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Orange Rotary Helps Upgrade Drone Camera



The Orange Rotary Club donated funds to upgrade the camera on the Fire Marshal's drone. Photo by Steve Cooper.

The Orange Rotary Club recently donated funding to the town's Fire Marshal's Office so it could acquire an upgraded camera for its department drone unit. The Fire Marshal's Office has been using a drone in its operations for tasks such as fire scene investigation, pre-emergency planning and fire inspections.

By using a drone, scenes and building layouts can be better documented with still and video imagery at heights of up to 400 feet, covering a much larger area than could be done otherwise. At this altitude, areas can surveyed quickly and with significant detail.

The drone that the Fire Marshal's Office purchased came with an "entry-level" camera unit that had more limitations. The funding provided by Rotary allowed the department to purchase a more advanced camera unit that has significant clarity and zoom capabilities so more of a scene could be captured, all while operating at a safe distance and height.

The Fire Marshal's Office drone has been requested by other area departments for emergency and fire investigation scenes, and this upgraded camera will provide more capability for neighboring communities as well.

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Train Station Land Deal In Doubt

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Orange's bid to acquire a parcel of land from the state that had been set aside for a now-defunct train station has become a lot more complicated.

At the heart of the snag is a Sept. 26 letter from state Office of Policy and Management Secretary Benjamin Barnes addressed to First Selectman Jim Zeoli outlining a number of additional restrictions around the use of the parcel.

Orange residents already voted overwhelmingly on Sept. 5 to give the town the go-ahead to pursue the 8.09-acre property, known as 28 Salem Lane. It seemed like a good deal for the town, with the state paying Orange the full cost of the purchase.

At the time, town administrators had presented the deal as allowing it to develop the land in any way it likes. The only condition was that the town maintain an easement for the state for 25 years, in case the state should revive plans to build a platform along the nearby Metro North Railroad tracks.

In his letter, however, Barnes warns against

rezoning the land or developing it in any way inconsistent with transit-oriented development.

"Rezoning the current TODD (transit-oriented development district) to Light Industrial or other designation that is incompatible with transit would be contrary to the purposes for which this grant funding was made available, and I must insist that the town commit not to such rezoning during the term of the use restrictions," the letter says.

Technically, the land is already zoned light industrial. When the Town Plan & Zoning Commission created the TODD district regulations, it stipulated that the zone would not go into effect unless it was "served by an existing rail station or planned rail station." Though the state has expressed interest in a possible future station in Orange, there is currently no plan in place.

In his letter, Barnes also wrote that any housing built on the property would have to comply with state law requiring that 10 percent of all units be affordable.

Zeoli declined to comment for this story. But In a July 16 letter to the Office of Policy

and Management requesting the funds, he did mention that the property is zoned LI-2. He also wrote that Orange "will continue to support the development of an Orange train station and promote the development of a TODD in and around the train station, but at this time, the Town needs the State's assistance to keep this concept a reality."

The Board of Selectmen announced after an hour-long executive session on the matter at its Oct. 10 meeting to empower Zeoli and Town Attorney Vincent Marino to continue negotiations with the state to see if an amicable resolution can be reached.

The terms of the agreement, Zeoli said, "have changed dramatically from what was told to myself and counsel attorney Marino and that we presented to the residents of Orange."

"At this time," he added, "we are in strong disagreement with what they are requesting."

The property is being sold by Orange Land Development Holdings, LLC. Though the town is the buyer, it would not actually spend any money on the parcel. The purchase is

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Giving Back

Rotary To Honor Hospitalized Veterans

By Roger Tausig



With Veterans Day upon us in just a few short weeks, Rotary Club of Orange has chosen to honor those who have served and sacrificed in a new and unique way. Over the past few years, Don Lewis, one of our longtime Rotarians and a veteran himself, has organized a celebratory dinner for local veterans to give them richly-deserved recognition for their service to our country. This event has been well-attended and included a dignified and moving ceremony that was well-received by our honorees. However, while deserving of recognition for their service to their country, essentially all the veterans in attendance were able-bodied and had served during or prior to the Vietnam war.

The club realized that there are many equally deserving veterans in the area who could not attend this event due to their life circumstances. There are many vets who served in more recent conflicts who are hospitalized, immobile or simply lack the means to transport themselves to the event due to lack of transportation and physical or emotional injuries sustained while on active duty. Earlier this year, we were introduced to an organization called Hearts of Hope, whose mission is to provide uplifting support for veterans who are suffering in ways that incapacitate them and have limited mobility as a result.

Hearts of Hope is a not-for-profit organization that organizes and executes

programs under which clay-shaped hearts that it produces are furnished to numerous volunteer organizations who gather together to paint them using their own imagination and creativity. Individuals are inspired to paint the hearts to include uplifting messages of hope to brighten veterans' days. Once painted, Hearts of Hope takes the painted hearts and glazes and fires them in a kiln to preserve them. Once this process is completed, the finished clay hearts are returned to the organization that painted them. That organization then delivers them in person to the recipients for whom they are intended. They call this process "painting with a purpose," and it has been embraced by many organizations that have collectively painted and delivered about 100,000 hearts in this manner.

On Friday, Oct. 26, members of Rotary Club of Orange met at Orange Ale House to carry out a painting with a purpose event that served as both a social function for the club as well as a meaningful project to honor veterans who are hospitalized at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven. We have coordinated with the social workers at the hospital to identify veterans who are especially in need of an emotional lift and will hand-deliver the painted hearts to them on Veterans Day.

I am proud of the effort that our Orange Rotary members are making to carry out this special and meaningful project to honor veterans who may otherwise have been forgotten on this day that has been set aside to recognize their service to their country.

Orange Lions Welcome Continued Program Success

By Marianne Miller



The Orange Lions Club Comedy Night was a fun and successful event. Thank you to everyone who attended and to The Orange Times readers who called me. Your support and kind words meant a great deal. Thank you to St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church and the staff who were wonderful and helpful in facilitating changes that had to be made.

The Orange Lions participated in "Funtober" at the High Plains Community Center fairgrounds, which included "Trunk or Treat." Lion past president Fred Turner and his wife Lea handed out candy in their decorated vehicle. Lions also helped the Parks and Recreation Department sell hotdogs.

Three local businesses were recognized with plaques for their outstanding contributions and efforts to Orange Lions activities: Jeff Chandler from Julia's bakery of Orange, Judy and Bud Smith of Orange Hills Golf Club on Racebrook Road, and the managers and employees from Trader Joe's of Orange. We appreciate all that you do.

Lions Clubs throughout the United States have been involved in the "Kids Sight USA" for several years. The club has amazing cameras that can detect many different eye problems in children. The Lions Club is proud of the work that is being done for the children of Orange. In previous years, eye screening was provided to the preschool only, through the efforts of Lion Betty Hadlock. Now elementary school students are being

tested, too. Parents should welcome this testing and sign the form. About 80 percent of all learning is visual, and early detection of an eye problem benefits each child. To date, the club has tested 376 students and has sent 35 referrals home with students. If a parent receives a referral for their child, an eye doctor appointment and exam is recommended as soon as possible for further evaluation. This program will continue through the fall with elementary students and then begin again in January for preschoolers.

The Lions Club's senior Thanksgiving dinner at High Plains Community Center will be Sunday, Nov. 25. We will have a turkey dinner with all the fixings and pie. Call the community center to reserve your seat. Co-chairs Ann Carollo and Harold Cavallaro are working hard planning, and everyone is looking forward to this event.

Save the date of March 22 for the annual winetasting to be held at St Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church. Local businesses can be sponsors for this event by donating \$100 or more to Orange Lions Charities. If you want to get a head start, send your check to Orange Lions Club, PO Box 824, Orange, CT 06477. Please write "Wine-Tasting" on your check. The Orange Lions Club is a 501(c)(3) organization donating every dollar it gets back into programs for blindness aid, prevention and eye research and to the needs of the community.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Orange Lions, please contact me at 203-795-3906. We continuously welcome new members and meet at Chips restaurant on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

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Opinion & Editorial

In The House:

Education Funding For Towns Highest Priority



STATE REP. (R-114)
THEMIS KLARIDES

Each year it seems the legislature is confronted with the task of finding adequate funding for our local school systems. Given the projected \$2 billion-plus estimated state deficit that we are looking at for the coming fiscal year, the challenge again will be great.

Education funding for our towns and cities should remain our highest priority. Over the last year, and during the protracted budget battle of 2017 which lasted until Oct. 31, lawmakers debated and argued over school funding. Finally, when the budget was passed and signed into law we came together, we thought, over a formula to fund education. It was not a perfect ending to the battle, but one that we had to put in place.

