To address the opioid epidemic, DiMauro directed Bridges' implementation of medication assisted treatment for individuals with opioid use disorder.

"The Board of Directors would like to express our appreciation for all of Barbara's work and contributions during her 12 years

of service with the agency," said Shaun Mee, Bridges' Board of Directors Chairman. "During her time as the CEO, Barbara has successfully guided Bridges through some challenging times, and is leaving the agency in a strong position to continue offering the very best healthcare services for our clients and communities. We look forward to working with Barbara during her remaining time with Bridges and wish her well in this next chapter of her life."

The board has formed a search committee to hire a new President and CEO.

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changed. They're not asking to expand," he said.

Aschettino added that the appointment-based nature of CFZ's operations was not unlike any other professional service.

"You make an appointment. You come in, you come to see me," he said. "It's just like if you went to see a lawyer, or if you went to see a real estate agent. How is that different?"

Vice Chair Judy Smith, however, pointed out that approving the project could open the door to future headaches for the commission.

She envisioned an example of a daycare coming to the commission. "Well, there are already children coming into this structure."

"That's when the board comes in and makes that determination," Aschettino rebutted. "I tend to believe that this is the closest (to the current use) we're going to find."

Throughout the exchange, CFZ founder Craig Goldstein and Frank D'Ostilio, the owner of the Racebrook Road property, stood at the nearby podium, occasionally trying to nudge the discussion in their favor. At one point, D'Ostilio even suggested that real estate agents were "financial therapists,"

drawing laughter from the room.

This was the second time the applicants went before the commission. They had been prepared to address concerns that were raised during their first appearance, which revolved around questions about whether there would be an increase in the intensity of the site's use or the traffic in the neighborhood. Several nearby residents wrote letters saying they worried the site would make traffic worse.

Goldstein and D'Ostilio began their time on their second evening in front of the commission by presenting a detailed comparison of the traffic caused by the real estate offices with their own business.

They seemed to convince the commission on this point. But the entire endeavor proved moot, as commissioner Paul Kaplan expressed near the end of the debate.

"This is going to be, certainly, not a more intensive use," he said. "I don't think intensity is the issue here at all."

Ultimately, Kaplan and Aschettino voted to find CFZ a substantially similar use. Cornell and Smith voted against. The split meant the motion didn't carry a majority, and CFZ would have to find a different home.

Orange FD Chief To Retire

The chief of Orange's volunteer fire department will soon retire. John Knight, who has led the department for four years, will step down. The retirement was announced March 13 at an installation dinner at the Racebrook Country Club. Deputy Chief Vaughan Dumas will take Knight's place.



John Knight, Vaughan Dumas

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Chinese Community Swims To End Hunger



Sixty local Chinese-Americans participated March 3 in “CT Chinese Community Swim for Hunger” in the Orange town swimming pool. The event was part of the group’s celebration of the Lantern Festival for the Year of Dog.

The idea for the swim was originally developed from a discussion of community service between Linda L. Zhang, the group leader, and a professor at Yale around Thanksgiving. Working in downtown New Haven, Zhang sees many people with all kinds of needs. As an avid swimmer, Zhang is friends with other local swimmers.

Initially, the group was proposing a formal swimming event. But after consulting with some local swimming team coaches and pool managers, they found out that, due to the lack of team registration and insurance, it was impossible to race in the pool, let alone setting wires, touching boards, and other equipment. Zhang continued to look for ways

to make the event happen and discussed it regularly with Orange’s Parks and Recreation Department.

Finally, the solution she found was to rent the whole town pool, to party, to race, to enjoy, and to donate.

The news of having a pool for swimming informally and competitively quickly spread through the community.

Some of the swimmers were very excited, saying this was their first time participating in a swimming competition in their whole life.

All of the swimmers called the event fulfilling. They got to meet new friends have fun, exercise and serve the community. They looked forward to the next one.

If it is possible, Zhang is thinking of proposing a second semi-annual event during the “Moon Festival” in September 2018. Thus the events will be all held during the two important Chinese lunar holidays with full moons.



Boynton Qualifies For Public Financing In 117th District Run

Local 117th District state representative Democratic candidate Cindy Wolfe Boynton announced March 4 she has surpassed the fundraising goals needed to pre-qualify for Connecticut’s Citizens Election Program just a few weeks after announcing her candidacy.

“The support I’ve received has been overwhelming. I am humbled and beyond excited,” said Boynton, a Milford resident. “I believe I earned the funds so quickly because people know me and my work, and because my community believes in my commitment to them.”

To pre-qualify for the Citizens Election Program, which provides public funding to candidates for state office, Boynton needed to collect at least \$5,500 and 165 contributions from residents of the 117th District, which includes Milford, Orange and West Haven. This week, she exceeded those amounts.

“Every day, it becomes more and more clear that Connecticut needs new leadership, new ideas and a new direction,” Boynton said. “We also need legislators able to work across party lines, so that people – and not politics – come first. That’s the kind of legislator I will be: one who brings people together, truly listens to her constituents and works hard to create a better quality of life for those who live in the 117th District and throughout Connecticut.”

A writer, college professor, local volunteer and activist, Boynton’s professional background includes more than 11 years as a reporter and editor for the *Milford Citizen* and *Elm City Newspapers*; 15 years as a regular correspondent for *The New York Times*; and nine years as editor of *Better Health* magazine. She’s also the author of two local history books, *Remarkable Women of Hartford* and *Connecticut’s Witch Trials: The First Panic in the New World*, as well as two plays that made their debuts on New York City’s 42nd Street, just steps off Broadway.

Boynton also is the owner/operator of a small business, *Spirits of Milford Ghost Walks*, and an adjunct college English and Communications professor at the Yale School of Medicine, University of New Haven, Quinnipiac University, Housatonic Community College, and the Paier College of Art.