The budget gave Gov. Dannel P. Malloy authority to make certain cuts and make it balanced. Unfortunately, he used that authority to cut certain districts and reward others. Initially he planned to cut nearly \$60 million for local education in 130 towns after the fiscal year was underway and after towns and cities had already set their own budgets.

Once again we went back to work, and this spring succeeded in restoring some of the deepest cuts to our towns and cities. Had we not done so, the pain would have been far worse for many municipalities.

The budget that Democrats and Republicans came together on this spring prohibited the governor from imposing the cuts in the middle of a fiscal year. That provision lasts only through the rest of this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

We have shown that despite facing huge deficits we have come up with creative and workable formulas to mitigate against efforts to cut local school funding. We must be prepared to do the hard work and act in the best interests of all our communities again.

We Regret The Error

In a story on page 21 in the Oct. 11 edition of the Orange Visiting Nurse Association flu clinics, the time that the Oct. 23 session began was incorrect. The session began at 1 p.m.

Plastic Bag Ban Right Way To Go



STATE REP. (D-118)
KIM ROSE

It is always heartening for me when Milford constituents take an active role in communicating their priorities and to know they are on the same page with me when it comes to environmental pollution and the devastating impact of single-use plastic bags.

I was pleased to be recently presented with a 700-signature petition from Milford residents requesting legislation to ban single-use plastic bags in grocery and department stores in the state due to environmental health concerns.

I could not agree more with these environmentally conscious constituents. I agree that disposable bags pose a myriad of issues including the leaching of chemicals into the soil, fatal ingestion by wildlife and the heavy expending of natural resources in manufacturing.

Hundreds of thousands of plastic bags end up polluting the environment every year and I am committed to addressing the damage that plastic bags have on the state level.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, between 500 billion and one trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. After their brief use, they persist in landfills, oceans, parks and beaches for thousands of years.

Countrywide efforts to date have been sporadic and related legislation has, in many instances, struggled to pass. However, there have been states and counties that have successfully addressed this issue through legislation. That gives me hope that we can join them.

Connecticut is home to a number of beautiful beaches, parks and residential areas along the coast that are directly affected by environmental pollution. Addressing that requires a holistic approach. We cannot leave it up to 169 towns and cities to individually do this – we should be able to come together and figure out a solution like other states have done.

I will be introducing legislation next session to ban the use of single-use plastic bags and will work hard to advance this measure through the process. This will help move the health of Connecticut's environment forward and will allow us to join the states that have addressed this issue.

Protecting Connecticut's Health



STATE REP. (R-117)
CHARLES FERRARO

During this past legislative session, I was proud of two bills we passed, one to help protect healthcare benefits and the other to make prescription drugs more affordable.

The first bill, House Bill 5210, will guarantee that insurance companies will cover the following benefits:

- ambulatory patient services;
- emergency services;
- hospitalization;
- maternity and newborn healthcare;
- mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment;
- prescription drugs;
- rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices;
- laboratory services;
- preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management; and
- pediatric services, including oral and vision care.

All of these healthcare services are vital to making sure individuals receive the necessary care they deserve. No one should ever worry that one of these services gets dropped because of decisions made by D.C. politicians.

In addition, we unanimously passed legislation to take steps to reduce the cost of prescription drugs.

The bill, House Bill 5384, makes several changes related to prescription drugs, pharmacy benefit managers, and health carriers (insurers and HMOs). Among other things, it requires:

- pharmacy benefit managers to report information about drug formulary rebates to the insurance commissioner, who must report aggregated data to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee;
- health carriers to submit to the insurance commissioner, and the commissioner to report to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, information on covered outpatient prescription drugs, including the most frequently prescribed drugs and those provided at the greatest cost;
- health carriers to certify to the commissioner that they account for all rebates when calculating plan premiums;
- a prescription drug "sponsor" (that is, the entity responsible for its clinical trials) to notify the Office of Health Strategy when it files certain applications for new drugs; and
- the OHS to annually identify up to 10 outpatient prescription drugs provided at substantial state cost or critical to public health and drug manufacturers to report information to the OHS on those drugs.

Healthcare in our country has become unaffordable for many. These two bills help address the rising costs of healthcare, but more needs to be done.

As your state representative, I will continue to work with everyone to pass legislation that will make healthcare affordable for all.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at Charles.Ferraro@housegop.ct.gov.

Decoding Dyslexia



STATE REP. (R-119)
PAM STANESKI

I recently participated in a 2018 Dyslexia Forum hosted by Decoding Dyslexia - CT. I was joined by colleagues to discuss how we, as policymakers, can help educators and school districts. The forum included discussion about legislation that has been passed over the last five years and the remaining gaps that need to be addressed surrounding the topic of dyslexia. In 2015, the legislature built upon other legislation regarding dyslexia instruction by requiring that the state department add dyslexia training to mandatory subjects for in-service training and teacher prep programs. This legislation was another step forward. However, it raised the question of how we can better structure teacher prep programs to include components of dyslexia instruction.

After speaking with reading specialists who have taken seminar classes in dyslexia and wish that they had been provided pre-service knowledge around dyslexia identification and instruction in their respective teacher prep programs, I introduced legislation via the Higher Education Committee. This legislation would have established a Dyslexia Instruction Standards and Accountability Council within the Office of Higher Education. The council would examine what literacy content knowledge teacher candidates should obtain and improve the state's efforts to prepare future teachers with the skills to better identify and educate children, especially those diagnosed with dyslexia.

This legislation had 52 cosponsors and received a public hearing. Support came from special education, reading, and elementary teachers who spoke out about the need to include training in all teacher prep programs. Support came from experts in the field. Support came from parents and students. The proposed legislation had the committee's support. However, after being referred back to the Education Committee for review the legislation stalled. This brings me back to the recent forum in which I participated.

This forum highlighted the need for teacher prep to include a dyslexia evidence-based instruction program with input on the program from all stakeholders. It highlighted the testimony given by three educators in Connecticut who are currently pursuing their sixth-year credentials in reading and language development. All three stated that their undergraduate and graduate teacher prep training did not address dyslexia identification and instruction. They further testified that many school districts, administrators and teachers (through no fault of their own) are unaware of the misdiagnosed students.

They came with three asks: set minimum standards and practice related to structured literacy, ensure appropriate teaching credentials for faculty teaching structured literacy and create accountability models for structured literacy instruction. They ask that we educate them so that they can educate their students. The forum gave me hope that we will do just that.

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To The Editor:

I am appalled by James Maroney's campaign tactics trying to capitalize on a vote that Pam Staneski cast over six months before the 2016, yes that is right, the 2016 election. Fact check – she was returned to office with resounding support after that vote. Why the outrage now? My thoughts, James Maroney is not focused on the Connecticut that his party has destroyed, but instead on smearing a committed public servant by tying the State Senate race to the toxic environment at the national level. James Maroney's mailers paint Pam as anti-woman, we know better – she is pro all! Vote Pam in November, I am.

Sherri Carlson, Milford

To The Editor:

Ellen Beatty is running to become our next state Representative for the 119th district of Milford and Orange, and I wholeheartedly support her candidacy. As Milford's First District Alderman, Ellen has been instrumental in so many of our city's successes. She plays a crucial role in Milford's economic prosperity, helping us achieve the enviable status of being the only town in the state to lower taxes in each of the past three years. She has been influential in many of the projects that make our city a desirable place to live – the new splash pad and pickleball courts at Eisenhower Park, better programs for seniors and families, and initiatives that help protect our environment.

Ellen Beatty has served in many educational, health care and business capacities throughout her career, including Vice President of Academic Affairs at Southern Connecticut State University. Her skills in the field of education and management are nothing short of extraordinary. When she gets to Hartford, she has pledged to work for safe and effective schools and to stop the decline in state funding to public higher education.

I can't think of a more dedicated, intelligent and compassionate person to speak and care for our community than Ellen. Our Congresswoman, Rosa DeLauro, has said of her, "Ellen has a proven track record in fiscal management, strategic planning and consensus building." Ellen has pledged to fight for Milford's seniors and our vulnerable citizens who face drastic cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other necessary services. I urge you all to get to the polls on Nov. 6 and vote for Ellen Russell Beatty as our next state Representative.

Ben Blake, Milford

Ben Blake is the Mayor of Milford

To The Editor:

I find it quite surprising and disturbing that James Maroney is portraying Pam Staneski as someone who has "turned her back on women." I have known Pam for years and she has always been and continues to be one of the biggest advocates for women and women's rights. From spearheading diaper drives to help keep the diaper bank stocked, mentoring young high school women throughout her years in public service, and supporting the non-profits that help families, Pam shows she has our backs and truly cares. To attack a woman who is admired by many in our community for her work,

shows desperation. I am really disappointed because I thought better of James. My vote goes to Pam, I hope yours does as well.

Pat Liptak, Milford

To The Editor:

I recently read a letter to the editor questioning how "yes means yes" legislation would help women and prevent sexual assault. This was the defense used to explain why Pam Staneski didn't vote for the legislation while a member of the legislature. It is a shame that the legislation was needed but "yes means yes" being taught to all students at Connecticut college campuses was and is necessary. As the recent events in the news regarding our newest Supreme Court justice have taught us, there is still a culture in our society that needs to be changed. Sexual assault goes unreported more often than not. If ambiguity in a relationship among young adults is removed, then maybe it will prevent something bad from happening. I hold no illusions, this is not a cure all, but obviously something needs to be done. A law requiring seat belts was no different... it isn't a cure all but it has saved lives.

The author further stated that Ms. Staneski doesn't vote for "Band-Aid" bills. I question if she votes for any bills that protect women. She voted against removing guns in cases where a temporary restraining order is issued. This is a real bill that if it had passed earlier would have had real consequences by saving a woman's life. I shouldn't be shocked that Ms. Staneski voted against a gun bill. She votes with the NRA 100 percent of the time and wouldn't even vote to ban bump stocks. Think of the more than 50 people that were killed in Las Vegas and what Ms. Staneski's vote meant when you cast your vote. Who would she really represent?

Ms. Staneski wants you to believe she is here to represent you. The facts and her voting record tell a completely different story. Don't fall for the fluff, just look at her record.

Jody Dietch, Orange

To The Editor:

The residents of Orange have been extremely well-served by our current House delegation, state Reps. Themis Klarides, Charles Ferraro, and Pam Staneski. For the past four years, their teamwork, passion, and bipartisan approach led to multiple bipartisan no tax increase budgets that saved the town of Orange from Gov. Dan Malloy's cuts to education and municipal aid.

Without our delegation's leadership, we would have seen the majority party Democrats pass 17 tax increases, including a tire tax, a restaurant tax, and a cell phone tax.

Without our delegation's leadership, the town of Orange would have lost millions in ECS and municipal aid funding.

Without our delegation's leadership, tolls would have been placed on every single highway in Connecticut.

Without our delegation's leadership, a state budget would have never been called by the majority party.

It's very clear, without our delegation's leadership, our state and our small town would have been devastated by the policies of Gov. Dan Malloy and the majority party Democrats.

Our country's economy is booming, yet our state's economy has been decimated by eight years of gross, fiscal mismanagement – when is enough, enough?

When we head to the polls this Nov. 6, we need to vote for true leaders and reelect Themis Klarides, Charles Ferraro, and send Pam Staneski to the Senate and Kathleen Kennedy to Hartford.

Pio A. Imperati, Orange

To The Editor:

Several years ago, while standing at the polls on Election Day, suddenly, I heard a crowd shouting "James, James, James." I was determined to find who "this" James was. I found that after James graduated from Jonathan Law HS, he went on to graduate from Yale University. James is married to Jen and they have a young son, Jay.

James is a small business owner, past president of the Devon Rotary, and is the chair of its Scholarship Committee. James has also been involved with out many service projects in the community. However, James most important asset is his integrity! His word is his bond! That is why, it is my pleasure to cast my ballot for James Maroney, a man of integrity, as Connecticut state Senator from the 14th district.

Greta Stanford, Milford

To The Editor:

I am writing in support of Kim Rose and the experience she has demonstrated in Hartford. Kim Rose is a constant advocate for the citizens of Milford and to my family personally. I advocate for my son as he has a rare genetic disorder. When Kim heard of our plight to create a taskforce to address the issues of our community, she offered to write a bill for us. She was later appointed to the Rare Disease taskforce as our champion. I have watched Kim Rose bring the same strengths and fight to create changes in 8-30g affordable housing legislation that is used by unscrupulous contractors to damage small neighborhoods. Kim is an independent who votes for change even when it may not be popular with her own party. It was Kim who wrote her party leadership in order to ask for a special session to block the governor's request for the toll study. Unlike her opponent who yells from the stairs of City Hall it is Kim Rose that actually knows how to work the levers of government to get the needs of Milford met. At a recent candidate forum I heard Kim's opponent make bold promises to nonprofits, while admitting she had no clue about the budget process. We need a bold independent advocate in the Capitol fighting for the needs of Milford, not another learn on the job candidate who is nothing but a mouthpiece for her party's policies.

Dominic Cotton, Milford

To The Editor:

This week I must admit I became physically ill when I went to my mailbox and saw a campaign mail 'piece' from James Maroney attacking a good friend of mine, Pam Staneski.

The disingenuous mailer claimed Pam Staneski is anti-woman, that she is someone who does not support or care about domestic violence and sexual assault victims.

All these vicious attacks coming from a male candidate, a male who has no idea what it's like to be a woman in a man's world.

I couldn't be any more disgusted by this negative attack on Pam. They obviously don't know Pam and what she's done for our community. As long as I've known Pam she has been there for us and I guarantee you she always will be.

Coreen Edwards, Milford

To The Editor:

I am disgusted by the influx of outside dark campaign money coming into Connecticut. Connecticut became one of the first states in the nation to adopt campaign finance reforms that seek to keep special interest money out of campaigns. Unfortunately the Supreme Court ruled that money equals free speech, so the more money you have the more free speech you have. The Koch brothers and the Walton Family of Walmart fame have flooded this state with negative attack ads trying

to buy the election of Bob Stefanowski for governor and the election in Milford of Pam Staneski for state Senate. I am calling on both to repudiate the outside dark money but I would be shocked if they did that because they probably feel it is the only way they will win the election. Policies matter, issues matter. Ms Staneski voted against a ban on bump stocks and has a 100 percent rating from the NRA. Her belief in the dangers of climate change is tepid at best. Little wonder why she would be the recipient of so much outside money. She and Mr. Stefanowski are out of step with Connecticut's priorities, they are Trump republicans. I guess if you can't win on the issues, flood the airwaves with negative attack ads paid for by people who have no stake in our state.

Charles Montalbano, Milford

To The Editor:

Ellen Beatty has been an accomplished alderwoman for the first district in Milford. Ellen has worked to support families in Milford, and was a key part in helping Milford become one of the only towns in the state to lower taxes this year. As the first woman to hold the position of Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at Southern Connecticut State University, Ellen has a proven track record in fiscal management, strategic planning and consensus building.

Ellen is focused on protecting the elderly and the most venerable from devastating cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other essential services. When she is elected, Ellen will bring her skills and experience to Hartford on behalf of the people of Milford and Orange.

I am proud to endorse Ellen Beatty in her campaign for the state House of Representatives and hope you will join me in supporting her on Nov. 6.

Rosa DeLauro, New Haven

Rosa DeLauro is the U.S. Representative for Connecticut's Third District

To The Editor:

When James Maroney declared his candidacy for the 14th district Senate seat last spring, I was already well-acquainted with him personally, professionally and as a dedicated public servant. What I admire most about James is his honesty. He's smart, hard-working and genuine. James is a life-long Milford resident who went to Jonathan Law High School and Yale, then took a job as a stock broker in New York City which he left to start his own small business in Milford and serve our community's causes. Milford has truly become a better place because of James Maroney.

James has proved himself in many ways. As a successful local businessman, he has a keen sense of Milford's economic interests. He has been intricately involved in local organizations including the Devon Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Business Association and he has served on several advisory boards that promote our city's fiscal and social well-being.

James has been a constant contributor to all facets of our community and our local government. He served on the Board of Education and founded the Milford Educational Foundation. When James Maroney was our state Representative he led the way – from concept to securing funds to completion – for ventures such as Founders Walk. He accomplished these projects by reaching across the aisle and being diligent about getting things done. He's clearly a talented and experienced representative for our community.

Recently James Maroney was endorsed by Barack Obama with the following statement: he isn't "... just running against something, but for something, to expand opportunity for all and to restore dignity, honor and

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compassion to public service.”

James deserves this endorsement and he has earned our vote. Our community's future will be in good hands with James Maroney as our senator – so, please vote on Nov. 6.