“Opportunity is what Connecticut’s state and community colleges are supposed to be about. What I see, however, are students struggling with higher tuition rates, decreased financial aid, fewer class choices, and a noticeable decrease in the academic support services that,



Cindy Wolfe Boynton. Contributed photo.

without, many students have no chance of succeeding,” Boynton said. “The result of affordable and equal access to higher education will be good-paying jobs for the graduates and much-needed skilled employees for Connecticut businesses and industries, especially fast-growing ones like advanced manufacturing.”

Creating new state revenue streams and an economy that works for everyone are also among her priorities.

“We need legislators in Hartford who, instead of patching holes, are looking for long-term, lasting, responsible solutions for the economy and the many other complex issues our state and residents are grappling with,” Boynton said. “I want to create a Connecticut that better cares for, and respects, our elderly; that provides a limitless future for every child; and that provides more opportunities, and a better quality of life, for everyone.”

President of the Connecticut chapter of the National Organization for Women, Boynton also is committed to justice, respect and equality—the human rights she believes every individual deserves.

“I believe in the equal treatment of every person, regardless of gender, race or religion. The ‘justice for all’ we commit to in the Pledge of Allegiance is more than just words,” Boynton said. “Without equality, there is no justice.”

For more information on Boynton and her campaign, visit cindywolfeboynton2018.com or [facebook.com/CWBoynton4StateRep/](https://www.facebook.com/CWBoynton4StateRep/).



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News & Events

Milford Library Hosting Edible Book Contest

The Milford Library is hosting an edible book contest, with a judging event on April 7. Submissions can be literal or interpretive representations, and should relate to a book title, a book cover, or a "literary" design. Individuals, teams, and families are encouraged to participate.

Entrants must register between March 14 and April 2. Judging will take place at 2 p.m. in the library. Submissions due by 1 p.m.

Representatives from the Milford Fine Arts Council, Scratch Baking, and Sweet Cupcations will serve as judges.

Cake and punch will be served, and artists

can take their creations home to enjoy. There will be a cake decorating demonstration after the judging ends.

Entries will be judged on: best in show, "punniest," most creative use of ingredients, and most likely to be devoured.

Winners will be highlighted in a library display and online, and cookbooks will be added to the library collection in the winners' honor.

The Milford Library is located at 57 New Haven Ave. in Milford. For more information, call the Children's Department at 203-783-3312.

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Events At Congregation Or Shalom

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi: Every Wednesday, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus teaches an hour-long class devoted to the ancient texts and the light they shed on current issues. The class begins at 11 a.m. and ends at noon. All are welcome. Please call the office to confirm class is meeting.

The Godfather's Meshuggener Wedding: Presented by New York Dinner Theater. The Godfather has invited you to his daughter's wedding; you don't want to refuse. Saturday, March 24. Guests arrive at 7:30 p.m. Ceremony begins promptly at 8 p.m. Singing, dancing and "Viennese dessert table." BYOB. Wine must be Kosher. Come, join the celebration!! Tickets are \$39. RSVP online or call the office.

Annual Landwirth Memorial Lecture: The Jazz Singer Sings On, Celebrating the 90th birthday of a Jewish-American Classic on Sunday, March 18 at 3:30 p.m. Watch Jerry Lewis's 1959 50-minute NBC performance of the Jazz Singer, as well as clips from

other incarnations of this Jewish-American classic. Discuss its significance with guest speaker Dr. Eric Goldman. Goldman, who received a Ph.D. in Cinema Studies from New York University, is a much sought-after lecturer on Jewish film and has served as a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He is currently adjunct professor of cinema at Yeshiva University.

Zumba Gold: On Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Zumba Gold is an easy-to-follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. No experience needed. Classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or the temple office.

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Church Of The Good Shepherd Distributes Blessing Bags

Fifteen people came out on the First Tuesday in February at The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd to put together 100 Blessing Bags with snacks, toiletries and handmade hats and scarves. They were distributed to Spooner House and the Beth El Center, who are extremely grateful.

The church thanked everyone who donated to the project and turned out to participate. It sent special thanks to an anonymous donor of the four bags of hand-crocheted scarves and hand-knitted hats. All of the extras went to Holy Infant's Midnight Run.

First Tuesdays at Good Shepherd are family-friendly evenings of community-building, service projects, and prayer on the first Tuesday of every month. They start at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8 p.m. People of all ages are welcome to come to the parish hall for fun and fellowship.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 680 Racebrook Rd. in Orange. For more information, call the parish office at 203-795-6577, email thegoodspeherd@optonline.net, or visit thegoodshepherdorangedct.org or facebook.com/cgsorangedct.



Volunteers at The Church of the Good Shepherd's First Tuesday in February. *Contributed photo.*

Orange Residents Sought For Pre-Diabetes Study

The Orange Board of Health and the Orange Visiting Nurse Association are looking for residents to participate in a study of pre-diabetes in the community.

Diabetes takes a significant toll on the public's health and on the nation's healthcare system. In addition to the 29 million people in the U.S. suffering from diabetes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 71 million adults age 20 and older have pre-diabetes.

People with pre-diabetes have blood glucose levels higher than normal, but not high enough to be considered diabetic. Pre-diabetes increases the risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

The aim of the study is to prevent and postpone onset of type 2 diabetes. This study is open to Orange town residents between the

ages 30 and 65 with a family history of diabetes, a personal history of gestational diabetes, and obesity. The study will be limited to 20 people.

Accepted participants will begin with an initial meeting, during which they will have their weight, body measurements, and personal and family history recorded. That will be followed by appointments every two weeks for six months. At these appointments, participants will weigh in, and receive dietary and exercise counseling.

The goals of the study are to decrease calorie count by 500 per day, to achieve a weight loss of 7 percent over the period of the study, and to increase physical activity by 1.5 hours per week.

If you are interested in participating in the study, contact the OVNA at 203-891-4752 or at mbiondi@orange-ct.gov by March 26.

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Youth & Ed

Milford Reps Read To Live Oaks Students

State Reps. Pam Staneski (R-119) and Charles Ferraro (R-117) paid a visit to Live Oaks Elementary School in Milford March 5 to participate in Read Across America Day.