Ben Blake, Milford
Ben Blake is the Mayor of Milford

To The Editor:

I attended a debate last month between the Democratic candidate for state Senate James Maroney and Republican candidate Pam Staneski. I know James through my past involvement with the Rotary and Pam through past involvement with the United Way. Both enthusiastically give their time to bettering our community. Both are good people and good neighbors.

But I am voting for James Maroney. After Las Vegas, I thought banning bump stocks was a minimum first step to getting some sanity and control over the gun issue in our country. So did Donald Trump by the way. But Pam voted against a bump stock ban here in Connecticut. Her explanation why was puzzling, saying paint ball enthusiasts are now felons. Then I learned about affirmative consent, a bill that simply laid out some ground rules for defining what “yes” means in a sexual activity. Out of 151 legislators only 7 voted against it and Pam was one of them. I don't blame Pam for voting with her party, most politicians do. But when she does veer I would hope that she'd be more moderate, not more extreme. I agree with her that our taxes are too high but the needs of our state, especially infrastructure modernization, are high too.

Working with James I know that he is a problem solver, not an ideologue. James is a moderate who listens. James sees an issue and he finds a solution. Then he goes about building bipartisan support. He is a consensus builder who will work across party lines. Bipartisanship is something neither party supports but it's what our citizens demand. James will always choose our community needs first.

John Moffitt, Milford

To The Editor:

I have known James Maroney since his tenure as our state Representative in the 119th and can honestly say he is one of the most approachable people I have ever met. No matter the problem, James will truly listen with both ears open and offer a sincere response. There is no need for him to give a vague political response, as he is not running as a politician, he is running as a citizen that is committed to fixing the problems in our state.

I cannot go a day without hearing people complain about the partisanship that plagues our government on both state and federal levels. I can proudly say that James is devoted to breaking these partisan lines to reach across the aisle, in order to enact meaningful legislation.

The 14th state Senate district needs a candidate who cares about the people they are representing and not the party that has endorsed them.

I will be voting for James Maroney on Nov. 6, 2018.

Matthew Zancewicz, Milford

To The Editor:

James Maroney, in the midst of these corrosive, hyper-partisan times chose to play in that sandbox by sending out attack pieces on Pam Staneski leading us to believe that she is anti-woman. His message is disgusting and I believe that his attacks are a symptom of a broader problem with our political discourse. He feels enabled by a culture that treats women's issues as political chips to cash in for empty victories. He is hoping that you will believe the sound bites that he can fit into a mailer. I know better. Pam is a mother,

sister, grandmother, and friend to many strong, determined, successful women. She is a fighter who doesn't vote for headlines, but works for real reform and policy that helps our community. She has been doing that for years – as a member of the Board of Education, community volunteer for many nonprofits, and as our state representative. I have known her for twenty years and have watched her anguish over policy and votes as she does her research. She really does read the bill and then picks it apart. She does not vote for “feel good” legislation and wants policies that actually work! Pam is the ONLY choice on Nov. 6; join, vote for Pam.

Ann Z. Fabian, Milford

To The Editor:

Pam Staneski is not your typical politician. There's a reason why she gives out her cell phone number to the voters. She wants to hear from them. If they have a question, she's not going to dodge them or be evasive, she'll take their call or she'll call them back and tell them where she stands and why.

In the political environment we are in today, politicians are filled with either generic answers that their parties want them to spoon feed you or they have no answers at all and evade your questions.

Pam is the exception. She is a breath of fresh air and I wish more politicians would follow her lead.

You will never agree with any legislator 100 percent of the time. I disagreed with one of Pam's votes and I had voiced my opposition to her. What I received was the reason why she voted the way she voted and her personal and moral feelings behind these reasons. I went from being the biggest opponent of that vote to one of her biggest defenders of that vote. Why? She made me understand the effects this bill would have on a group of people in a way I didn't understand. As a constituent, I want a legislator in Hartford who will vote based on their beliefs and not how their party tells them they should vote. As a woman, I want someone who will stick by their moral compass and not be swayed by a party.

I stand with Pam Staneski. Pam is the real voice for women!

Katie Rose Martino, Milford

To The Editor:

I am voting for Kim Rose because she has a proven track record of opposing tax increases while supporting smart investments that will keep our state on the right track to fiscal health.

Making sure Connecticut has a strong economy that does not rely on shifting tax burdens to working families is what our elected officials should be working on and Kim has never disappointed me.

Through her strong advocacy, Kim promoted two consecutive bipartisan state budgets that focused on fiscal stability and included spending and bonding caps. She has also made sure to encourage a strong labor force, opposing cuts to workforce development programs that help meet employer needs.

Our state's high-tech industries continue to grow and Kim is working on continuing efforts to make sure we have educated and prepared workers to fill the increasingly high-skilled jobs of today and the future.

I will be supporting Kim Rose on Nov. 6 because she opposes shifting tax burdens onto the middle class while implementing structural reforms that support employment and put the state on firmer financial footing.

Joan Rousseau, Milford

To The Editor:

Elections ought to be about choosing the candidates with the best policies and records, not about which candidate has the donors with the deepest pockets, so we elect the

best people to serve us. This is the essence of democracy, and a core constitutional value: “We, the people,” not the super-rich, get to choose our government. I have noticed, though, that over the past few elections the voices of the candidates were drowned out by nasty political ads sponsored not by their opponents, but by so-called political action committees, i.e. “dark money” donors.

In the 2018 campaign cycle we have seen even local campaigns affected by huge outside contributions flowing into Connecticut from out-of-state political action committees. These PACS have innocent-sounding names such as “Change Connecticut,” but in reality they are funded by a handful of extremist out-of-state billionaires. They fill our television and radio channels and mailboxes with messages that distort other candidates' positions. Many of these advertisements have outright lies, but because they are repeated over and over again and appear in different forms they tend to drown out the truth, and make it difficult for voters to choose between candidates based on their true records and policies.

One prime example is the local election for the State Senate's 14th district between James Maroney, the Democrat, and Pamela Staneski, the Republican. Ms. Staneski benefits not only from public campaign financing, but from dark money donations of hundreds of thousands of dollars from out-of-state donors, and from the National Rifle Association. Connecticut's voters do not need or want special interest groups to tell us whom we should elect. We need to decide based on the truth and on our own values, not on distortions and lies.

The only way we can stop the corrupting influence of dark money contributors in this election is to reject them and to vote against candidates who accept them. Only then will sanity and fairness be returned to our elections. Voters deserve no less than fair and free elections. It is our constitutional right. Everyone please vote on Nov. 6.

Kenneth Lenz, Orange

To The Editor:

I witnessed something amazing a few years ago while watching my daughter take tennis lessons with two boys, each 7–8 years old, on the courts behind the Milford Library. One boy insisted that he shouldn't have to play a girl, protesting repeatedly until finally flying off on a little boy tirade. He directed his frustration at my daughter, telling her what girls were and weren't supposed to do. Suddenly, the other boy literally stepped between the two and defended my daughter. “Girls can do anything boys can do,” and “you don't have the right to say those things about her” he said until that boy stopped yelling. Then turned to my daughter and asked if she was okay, she was. As I stood there looking around for my new hero's father, my mind was racing with thoughts like: I can't believe his dad missed that, what an amazing kid, his parents are remarkable to be instilling values like that so young. The boy who came to my daughters' defense was Jay Maroney, son of James Maroney, candidate for state Senate in the 14th district representing Milford, Orange, West Haven and Woodbridge. Since then, I have gotten to know James Maroney well and can honestly say that his true character was on display in the actions of his son. There is not a better person available to represent my family in Hartford. I will be voting for James Maroney on Nov. 6 and I ask that you do too.

Jay Zammiello, Milford

To The Editor:

In light of the toxic political environment the last two years, I began to question my own political identity. The madness I was hearing in Washington, D.C. compelled me to take a closer look at my personal ideals,

and where I stood in the political realm.

This self-examination prompted me to apply for the Connecticut Legislative Internship out of the State Capitol. Although the State Capitol isn't directly involved in Washington, I thought this was a good start. I was fortunate enough to be assigned to state representative Pam Staneski.

As I mentioned earlier, I was questioning what party I considered myself to be a part of. About a week into the internship, I found clarity. Pam exemplified everything I aspire to be. Her compassion and work ethic as a state representative goes far beyond just the state capitol. She is the cofounder of the Milford Prevention Council, and she is a dedicated volunteer for the Rape Crisis Center of Milford.