Staneski and Ferraro both read *Spaghetti Hot Dog Bun: Having Courage To Be Who You Are*, by Maria Dismundy, to the students. The book promoted this year's theme of kindness.

Spaghetti Hot Dog Bun: Having Courage To Be Who You Are teaches young children to have compassion and show kindness for those who might be different than they are. The story conveys the "golden rule" principle of treating people how you would like to be treated.

Staneski read to the fifth grade class and Ferraro read to the fourth grade class.

"I had a wonderful time reading to these amazing kids," Staneski said. "This event is one of the funniest parts of my job, and the

school staff always does such a great job promoting the event. It is of the utmost importance that children explore and develop good reading habits."

"It is so important for us to lead by example and teach our children that reading not just one day but every day is something that will benefit their daily lives," Ferraro said. "We need to start putting down our cell phones and start picking up more books. I challenge everyone in our community to read more."

Read Across America the National Education Association's signature program. According to the organization's website, it seeks to build a nation of readers through the program. Now in its 20th year, this year-round program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships, and reading resources.

For more information, visit nea.org/readacross.



State Rep. Pam Staneski reads to fifth grade students at Live Oaks Elementary School in Milford March 5 for Read Across America Day. *Contributed photo.*



State Rep. Charles Ferraro reads to fourth grade students at Live Oaks Elementary School in Milford March 5 for Read Across America Day. *Contributed photo.*


Amity Dance Team Competes In State, Regional Competitions

The Amity Regional High School Varsity Dance Team competed Feb. 24 in the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference State Dance Competition. The team received runner up in Hip Hop and subsequently advanced to the New

England Council of Secondary School Principals' Association Regionals with their Hip Hop and Pom routines. That competition took place in Vermont on March 10. At that event, the team placed fourth in the Hip Hop competition and third in Pom.



Pictured with the team are captains Hailey Benedetto, Haley Fusco, and coaches Teresa Diaz-Hennessy and Caitlin Cusano. Photo by Debbie Tashlein. *Photo by Debbie Tashlein*



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JOANNE BYRNE

In today's healthcare environment, improving health largely falls outside of healthcare facilities. Home is where health is. People with functional limitations and chronic conditions are four times more likely than the general population to be among the costliest five percent of health services users. Yet function and the home environment are rarely addressed in medical visits.

A new program developed by Sarah Szanton, a PhD nurse practitioner, researcher, and professor at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, takes both function and cost into consideration in allowing older adults to be able to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. The program is called

CAPABLE – Community Aging in Place; Advancing Better Living for Elders.

The program teams a nurse, an occupational therapist and a handyman together to address both the home environment and the functional ability of the older person to improve safety and independence. CAPABLE is a client-centered home-based intervention to increase mobility, functionality and the capacity to "age in place." This approach aims to avert costly health utilization by increasing medication management, problem-solving ability, strength, balance, nutrition and home safety, while decreasing isolation, depression and fall risk.

CAPABLE is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The program is not available everywhere, but plans are in the works to expand it into 20 additional sites in 10 states, usually in conjunction with the state's Medicaid waiver program for older adults, which helps keep nursing-home eligible adults in the community. CAPABLE has formed an alliance with AARP to test and expand the program.

A patient in the program determines with the CAPABLE team what functional goals they want to achieve. The goals may include being able to take a bath, prepare a meal, or walk to church, as opposed to medical goals, such as reducing blood sugar or blood pressure levels. The unique feature of the program is the incorporation of a fix-it person as an integral member of the older patient's care team. Making simple structural changes in the home, such as putting in a ramp, installing handrails in a bathroom, or lowering counter tops for a person in a wheel chair are often the key to allowing that person to remain in their own home.

Szanton's mission in developing CAPABLE

is to give a person not merely what they need, but what they want. In doing so, the program claims to be getting six times the return on investment through savings in medical costs. That in turn results in reductions to both inpatient and outpatient expenditures. Internal reports show that participants had difficulty with an average of 3.9 out of 8 Activities of Daily Living (ADLs include such functions as eating, bathing, dressing, moving about, transferring, and toileting) before entering the program, compared to having difficulty with only 2 ADLs after being in the program for five months. And the change in the physical environment created by the handyman has been seen to motivate the person and allow them to stay in a place where they can thrive.

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.

Profiles

Those Who Give:

Volunteering Is Good For The Community – And You

The Milford/Orange community is fortunate to have numerous residents committed to volunteering through service organizations, charities at the local, state, national and international levels, and other opportunities. They enjoy the feeling of giving back and meeting the needs of others, and display incredible generosity of time and money, through making and collecting donations, serving meals to the hungry, mentoring youth, teaching, and more.



SHAILEEN LANDSBERG

The Corporation for National and Community Service, an agency that researches all aspects of volunteering, reports that over 28 percent of Connecticut residents volunteer each year and devote almost 82 million volunteer hours. Some of the main activities, according to the agency, are coaching sports teams, tutoring and mentoring, preparing and serving food, and raising money for a cause.

The benefits of volunteering are many. The satisfaction in contributing to the community and positively affecting others' lives, along with the sense of achievement, cannot be measured, but are strong among those who volunteer. Community service can help build confidence, leadership skills, and lead to increased overall happiness.

According to CNCS, volunteering can benefit a person's physical and mental health as well. On study, titled "The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research," said that people who volunteer tend to live longer, function better, and be less likely to suffer from depression. Volunteering, it seems, has a protective quality for those who participate.

Steve Hechtman, publisher of The Orange Times and a member and Leadership Chair of the Orange Rotary Club, says, "It's never too late to get involved. It gives me and my wife such satisfaction to volunteer."

Hechtman encourages everyone to find a

way to volunteer. "It doesn't take a lot of time; I block out a couple hours a week on my schedule. I just wish I had started earlier," he says.