It is hard to find someone truly genuine to look up to as a role model, and I am so lucky I got the opportunity to be her intern. As a legislator Pam has mentored many young women aspiring a career in politics, including myself. She is bringing back the spirit of compromise among her fellow legislators. She works effectively and fiercely with both sides of the aisle. An example of true bipartisanship. I have never seen such fierce dedication and loyalty in anyone, especially a legislator. Pam is truly an inspiration – a genuine soul who has only the best intentions for this beautiful state.

Nicoletta Blevins, Derby

To The Editor:

I don't remember a time when elections have become more about how much mud we can sling at one another versus how much real information is given for a fair election process. No one agrees 100 percent with someone all the time, that being said, when looking at who will be the best choice for our state and the ever growing issues we face is very simple for me.

How can we continue to listen to the Democrats talk about fixing this state? Did we forget how long they have held both the House and Senate? They are the ones that control what goes on.

We need strong leadership for the coming years in Connecticut and I back both Pam Staneski as well as Kathleen Kennedy to lead this state. Pam has been a part of the state House of Representatives, she brings knowledge, the ability to talk about issues, she understands where people are coming from and works with both sides of the aisle. Pam works for women's issues and unlike what her opponent says, she fights for what is right. She fought by working with both sides to help Orange keep funding for our children, which helped us with our taxes. Pam joined the Republican delegation in stopping the increase in sales tax, a cell phone tax, a tire tax, along with adding back tolls to our state.

Both Pam and Kathy care about the economy, both care about you, and both care about our state. Kathy will be a tough fighter taking Pam's seat on the House side. Knowing Kathy for many years, she quietly watched both sides in Milford for many years. She stayed steadfast in her ability to keep an open mind and never took sides. When something was not right, Kathy was the first person to stand up and say so. She will hold true to her beliefs and she will be a strong advocate for the 119th. We have a choice this election year, continue on with the Democrat controlled House, Senate, and governor or make a change and elect strong, fiscally responsible leaders who will put each of us first. This election is not about Washington, this election is about our neighbors, our families and our friends. Don't be tricked.

Jude Toohey, Orange

To The Editor:

We need Ellen Beatty in Hartford. I have

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seen Ellen in action on the Milford Board of Alders.

When you meet Ellen, you can immediately sense her charisma. The top flight intellect behind her winning smile. It is the key to bringing people together, to solve problems. The intellect of a professor, the communication skills of a teacher, and empathy of a nurse, make for a winning combination. When you work with Ellen, you believe that things will just work. She is a light in what is a dark time for our state and country. As Connecticut continues to face an uncertain future, we need to send Ellen into the fight for a better tomorrow. Please support our future by voting for Ellen Beatty for state representative on Nov. 6.

Ray Arnold, Milford

To The Editor:

The Republicans endorse Beverly Streit-Kefalas! Let me try to be brief, but explain. I am an active Democrat in Milford. My house is a landing place for all Democratic signs. Ellen Beatty, James Maroney, Ned Lamont and Judge Beverly all had signs in my front yard. Some candidates had more than one.

This past weekend, in typical Republican hijinks, signs were stolen from my yard. Bye-bye Ellen, James and Ned! But signs for Judge Beverly were left in place! I can only conclude that the Republicans know what I know. Judge Beverly needs to stay where she is, as our current Judge of Probate.

Wisdom, integrity, and intelligence, qualities that transcend political affiliation. Judge Beverly possesses all of them. It is why she needs to remain our Judge of Probate. If I didn't know it before, my Republican friends have confirmed it for me. Please vote for Beverly Streit-Keralas to remain our Judge of Probate. She is the choice both parties can

agree on.

Ray Arnold, Milford

To The Editor:

James Maroney recently sent out a hit piece full of mud on his opponent, Pam Staneski, saying she is "against protecting woman."

That couldn't be further from the truth. Pam Staneski has spent her life working to make the lives of women better and protecting them.

Just this year alone, Pam championed a dual-arrest bill to ensure victims of domestic violence are protected and do not face arrest. Pam voted to guarantee women and children essential health benefits including emergency services, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, including behavioral health treatment prescription drugs and pediatric services among other things. Pam also supported requiring 3-D imaging breast screening to better combat breast cancer in women.

So, as you can see Pam is on the forefront in the battle to protect women and women's health.

Thank you, Pam Staneski for having our back, I will have yours on Nov. 6! A vote for Pam is a vote for all women!

Julia A. Smillie, Milford

To The Editor:

Voters in Milford and Orange are very fortunate to have the opportunity to vote for an outstanding candidate this upcoming midterm election. This candidate is Ellen Beatty who is running for State Representative of the 119th district.

These are challenging times in Connecticut and voters need to elect someone with

planning, management and fiscal experience; political savvy; and the care and compassion to address the struggles and challenges of Connecticut's people. This describes Ellen.

Caring. Ellen's formative background is in nursing, public health administration and healthcare advocacy. She will bring to the statehouse a caring heart.

Experienced. I came to know and greatly respect Ellen when we were colleagues at Southern Connecticut State University. She was highly regarded in her role as Vice President for Academic Affairs. In this position she engaged in long term planning for the university, management of a \$12 million budget, and oversight of the academic delivery of the university.

Politically Savvy. Ellen currently serves in her second term on the Milford Board of Alders and played a key role in reducing Milford's taxes for the past three years.

Caring. Experienced. Politically Savvy. I encourage you to vote for Ellen Beatty on Nov. 6.

Deborah Smith, Hamden

To the Editor:

We enthusiastically endorse Ellen Beatty for state representative for the 119th district.

We worked with Ellen Beatty at Southern Connecticut State University while she served in the highest administrative and academic positions. We can say without reservation that Dr. Ellen Beatty has proven outstanding leadership, program development and community-building skills.

While she served as Interim Vice President and Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, she managed and balanced million-dollar budgets in fair and responsible ways. She built numerous innovative and academic programs, all while utilizing collaborative

methods to bring various factions of the university community together. This was no easy task given that competing constituencies within and outside the university did not always share interests or goals. Yet Ellen, being masterful in consensus-building, always ensured that open dialogue and constructive debate would precede any decision-making to bring about fair and equitable solutions. She is unquestionably caring and ethical in every decision-making process.

Ellen also was genuinely committed to the health and well-being of the university community as a whole, with special concern for the well-being of the 15,000-plus students. She was instrumental in establishing the first Women's Center and child care programs at the university, supported health and wellness outreach programs, and worked tirelessly to bridge the "town-gown" gap.

Ellen is a people person who loves to engage in dialogue and exchange new ideas with all. She welcomes suggestions and new challenges with the intention of implementing positive changes that will improve the lives of others.

On a personal note, Ellen Beatty has a warm and engaging personality and a delightfully witty sense of humor that puts everyone at ease and opens people up right away to comfortable discourse with her. She is intelligent, friendly, personable, sensitive and deeply reflective, while being strong and fearless in representing and protecting the best values and needs of her constituencies.

We need legislators with such outstanding leadership skills and moral character who will encourage and facilitate collaborations across the aisle. Ellen will bring that good dynamic to Hartford and get jobs done!

Rosalyn Amenta, Woodbridge

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Editorial: Make Election Day A Holiday

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

November 6 is fast approaching. As with every election day, questions about adequate voter access will hang like a cloud over the polls.

There are already dozens of potential impediments to voting, from ID requirements to transportation to long lines.

But perhaps the most universal impediment to voting is that it occurs in the middle of a work day. Tuesday elections were set into law by Congress in 1845, and the same date has been adopted by most states and municipalities out of convenience.

Yes, polling places are open early in the morning and into late evening. That's hardly helpful for someone who might have to work

a 12-hour shift or someone with a long commute, though. Even if you're working down the street from home for eight hours, making the extra trip isn't always easy with all the other obligations built into our schedules.

Fortunately, there is a simple way to make voting easier – and more relevant to our lives. Make election day a federal holiday.

If suffrage is the signature act of citizenship, and is as important as so many people (particularly policymakers) claim it to be, why not make a holiday around it?

An election day holiday could be much more than just a day off work to take a 15-minute trip to the polls. It could be a day to celebrate civic life. There could be

town-sponsored civics activities, teach-ins at various locations, meet-and-greets with local candidates (who have much more influence on our daily lives but get proportionally less media coverage), voting parties and all the other festive accoutrements that accompany major holidays.

Civic life, after all, is supposed to be about engagement with your fellow humans in the real world.

Instead of trivializing civic activities as an afterthought to the daily grind that they are for so many people now, a holiday would elevate them. And it would certainly increase engagement with the political process.

If we kept election day on a November Tuesday, few people would go far from

home for the holiday. And having the day off would have the desired consequence of freeing more people to vote.

This is hardly a novel idea. Several states already treat election day as a public holiday, including Delaware, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia. Connecticut doesn't have to wait for the federal government to act. And the more states that adopt a holiday, the more likely it is to gain traction at the national level.

Most Americans already believe in the sacrosanct nature of elections. So let's stop fiddling around the margins with absentee ballots and extended polling hours. Let's give ourselves the most important day of the year off.

To The Editor:

My fellow Americans, it has come time again for “we the people” to execute our greatest right as American citizens and vote this Nov. 6. As a young American who plans on going to college, wants to get a job, and start a family in Connecticut I am not only worried but I am disappointed in the state that I have grown to love. Connecticut is one of the highest taxed states in the country, we have a deficit of 4.6 billion, and many vital businesses that provide jobs to our state have left.

However, this is not the state's fault, it is the fault of the Democratic threshold that has burdened our state for the past eight years with Governor Malloy at the helm. What is even more concerning is that if Ned Lamont wins the election in November he has publicly said he would like to introduce a car tax, will raise taxes overall, and will continue the work of Malloy (who is the reason why we are in such a bad state in the first place).

That is why I and my family will be supporting Pam Staneski this November. Pam is currently a member of the state House of Representatives. In her time in the House Pam has voted against Governor Malloy's toll study which would have wasted millions of taxpayer dollars. Pam has voted against the tax hikes that burned middle class citizens and Pam has fought strongly against the horrific idea proposed by Governor Malloy and supported by the Democrats that would strip the Orange education system from a large amount of designated funding. Having a younger brother still in the Orange schools and being an alumnus I am truly grateful to Pam for thinking of the children and the importance of education in the community!

If you are tired of high taxes, overspending, businesses fleeing, and the negligence of our youths' education, then I strongly urge you to vote for my friend Pam this Nov. 6 to take back our state. In the words of John Quincy Adams, “If your actions inspire others to

dream, learn more, and become more, you are a leader.” Pam not only inspired me to do better, but she will inspire the entire community she represents to do better!

Dominick Lombardi, Orange

To the Editor:

As election day approaches I hope that our community remembers that all politics is local. We elect individuals to represent us and our greatest ally and friend in Hartford is Representative Themis Klarides. I have known Themis for over 15 years. During that time I have gone to her repeatedly for issues ranging from health care legislation in my role as the Chair of the Connecticut State Medical Society, issues related to education concerns in my role as a Woodbridge Board of Education member for the last nine years and to issues relevant to the Jewish community both locally and throughout the state. She has been, and continues to be, a champion for issues affecting our town and the state. She was a champion for the new Holocaust Education bill and fought to restore Governor Malloy's drastic cuts to education.

I hope, now more than ever, we can rise above the petty partisanship that is plaguing our country and elect people who we know have proven themselves to be looking out for the communities they serve, have integrity and have proven the ability to get the job done.

I can think of no one more deserving of our support on election day than Themis Klarides.

Steven Fleischman, Woodbridge

To The Editor:

I have worked as a social worker for the past 25 years. I have worked to help abused/neglected children, families under severe stress, recruiting, training, licensing, and supporting foster families. In my off time, I am an advocate for foster/relative/fictive kin families. I have worked with organizations that advocate for adult adoptees having

access to their original birth certificates. I am also an advocate against child marriages which occur across the United States in all but two states, Delaware and New Jersey. In Connecticut, minors under the age of 18 can be forced into a marriage to someone who is decades older, violent, may have raped the minors.

I am so fortunate that Kim Rose has made it part of her life to help others be able to have their rights respected. She believes in the empowerment of individuals to address their needs. She thinks helping others is more important than voting the way others do. She is independent in her thinking and her advocating. I am so happy to endorse Kim Rose for another term for state representative.

Thanks Kim Rose for all you do and for who you are as a person. I look forward to working with you to fight for families, children, and the oppressed. You are what a leader should be. Thanks for being such a great leader, not just for Milford but the whole state.

In a time of divisiveness, fighting each other in a take no mercy manner, and legislators who will scream to see who can be the loudest and drown out others who disagree with them, it is so refreshing to have a leader who will listen to all sides of an issue. She respects individuals' differences. She works hard to bring all sides together because she knows understanding compromise and working to unite others is much more important than who wins or loses. She recognizes by working to unite all parties, the best results will occur. Kim Rose wants to make life better for all people, not a select few.

I ask all voters to please consider voting for Kim Rose for another term as state representative. At this time, we need individuals such as Kim Rose to be advocating for all residents in Connecticut.

Brian Donahue, Waterbury

To the Editor:

We have all been bombarded with political flyers but one stands out to me. That one is the hate filled one by James Maroney against his opponent Pam Staneski.

He criticizes her for voting 93 percent of the time along party lines but fails to mention that those 93 percent were bi-party agreement votes yet he voted nearly unanimously along any Democrat party line regardless of the issue. Just did what he was told to do without question.

We shouldn't forget that during the short time he served as a state representative he voted to extend tax credits that were set to expire costing us millions upon millions of dollars.

His flyers unfairly criticize Pam on nonexistent woman's issues yet complimented her for her strong stand on these issues at their debate. What way is it James, an honest statement at your debate with Pam or made up issues by the people who design your flyers?

It's interesting to note that Maroney's flyers have a disclaimer on them that reads “This message was made independent of any candidate or political party”. But then it says “Top donors are the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.”. I'll let you figure that one out!

As a Navy veteran, I want to thank Pam for her incredible support to our military and its veterans. The legislation you have introduced or supported is so appreciated.

As a senior citizen, thank you Pam for your work on trying to help us to stay in our homes and retire with a little peace of mind and hopefully be able to stay in our community.

As a former Town Committee chairman, we could only hope to be lucky enough to find candidates like Pam to run for public office who have that honest and unique ability to understand the problem and to search for the right solution.

Dick Dowin, Milford

Fuel Fired Appliance Safety

The winter months are the deadliest time of year for home fires, due to the increased use of alternative heating sources as the temperatures drop.

The National Fire Protection Association and the Orange Fire Marshal's Office suggest these safety tips.

Chimneys and wood stove flues should be cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist. Check chimneys for cracks in the mortar or deterioration of the piping. Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Close glass doors when the fire is out. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open to

keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area. Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door. Install a stovepipe thermometer to help monitor flue temperatures. Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

Never use flammable liquids to start a fire. Weigh down kindling and paper to prevent it from flying out of the chimney or fireplace. Do not break apart synthetic logs or use more than one at a time. Only seasoned hardwood should be used. In pellet stoves, burn dry, seasoned wood pellets. Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.

Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or

debris in your fireplace or wood stove. When building a fire, place logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate. Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house. Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least 10 feet away from your home and any other nearby buildings. Never empty the ash directly into a trash can. Douse and saturate the ashes with water.

Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home. Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester. Remove branches hanging above the

chimney, flues or vents.

Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of your home. A smoke alarm should be in each sleeping area. Test them monthly and change the batteries at the beginning and the end of Daylight Saving. Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment. Extend all vent pipes at least three feet above the roof. Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

For any questions regarding fire safety, contact the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at 203-891-4711, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or visit the website at orangefiremarshal.com.

Arts & Entertainment

If you kill the arts, you kill love, you kill progress. – Bernard Urie

by Patricia Miller

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (40 S. Railroad Ave., Milford) will hold its Ninth Annual Youth Concert on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. at Milford Art Center's Eastbound Theatre. Students from Orange, Woodbridge, Shelton and New Haven, including Talya Braverman, Jason Chen, Tymothee Harrell, Maddie Paterna, Lily Querker, Halle Syrop, Marty Gnidula and Brynn Weirsmann will perform. Accompanying them will be pianist James Teti. Music will include show tunes, classical music and jazz. There will be a raffle and light refreshments. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling Rae McClellan at 203-298-0766. Checks should be made out to OACC and sent to OACC, P.O. Box 1037, Orange, CT. Tickets will also be available at the door.