It's never too late to get involved. But it's also never too early. Benefits of volunteering extend to children as well. Serviceleader.org, a website dedicated to providing many types of information to nonprofits, explains how children can benefit in an article titled "The Future of Volunteering- Children Under the Age of 14 as Volunteers." Children who volunteer tend to make better lifestyle choices and are less likely to display risky behaviors. They also learn important life skills. They can feel empowered and confident when they see how they are helping to improve the community.

For those who wish to volunteer, there are many avenues to choose from. Local service organizations are a great way to begin, and in Milford and Orange there are several. Milford, Orange, and Devon Rotary Clubs, Orange, Milford, and Devon Lions Clubs, and Milford Kiwanis Clubs are a few. Local churches and synagogues often have opportunities, and the four area skilled nursing facilities welcome volunteers. These can all be contacted directly.

For those wishing to connect with a charity such as the Beth-El Center, Literacy Volunteers of Southern Connecticut, of Boys & Girls Club, it is best to contact them via telephone or email. If you have a particular interest but aren't sure where your talents can best be used, the United Way is a good place to start.

Volunteering is an integral part of a community's overall health. Anyone interested in getting involved should reach out and share their talents, interests and time. It will continue to make the Milford/Orange area a better place to visit, work, and live.

Heroes Among Us:

It Takes A Village

If part of what you like about Orange is its tradition of friendliness and mutual help, chances are that if you're over 55 you might want to look into joining HomeHaven's Amity Village, a nonprofit organization for people who want to remain in their own homes and communities as they age.



TRISH O'LEARY TREAT

The organization was started in East Rock in 2010 after friends there read about the Beacon Hill experiment in Boston and decided to create something similar. Before long, individuals from other greater New Haven locations also wanted to implement the concept, and today these "village" neighborhoods include not only East Rock and Amity but also Downtown in New Haven, Westville, Hamden and North Haven.

HomeHaven seeks to meet a variety of its members' needs. Executive Director Lori Lowell says that volunteers are HomeHaven's lifeblood. "Whether they are providing transportation for those who can't drive, or visiting members who are ill and feeling isolated, or resolving computer difficulties for those sometimes stymied by today's personal technologies," she said.

In fact, individuals who find satisfaction in helping others are numbered among the group's volunteers, even though they are not formally HomeHaven members.

Each village holds its own monthly meetings and plans activities. One popular feature in Amity Village are the occasional "Soup Sundays," when members gather in different homes to enjoy conversations over hors d'oeuvres, homemade bread, wine, and delicious soups, chowders and desserts.

If you want to be part of a strong, caring community where people look out for their neighbors, HomeHaven is worth knowing

about. Numbering about 250 members, HomeHaven consists of congenial individuals from a variety of interesting backgrounds who enjoy activities ranging from gourmet cooking to memoir writing to communal walking, picnics, potlucks and variety shows, plus short excursions by bus and train to offbeat destinations. If you find your close friends from earlier times are no longer in the area, HomeHaven offers a great way to forge new relationships.

Many people are initially drawn to HomeHaven because of the help it provides in identifying reliable household services, home handymen and professional repair people like plumbers and electricians. HomeHaven provides background checks and checks for proof of a vendor's insurance, as well as passing along names of vendors recommended by members who have used them.

Membership benefits include a free and thorough inspection for home safety issues and a house restoration firm available on a 24/7 basis for emergencies as well as for a variety of projects. Benefits also include medical seminars on pertinent health issues, such as cardiac problems and memory loss, as well as help in locating housekeeping services and home health aides.

The organization's central office is at 291 Whitney Ave. in New Haven. Lowell, Member Services Lydia Bornick and Administrator Kate Hayes round out the paid staff. Policy is set by a 12-member board. More than 63 other people, all volunteers, head various committees and task forces. Annual membership fees are \$865 for couples and \$650 for individuals. Subsidies are available for those on limited fixed incomes.

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Here's To Your Health:

Quality Foods Over Quantity

Have you ever heard the expression it's better to have a few good friends rather than a ton of casual ones? Well, that expression applies to your food as well.

Quality is far better than quantity. We've been led to think that if we lessen our daily calorie intake we will drop pounds. While this is true, let's consider for a moment what's in a calorie. The truth is you could eat a Twinkie for breakfast, a burger without a bun for lunch and cup of spaghetti for dinner and potentially lose weight. But the end result of that kind of behavior will be a lack of muscle tone and the onset of disease.



MICHELE TENNEY

In a world of no carbs there is a tendency to starve ourselves of nutrients our body requires to function properly. Carbohydrates are your friend. I am not talking about processed or "enriched" pastas, breads and cereals. I'm talking about veggies, fruit and whole grains. Good carbs make your heart healthy. They help prevent weight gain and can actually help you lose weight.

Carbs help boost your mood too, and good carbs are essential for proper brain function. Sounds like a very good friend to me.

We have also adopted the "skip a meal" mentality in our efforts to lose weight.

When your body goes into starvation mode, the first thing your body eats up for energy is muscle. In a quest to be lean and mean we self-sabotage and wreak havoc on our bodies. People who battle anorexia or use restrictive food methods may look "heathy" to a certain degree, but they suffer muscle atrophy — the wasting or loss of muscle.

We have been so inundated with the media pounding no fat, no caffeine, and this diet/that diet that we have simply become overwhelmed and given up. Understandably so. Your food is and should be as original as your thumbprint.

Americans spend \$35 billion a year on weight loss products. Yes, billion with a "b." Do you think that everyone creating the next best diet for your life has a special

interest in your overall health? Ninety-five percent of diets fail. People not only gain back what they lost; they gain back more weight simply because these diets are not sustainable. They are not real life.

So qualify your food. For everything you put into your mouth, ask yourself, "what's the benefit to my body?" Eat to live, don't live to eat. Don't let food consume you. Take charge; take back your authority over it. Demand that it bring you longevity of life, give you lots of energy and help keep you free of disease.

You can do this. I believe in you. Here's to your health.