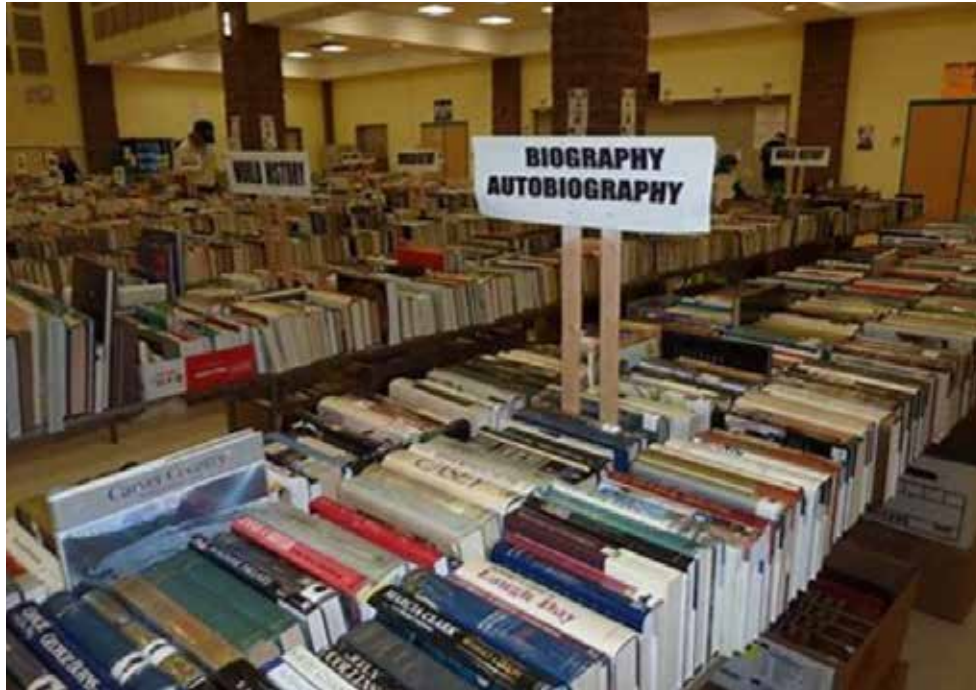
THE ART IN THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) is sponsoring a show called "Getting Close: Photography Exploration by Veterans" in November at the Case Memorial Library. This show features the work of Connecticut veterans and is presented in collaboration with Orange's New Haven Vet Center and the Josephine Herrick Project, a 75-year-old program dedicated to provide free photography groups led by volunteer professional photographers. Its mission is to provide inclusive hands-on experiences for veterans. The artists' reception will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Veterans from West Haven, Cheshire, Hamden, Westbrook, Milford and East Haven will be showing their work.

Also on display will be crocheted dolls done in the Korean style of anigarami. Artist Cheyon Lee is committed to contributing to the welfare of the community and will contribute all proceeds from sales of her dolls to the Orange school system, designated to provide benefit to students with special needs. She has performed this service for the past few years.

THE FRIENDS OF THE CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (176 Tyler City Rd., Orange) is sponsoring the Friends Fall Great Book Sale with expanded sales days and hours this year. The Friends Preview Sale is on Thursday, Nov. 1 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This is for members only, but if you are not a member you can join that evening and be privy to books on sale before the general public is. On Friday, Nov. 2, the hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday, Nov. 3, the hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. With this expanded schedule, patrons can shop in the afternoon, in the evening or all day on Saturday.

The best of the holiday books have been selected and displayed in one area for easy shopping. There are books on holiday baking and decorating. Perhaps you are looking for children's holiday stories or adult holiday novels and holiday CDs. There are small stocking stuffer books, books for collectors, coffee table books, biographies, cookbooks and vintage books. The books are all in good shape and might be a welcome addition on a gift-giving list.

The book sales are the major fundraising events for the Friends. The proceeds enable them to offer new activities and events for the community. Stop by the Circulation Desk and check out the number of passes and reduced admissions being offered to museums, zoos and historic homes. As Albert Einstein supposedly said, the only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library.



The Friends of the Case Memorial Library is sponsoring its fall book sale Nov. 2 and 3. Photo by Phyliss Gwatkin.

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) provides a free bus to New Haven Symphony Orchestra Concerts. The next classic series concert is on Thursday, Nov. 8. The bus will leave High Plains Community Center promptly at 6:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. concert, featuring *Carmina Burana* by Orff. To reserve a seat on the bus, call Pat at 203-397-8915. There will be a free-will offering on the bus.

NEW HAVEN SYMPHONY ORCESTRA (500 College St., New Haven) presents Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Woolsey Hall. The concert will also include Tchaikovsky's *Panorama and Waltz from Sleeping Beauty* and Weber's *Overture of Oberon (The Elf King)*. For this performance, *Carmina Burana* will bring together more than 300 voices lining the balconies of Woolsey Hall. *Carmina Burana* is best known for its powerhouse opening and closing, "O, Fortuna." This evening of mystery and enchantment will open with Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty Waltz" and Weber's "Oberon's Overture." Participating in this not-to-be-missed concert are conductor William Boughton the Chorus of Westerly, the Fairfield County Chorale, the New Haven Chorale, soprano Lisa Williamson, tenor Tim Fallon and baritone Zachary Johnson. For tickets go to newhavensymphony.org or call 203-787-4282.

Inspired by the drinking songs in *Carmina Burana*, the New Haven Symphony Orchestra and Taste of New Haven invites the public to attend a CarBARana preconcert pub crawl. This evening of excess begins with a wine tasting at The Wine Thief and then proceeds to two New Haven restaurants before landing in Woolsey hall for the concert. Taste of New Haven has offered to donate its overhead costs to support NHSO's artistic and educational programs. The \$55 price includes the tour and a silver level concert ticket (right of center, first floor, an \$89 value). The tour begins at 5:30 p.m. at The Wine Thief at 51 Crown St. in New Haven.

THE ORANGE PLAYERS (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) announced the success of its Third Annual One-Act Play Festival. The program consisted of 10 previously unpublished short plays. Some were comedies, some dramas. Most were edgier than typical community theatre. All were well-received by enthusiastic audiences.

There were only a few seats left in the High Plains Community Center Auditorium for the two-night performance. It was a truly creative collaboration between the authors, the directors, the actors and the production staff. There were 10 authors, 10 directors and 20 actors involved in the process, plus a production team of 12. Community members helped out, too. Mark Fagan of The Uncommon Peacock, PEZ Candy, Inc., Trader Joe's, Orange Public Schools Superintendent Vince Scarpetti and Sue and Skip Clark helped. The Orange Players is reputedly the second oldest continually performing community theatre group in Connecticut.

ORANGE ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL (525 Orange Center Rd., Orange) reminds everyone that it is hosting two photography contests: "Picture This" for students in fourth through twelfth grade and "Fill the Frame" for adults. Photos submitted in both contests should represent people, places, objects or any subject of interest to the photographer.

For the children's contest, the photos may be in color or in black and white and unframed, 8 inches by 10 inches in size. Each entry should include a short description of the image, name, address, phone number, school and grade. Prizes will be awarded in three groups. Checks are to be made payable to OACC. Entries must be submitted by Nov. 30. Send checks to OACC, P.O. Box 1037, Orange, CT 06477. All submitted photos become the property of OACC.

The adults' contest is open to all amateur photographers over 18. Three entries may be submitted. The entries may be matted, and must be framed, wired and ready to hang. Frames can be no smaller than 11 inches by 14 inches nor larger than 16 inches by 20 inches. Photos must be original and taken by the photographer submitting them. The photographer's name, image title, category and phone number must be on the back of the frame. There is a \$10 entry fee for each image. Checks should be made payable to OACC. Photos will be judged by the Connecticut Professional Photographers' Association, with prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

Photos will be displayed at Town Hall. The public may vote at Town Hall between Dec. 3 and 11 for a People's Choice award. On Dec. 12 there will be a reception and award ceremony at Town Hall. For more information, call Lexi Crocco at 203-641-4527.

CENTER STAGE (54 Grove St., Shelton) begins the run of their holiday tradition, *A Christmas Carol*, on Nov. 30, running until the Dec. 16. The soaring music of Disney musical genius Alan Menken and the beloved Charles Dickens story infuse the holiday blockbuster with the spirit of Christmas. There will be Friday and Saturday performances on Nov. 30, Dec. 2, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. There will also be Saturday matinees on Dec. 2, 9 and 15 and Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

Another forthcoming plays is *Anything Goes* in February, March and early April. For information or tickets, contact info@centerstageshelton.org or call 204225-6173.