Michele O'Brien-Tenney is a personal trainer and nutritionist. She can be reached at 203-668-2969

Travel Matters:

European Trips In Springtime

The coming of spring is a reason to celebrate for most of us — and to embrace the return from hibernation with flowers, warmer weather and a hint of something better around the corner. It's a great time for travel.

The following three city escapes can be done in a long weekend or longer; they are some of Europe's most intriguing major cities. You don't need to go far from each city center to enjoy spring's charms. They should all deliver a dose of renewal and a surge in spirit.

Paris was designed for spring — the song "April in Paris" comes to mind immediately — and with the Jardin des Tuileries, the gardens that frame the Musée Rodin, rushing into life, you can more fully enjoy the sculpture garden featuring the great sculptor's masterpiece, The Thinker, and many other artistic delights. Try a stay at Le Bellechasse St. Germain, designed by Christian Delacroix, one block from the Musée D'Orsay. And make sure you find time to dine at Les Reminets, a great French bistro across from Notre Dame.

Amsterdam starts direct rail service with London April 4 — just in time for spring to be in full swing at the celebrated Keukenhof garden, 20 miles from the city. Here, arguably, is the season of revival at its most picturesque on the European continent, with some seven million bulbs displaying a multitude of petals. Nonstop flights from JFK are plentiful.

Don't miss the Anne Frank house (buy tickets online). A canal cruise is also a must-do. The Rijksmuseum, featuring Rembrandt and other Dutch Masters, and the Van Gogh



KAREN QUINN-PANZER

Museum, with the largest collection of Van Gogh on the planet, form the base of Museumplein. A great place to stay is Conservatorium, one of the leading hotels of the world — right there in MuseumQuarter. Other (in)famous attractions include the "brown cafes" and the red-light district.

The Czech Republic's urban jewel, Prague, competes with the Keukenhof for European gardens. Start at the Baroque-walled Vrtbova Garden, where the Petrin Hill rises above the Mala Strana district. The noise of the city fades as you climb (walk or tram) a 427-foot bluff in a haze of cherry blossoms. Next, you can view Wallenstein Garden, with albino peacocks, mannerist statues and mythical fountains. Also make time to see the Castle Gardens, the first garden to import the Italian Renaissance concept of topiary and parterre garden beds north of the Alps.

Walk across the Charles Bridge, built in 1357, and be wowed by the largest castle complex in the world. Prague is one of the best architectural and historical masterpieces of Europe, as it was not bombed during World War II and represents Art Nouveau architecture at its finest.

Stay at the Old Town Prague Hilton or the Intercontinental for central locations near great restaurants like Restaurant White Horse in Old Town Square. Don't miss the thirteenth-century astronomical clock nearby.

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Insuring Your Future:

Association Health Plans

One of the byproducts of the changes to the Affordable Care Act is to allow private organizations such as churches or professional groups to create their own hybrid plans to help with medical costs. Often these plans are less expensive than traditional insurance, especially in the small group (less than 20 employees) plans or individual market.

This is not health insurance. It is a complex discount plan that may look like traditional insurance, but that comes with many strings attached.

Here are some of the aspects of which to be aware when considering this type of coverage:

1. These plans have "waiting periods," which means that certain types of care will not be covered until the individual has been in the plan for a specified period of time. Insurance is renewed on an annual basis, and in some cases the waiting period for coverage is more than a year, which then ties one to the plan in order to begin seeing benefits.

For example, well health visit/screenings covered may be covered after 9 months. Surgical benefits may only be covered after 2 or 6 months, depending on the plan. There may be a waiting period of 24 months before pre-existing conditions are covered. Cancer or other critical illnesses may not be covered for 12 months (if the diagnosis is new). And maternity may only be covered after 10 months.

2. All payments are subject to "review." An emergency room visit might not be covered if not deemed to be a "true emergency."

3. Limitations on what is covered. For example, labs might be covered for preventive screenings only, or specialist visits might not be covered on certain plans.



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4. There is no direct prescription coverage. Instead, the plan issues a "discount card" that gives a percentage off drug costs. This could get expensive if prescriptions are expensive and there is no maximum out-of-pocket protection.

Association health plans do not work like insurance. It is entirely possible that a provider will ask for the patient to pay up front and then apply for reimbursement from the association plan. While usually less expensive, these plans are highly

restrictive and more complex to negotiate if you have a claim. If a business signs up for this type of plan, employees will have an issue with adjusting to this type of coverage, and the employer will need to be more involved in its administration than they might like.

The reason we have insurance isn't because of what we expect but because of the unexpected. These plans don't cover the unexpected at the start. They collect a certain amount of in premium, before they start paying out. There is no protection against a potentially unlimited expense for a major health event, as there is no "out of pocket maximum" above which the insurer will have to pay.

When it comes to considering these hybrid plans caveat emptor. Unfortunately, there are very limited creative solutions to covering medical costs, and the traditional health insurance route is still the best. Read the fine print carefully, because once you switch you can't make a change until the next open enrollment period for January 2019.

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Library Events

Orange Case Memorial Library Events

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free, except as noted for materials charges, and open to the public. Library hours are Monday and Thursday from noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library will be closed Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday. It will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

Book Discussions Books & Breakfast Morning Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 20, 10 a.m. Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of *A Violet Season* by Kathy Leonard Czepiel. Refreshments will be served. Check for copies at the circulation desk.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group: Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. Join the bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore. Check for copies at the circulation desk.

2018 Oscar Films Full Oscar film schedule to be available in mid-March. *Wonder* (1 hr. 53 min., PG): Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, March 21, 1 p.m. The incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time.

The Florida Project (1 hr. 51 min., R): Monday, March 26, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, March 28, 1 p.m. Set over one summer, the film follows precocious six-year-old Moonee as she courts mischief and adventure with her ragtag playmates and bonds with her rebellious but caring mother, all while living in the shadows of Walt Disney World.

The Great! Basement Book Sale Members Preview: Thursday, March 22, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The preview is for members only, but you may become a member at the door. Public Sale: Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come for great deals on thousands of new and gently used books, including hardcover and paperback fiction and nonfiction for adults, children, and teens as well as vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. It's the perfect place to pick up a gift for an upcoming event, add a new special book to your coffee table collection, or just grab a few great new things to read.

Book Chat Café For Amity Middle School students who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held at the Amity Middle School Media Center. Please see Ms. Leibrock to join and for more information about meeting dates and times.

3-5 Year Olds Storytime Mondays, 4 p.m. Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-to-5-year-olds. A story-related craft is offered following each session. Registration is not required. No storytime February 19.

Lapsit Storytime Tuesdays, 10:30 p.m. Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle. Practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, plus explore touch-and-feel books. Registration is not required.

2-Year-Old Storytime Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. Audience participation is highly encouraged at this storytime session just for 2-year-olds. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together. Registration is not required.

No Bake Kids' Cooking Class with Courtney Huggins Wednesday, April 18. Session I from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Session II from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For children

ages 5-10. Make tasty, healthy recipes with Courtney Huggins, Orange ShopRite's registered dietitian. Registration is required and open March 28. Please notify the library of any food allergies at the time of registration so that proper accommodations can be made.

STEM Storytime Weather: Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Can a fairytale or picture book really be used to teach science? See how with Ms. Michelle. Read the book together as a group, learn more about the story through retelling, then make a scientific craft or try some hands-on experiments together. This storytime is best for children ages 3 to 5, but older siblings are welcome. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the storytime date.

Tween Bubble Science Wednesday, March 21, 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. For children in kindergarten through third grade. Explore the foundational basics of coding using tech toys like Code the Mouse, Code-A-Pillar, and Goldieblox sets. Registration is required and opened Saturday, March 3.

Minute to Win It Physics with Cool-ology Thursday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For children ages 5 to 10. Can you ace one-minute physics challenges? Find out at this interactive workshop in which you'll explore inertia, motion, and acceleration. Registration is required and will open Thursday, March 15.

Tween Event: LED Throwie Workshop Thursday, April 12, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For children in fourth through sixth grades. "Throwies" are tiny lights constructed out of rare earth magnets, watch batteries, electric tape, and LED bulbs and are designed to stick to metal surfaces. Link them together to create a color-changing throwie "ball" or make individual lights to build a throwie constellation. Registration is required and will open Thursday, March 22.

Scratch Coding Storytelling Thursday, April 19, 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. For children in fourth through sixth grades (grade 3 with a parent). Create your own unique story using Google CS First. Laptops and headphones will be provided. Space is limited, and registration is required. Registration will open Thursday, March 29.

"The Rainbow Fish" Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For children ages 5 to 10. Deep inside the ocean, a fish with sparkling rainbow scales captivates fellow sea creatures with his beauty. But everything changes when the rainbow fish refuses to share any beauty with his admirers. Ingrid Schaeffer will read Marcus Pfister's tale aloud to the group and provide costumes and props. Then the group will reenact the story together. Participants will also complete an art activity based on the book as part of the workshop. Registration is required and will open Saturday, March 31. This drama workshop is funded by a grant from the Orange Foundation Trust U/A, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee.

Code Studio Thursday, April 26, 5 - 6 p.m. For children in kindergarten through third grade. Play games that teach the basics of coding. Laptops and headphones will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. Registration will open Thursday, April 5.

March Art Reception Oils by Andy Bishop, on view March 3 to 30.

April Art Reception Art by the children of Orange elementary schools, selected by art teachers, on view April 2 to 28. Reception April 6, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Milford Artist At Case Memorial Library



Andy Bishop: *Young Woman With A Water Pitcher*



Andy Bishop: *Early Sunday Morning*

Milford artist Andy Bishop is having a solo exhibition at the Case Memorial Library in Orange throughout the month of March. The show is titled "Landscapes, Cows and Other Stuff."

Bishop's landscapes have been described as "peaceful" or "relaxing," and most feature a palette of quiet earth tones in greens and browns. He works exclusively in oil on canvas, and these smallish works are generally horizontal and don't exceed 16 inches. Also featured will be selected "bookshelf" paintings, which are very small accent pieces great for tabletops on a small easel, niche or mantle.

While landscapes are prominently featured, also included is his "Art Background" series, which is a unique and humorous take on famous paintings from art history. Ranging from Dutch realism to the Pop Art movement, these works have

to be seen up close to appreciate their great attention to detail.

Bishop's training was with noted photo realist painter Charles Worsham. He has a strong understanding of art history as well as color theory. He is a member of the Milford Arts Council and has recently shown at the Milford Library, Branford Arts Center and the Milford Arts Center. In addition to being a professional artist, Bishop is the owner of Frame Works, a retail custom picture frameshop he operates from his home workshop. He has over 20 years of experience as a custom framer.

More information about Bishop's work can be found at frameworksct.com or andybishoppaints.com, as well as on his Facebook page at facebook.com/AndyBishopPaints. He can be reached at 203-375-6262 and is available for commission work.

Milford Library Events

Family Program: Irish Dance Did you ever wonder where Riverdance came from and why Irish dancers don't move their arms? The teachers and dancers from the Brennan-Lucey Dance Academy will tell all. See the costumes, learn the history, and even try a step for yourself. Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m.

His Neighbor Phil - A Story of Love, Devotion and Alzheimer's Disease SYNERGY HomeCare presents the movie, "His Neighbor Phil," the story of a man whose wife, Mary, has early onset Alzheimer's disease. The film depicts the effects of the disease not only on Mary but on the entire family and community. While the film deals honestly with the realities of the disease, it focuses most of its attention on the tireless work of the caregivers. More about the film can be found at hisneighborphil.com. Wednesday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

Three-Season Garden Planning Certified Advanced Master Gardener Rachel Ziesk presents the first of three spring gardening lectures. Learn how to plan your garden wisely so it is always producing and in bloom. Two garden planners will be given out to all participants. This series, now in its seventeenth season, is co-sponsored by The Friends of Milford Library and the Milford Recreation Department's Benson-Crump Community Gardens Program. Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Hidden in Plain Sight: Teen Drug and Alcohol Trends Do you know what to look for? This is an opportunity to learn what no one else is going to tell you about teen drug and alcohol trends. Adults will be able

to walk through and experience a hands-on search for clues of high-risk behavior "hidden in plain sight." You'll learn more about drug trends and signs, such as concealment areas, hidden containers, clothing, paraphernalia and logos. This is for adults only. Light refreshments will be provided. Presented by the Milford Health Department and the Milford Prevention Council. For more information, contact the Milford Prevention Council at 203-783-6676 or email info@milfordprevention.org. Thursday, March 22 at 5 p.m.

Home Buying Seminar Tired of paying rent and not sure of how to take the next step? Come to this free educational seminar to learn everything you need to know about buying your dream home. Experts in the real estate field will cover: 1) purchase process from start to finish; 2) ways to protect yourself throughout the process; 3) current loan programs and rates; 4) suggestions to help strengthen your credit; 5) pitfalls to avoid during the process; 6) how to buy after a short sale or foreclosure; and more. Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m.

Connecticut, Milford, and Refugee Resettlement This program is presented by the Milford Public Library and Milford Speaks Out. Speakers will be Chris George, Executive Director of Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services (IRIS), and Reverend Patricia Leonard-Pasley, founding member of Amity House, which cosponsored a Syrian Refugee family in Milford from June 2016 to June 2017. Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. in the Library Program Room.

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in Taiwan and was believed destined for a communist People's Republic of China (PRC), based on the Principles of the United States and Taiwan. Neither much cared for dissent among the most nations eventually adopted the solution of cutting off direct diplomacy with Taiwan in favor of international stability. Chen's studies brought him to America where he found himself dealing with a

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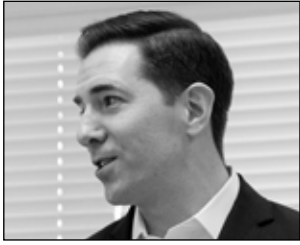
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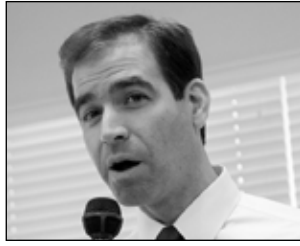
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Gisele Chona Joins Orange's Coldwell Banker Office

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Orange office, announced Feb. 26 it is welcoming Gisele Chona, a team member of the Shanbrom Real Estate Group, to its team of real estate agents.

With over 20 years of experience in real estate specializing in New Haven County, Chona has the knowledge, experience and network, to assist clients with all their real estate needs, the company said in a news release. Having bought and sold numerous primary homes as well as investment properties, Chona understands the detailed work involved in every transaction large or small. She treats every client like family, which results in numerous referrals and many repeat clients.

Fluent in Spanish, Chona is an excellent choice to help navigate each and every step of property transactions, from financing to inspection to a successful closing.

Chona can be reached at Coldwell Banker's Orange office at 236 Boston Post Rd. at 203-996-8316 or by email at Gisele.Chona@CBMoves.com.



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engineering designs; prepares department budget; supervises Public Works personnel and acts as a consultant to all boards and commissions.

Applicants must have at least five years of experience in municipal engineering. Must be a Connecticut P.E. (P.E.-L.S. preferable). Must be able to present ideas effectively, both orally and in writing. Must have experience working with technical software packages on personal computers. Submit resume and letter of interest to First Selectman James M. Zeoli, 617 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT 06477, or email jzeoli@orange-ct.gov by March 20. Equal opportunity employer.

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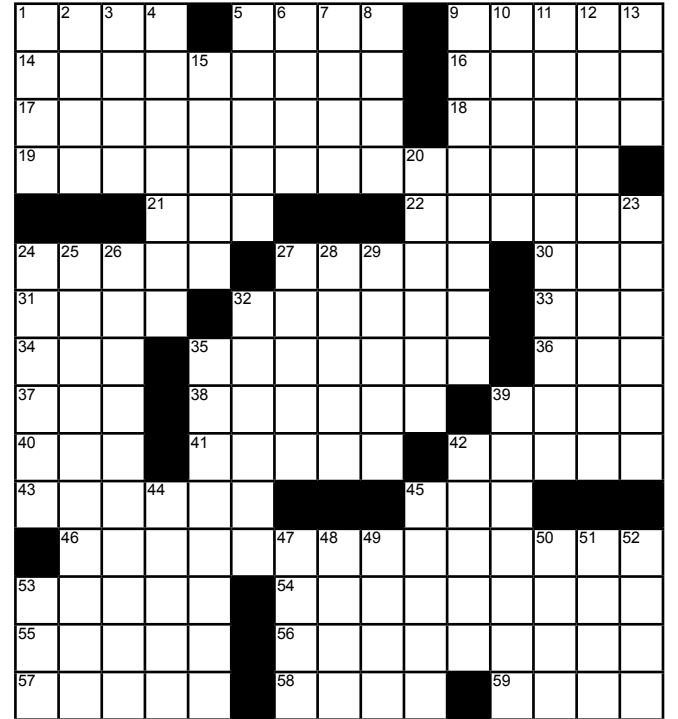
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- 18 "___ fine"
- 19 Luxury hotel option
- 21 Name related to Rex
- 22 Wednesday, e.g.
- 24 Insurance company whose logo contains a bill
- 27 Tudor house feature
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- 54 Fiancée, say
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- 57 Part of a pound?
- 58 Recipe directive
- 59 Cameos and others

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- 6 Boy with a bouquet
- 7 Surfing destinations
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- 9 One who's 60-something?
- 10 One with a plant-based diet
- 11 Spotless
- 12 London museum whose oldest piece is from 1900
- 13 Some TV drama settings
- 15 Provisional
- 20 Sensitive figure, for many
- 23 Most populous city in Oceania
- 24 ___ acid (dressing ingredient)
- 25 Attention-grabbing
- 26 Epitome of romantic passion
- 27 Fixes
- 28 Bounds
- 29 Natural food coloring sources
- 32 Rejection of a honey-do list
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the affordable housing appeals procedure. And she has been a tireless advocate for Milford Hospital.

Most recently, Slossberg was awarded "legislator of the year" from the Conference of Connecticut Municipalities for her advocacy on behalf of her constituents and all 169 state municipalities.

Mitch Goldblatt, a fellow Democrat and former Orange first selectman, said, "Senator Slossberg has always looked out for our residents. Whether it was handling individual concerns or making sure that the Town of Orange received its fair share of

state funding, we knew that we could always count on Gayle."

"Gayle's 14 years in the Senate are marked by helping those who need it, even if you didn't live in her district," said Jody Dietch, chairperson of the Orange Democratic Town Committee. "I admired her when she chose to vote for what she felt was right versus the way some people felt she should vote. Gayle always had the best interests of her constituents in mind with everything she did."

When Slossberg announced her candidacy 14 years ago, she told a story of visiting a bookstore with her son, where they saw one

book vilifying Democrats and another vilifying Republicans. Her son asked her, "Mom, why do they do that? Why don't they just talk about what they are going to do to make our Country a better place? Why don't they work together?"

Slossberg said, "I promised my son and my community that I would always be positive, talk about the issues and work with anyone who shared a common purpose. While there are those who would have preferred I embrace a different approach, I never believed that was in the best interest of our community or our state. I am proud to have been true to those principles for all the years I served in the Senate."


"For the past 14 years, I have been welcomed into the living rooms of the people of Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge. My fondest memories of my service will be of the real people who needed help and let me be there for them. From reviewing bills with our seniors, to attending PPTs with parents of students with disabilities, to fighting red tape at the VA for veterans, these are the moments I will cherish. But it is time for me to seek new ways to serve the public and I am ready for that challenge. Thank you Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge. It has been an honor."

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Tuesday, March 27th at 6pm

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Please RSVP with dinner choice by March 19th to Mary Welander marywelander@gmail.com or (802) 522-9297

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Obituaries

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Virginia M. Bodine, age 80, of Milford, formally of Stamford for many years, passed away on February 20, 2018.

Holly Cooper Bonessi, 61, of Milford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 24, 2018.

William J. Bozelko, Jr., 84 of Orange, beloved husband and father, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

James Harney Burns, age 79, of Stratford formally of Milford, died Friday February 2, 2018.

Duarte Dumas Cabral, age 75, passed away on January 16, 2018.

Brendan "Bud" Canty, 59, of Milford, passed away peacefully on February 23, 2018.

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Joan Caroti, of Orange entered into rest on March 8, 2018.

Thomas J. Comer, 74 of Milford, passed away peacefully on March 5, 2018.

George William Crocco Jr., age 73, passed away suddenly in his home on February 7, 2018.

Jerry Lee Damon, age 65 of Milford, passed away February 28, 2018.

Amneris "Mattie" DiReinzo, age 95, of Orange passed away on February 9, 2018.

Paula Drago, age 69, of Orange, entered into rest on February 14, 2018.

Craig W. Evans of Orange/Milford. Died February 11, 2018.

Patricia B. Hennessy, age 80, of Milford, CT, passed away February 16, 2018.

Gloria Mazzucco Iadarola, 80, of Orange, passed away Feb. 21, 2018.

Miss Eileen Infurchia, 61, died on February 11, 2018.

Laurie Mills Juleson, age 56 of Milford, died peacefully on Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Shirley Kirschner of Orange passed away on February 24, 2018 in her home at age 95.

Michael Andrew Kopchak, age 76, of Milford, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Eugene Frank Lawler, 94, died peacefully on February 14, 2018.

Christine E. Gritsko Libby, age 65, of Milford passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

William C. Lindstrom, age 84, of Orange passed away on February 21, 2018.

Roy W. (Pug) Lund, 94, of Milford, CT, left us peacefully on February 21, 2018.

Laura Machado, age 94, of Milford, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 21, 2018.

Catherine "Cathy" Marro Spaziani, 81, of Orange, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2018.

Alexandria L. "Chickie" Martin, 69, of Milford, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2018.

Anita Kerbeshian McPherson, 69, of Orange, CT, formerly Watertown, MA, passed away suddenly on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Angela M. Mallon of Milford, passed away on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Dorothy May Medley (McQueen-Baer), 94, of Bellefonte, PA, passed away on February 28, 2018.

Derek K. Meyers, 33, of Lighthouse Point, FL, formerly of Milford, CT, passed away on February 4, 2018.

Dominick Louis "Mickey" Morazzini, age 93, of Orange passed away Wednesday February 28, 2018.

David M. Norton, age 66, a lifelong resident of Orange, CT, passed away on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

William John Oakley Jr., Age 80 of Orange, CT (currently of West Haven) entered into eternal rest on February 18, 2018.

Donald Robert O'Falt, age 71, of Milford, died peacefully on Monday, February 19, 2018.

Theresa Butler Perry, age 83, of Milford for over 40 years, died on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Arlene M. Pond, 89, formerly of Milford, CT, died on February 21, 2018.

Evelyne DeMartino Ricci, 98, of Orange passed away on Monday February 5, 2018.

Margaret Ricci, age 91, of Milford, formerly of West Haven, passed away on February 5, 2018.

Janet L. Ryan, age 83, a lifelong Milford resident, passed away in her home on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Lucia Sullivan Saley, age 85, of Milford, died on Monday, February 12, 2018.

Doreen P. Silver, age 66 of Milford, passed away February 16, 2018.

James E. Trapp Sr., 88, of Milford, passed away peacefully on February 22, 2018.

Robert F. Tremblay, 73, of Milford, found his way home on Friday, February 2, 2018.

Patricia C. Verrilli, age 76, of Milford passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Carl A. Villani, 92.8 years young, of Milford passed away peacefully on February 25, 2018.

Donald W. Wright, 92, of Milford, passed away on January 18, 2018.

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