AMITY CREATVE THEATER (25 Newton Rd., Woodbridge) has announced that its winter show will be *The Curious Episode of the Dog at Night-Time*. The award-winning play by Simon Stephens is based on the mystery novel written by British author Mark Haddon. The title quotes fictional detective Sherlock Holmes in the Arthur Conan Doyle short story, *The Adventure of Silver Blaze*. The book and the play deal with the first-person perspective of Christopher John Francis, a 15-year-old boy who describes himself as "a mathematician with some behavioral difficulties." The story concerns a mystery surrounding the death of a neighbor's dog that is investigated by Francis. Haddon has said of the book, "If anything, it's a book about differences, about being an outsider, about seeing the world in a surprising and revealing way." The relationships between Christopher, his parents and his school mentor are also explored. The play ran on Broadway from 2014 to 2016. The play won various awards including Drama Desk, Drama League, Outer Circle and the 2015 Tony Award. Ticket information and performance dates are forthcoming.

Ryan Kennedy, an Amity sophomore and son of Amity directors Rob and Andrea Kennedy, will play the role of Francis. He recently played a leading role in *Carrie, the Musical* at the Broadway Method Academy in Trumbull, with co-directors Connor Deane (a former Orange resident and Amity graduate) and Scott Handly. Also appearing in the production of *Carrie, the Musical*, was Ryan's mother, Andrea Drobish Kennedy, who returned to the stage after a 14-year hiatus.

NELSON HALL THEATER (150 Cook Hill Rd., Cheshire) features a number of attractions in November. The Jersey Tenors appear on Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.. They are the newest rock/opera mashup sensation that playing songs performed by Queen, ABBA, Journey, Elton John and Josh Groban. They also bring the best of Franki Valli and The Four Seasons.

Another performer coming up on Sunday, Nov. 11th at 2 p.m. is Charlie Zahm, with the All-American's Veteran's Day Tribute. He is one of the most successful performers on the Celtic festival circuit. His rich baritone voice and guitar create in an eclectic show of American music from colonial times to modern day patriotic and country music. Tickets for both of these shows can be obtained by calling 203-699-5495 or by going to nelsonhalleimpark.org.

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

Republic of China (ROC) government. Chen's star shown so brightly that universities in America named their new dormitories after him. He was one of the few people who remained in 1960. Very shortly, everything changed for Chen. stating that China and Taiwan were one and the same. The ROC saw things differently. Members of the ROC government were expelled. The One China Policy, a diplomatic solution of acknowledging the PRC's claim and Eye Care cont. on page 18960. Very shortly, everything changed for Chen. They only one of the few people who remained in the Case Memorial Library in Orange, the town he has long called home. people about. Entitled eventually adopted the One China Policy, a diplomatic solution of acknowledging the PRC's claim and fully cutting off all diplomatic relations with the PRC. In many cases, such as the United States, acceptance of the policy was not an inherent **Home Sales Rise** by Joseph Cole editor@theorangetimes.com House sale values in Orange are outpacing neighboring communities according

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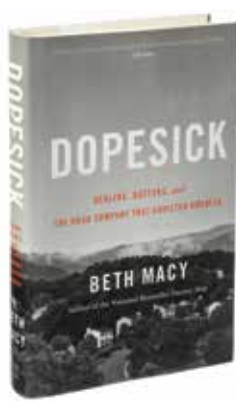
72,000 Dead And Still (Oxy) Contin'

Beth Macy, *Dopesick*, Little, Brown, 2018

Seventy-two thousand is the number of Americans who suffered an opioid-related death in 2017. Twenty years ago it was one fourth that number. This number only begins to suggest the magnitude of the epidemic. Non-fatal overdoses are even higher, the birth of drug-addicted babies and the removal of children from the homes of addicted parents destroys families and the recycling of used needles has caused a spike in both HIV and hepatitis C cases. We have been here before.



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belief in nostrums such as “Just say no” or to regard the addicted as simply lacking moral fiber.

There are a few heroes in this story and no shortage of villains, but among the latter group Purdue Pharma comes in for particularly close examination. This company introduced OxyContin in the late 1990s with an aggressive marketing strategy and fraudulent claims that the probability of addiction was less than 1 percent. It has since been established that the true addiction rate is closer to 56 percent. This FDA-approved drug created an addiction problem that ultimately could be satisfied by heroin. By

2014, when heroin preparations came laced with fentanyl, death tolls mounted.

Purdue met its match in the form of John Brownlee, US attorney for Virginia, who in 2006 obtained a guilty verdict. The company paid an unprecedented fine of \$600 million and was required to scale back its aggressive marketing strategy. Among the heroes are some overworked doctors, nuns and family members who lobbied hard for changes both in prescription rules and in availability of treatment.

Here is where things get messy. Tightening up on OxyContin prescriptions seems to have accelerated the move toward heroin. Treatment of addiction remains mired in controversy. Faith-based 12-step programs

refuse to admit anyone using a blocking drug such as methadone or naloxone, while most research shows that treating addiction without such compounds is much more likely to fail.

The story is complicated enough that two last words are necessary. The optimistic: Portugal has decriminalized all opiates and reports a rate of addiction lower than all other EU members. Worth investigating?

The pessimistic: one of the heroin dealers interviewed for this book pronounced: “I don’t think it’s going away: The money is insane, and the customers are always there.”

Peter Hechtman is the founder and owner of The Book Maven. Peter can be reached at thebookmaven@sympatico.ca.

Beth Macy’s important book is a report from the front lines. It is told as a local/regional story, but the region, the Appalachians, is the epicenter of the storm. Both causes and effects are magnified here. The closure of coal mines and factories starting in the 1990s has robbed the poorest of both income and self-respect. Payment for medications needed for the withdrawal process or for treatment centers do not exist particularly in the red states that have refused the Medicaid expansion provisions of Obamacare.

This is a multifaceted story and one that the author tells through personal anecdotes. As the reader gets to know the stories of the addicted it becomes impossible to retain

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On Your Mind:

Hypnosis For Child Birth

As I watch a TV show that portrays a woman giving birth as a screaming woman in labor, I feel compelled to share my latest passion in the world of hypnosis. Without becoming too technical, I will share with you the idea and process behind using hypnosis for preparing for childbirth.

Giving birth is a natural process that all creatures on earth have in common. If you have ever witnessed your pet give birth, you may recall the absence of indications that it is a torturous experience. Animals just prepare by creating a comfortable place to give birth, get into a comfortable position and wait for their body to do the rest. Although you may have heard an animal in pain make painful sounds, you never hear it during the birth process.



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I will describe a few of the many reasons to use hypnosis for birth. There have been many books written and classes taught on the subject. There are even free classes available on YouTube. Although the specifics may vary, the principles are the same.

Planning to use hypnosis to give birth

Humans are the only animals that get into a really uncomfortable position if the doctor or hospital is in charge. They enter the process with a fear that has been programmed into their mind with every Hollywood movie birth they have ever seen. Fear is the cause of most of the pain of child birth. Although giving birth can be uncomfortable, the more fear a woman has the more pain she feels. That's how hypnosis makes

begins months before the birth and should include both partners involved with the birth. Because the uterus is made up of a series of muscle fibers that automatically contract to expel the baby from the body, if a woman feels fear she will tighten those muscles, restricting blood flow and causing pain. If the mother learns and practices relaxation and self-hypnosis techniques, as well as learning about the process of birth as a natural process, the fear is removed and the body can do what it was designed to do.

According to the Mongan method of hypnobirthing, the six main components are education, relaxation, deepening, visualizations, breathing and affirmations.

These components are taught many weeks before the birth so the mother can learn how to breathe during different aspects of the process of labor and delivery. The mother, with the support of her partner, also practices

relaxation and positive affirmations about the birth process. As she practices self-hypnosis, the partner learns how to coach her to relax using gentle massage techniques and signals for relaxation.

It is truly a joint effort that puts the power of choice with the parents, often requiring minimal intervention from the medical community. The process of learning hypnosis during the last trimester enhances the bond between the parents and the unborn baby. When the mother is calm the baby is calm. When the mother is confident and prepared with relaxation skills, she often experiences a shorter labor and more comfortable birth process. I am currently coaching my first mom in hypnosis to help her enjoy her birth experience.

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Getting To Know You:

Doctors Are Bad News

I don't know about the rest of y'all, but about every six months due to various insurance policies and the "expressed" wishes of my wife I get to have a couple of conversations I never look forward to. I get to go talk to various medical personnel.

My doctors and dentists are nice people and good at their jobs. I'm sure if I didn't limit my conversations to a couple of times a year I'd enjoy their company. However, thanks to my aversion to all things medical I can't honestly say I enjoy my talks with them.

My paternal grandfather was a mechanic and a beef cattle farmer in the Ozark region of Missouri. I spent a lot of time around my grandfather. His approach to life's attendant illnesses, aches and pains was to ignore them. And it wasn't just the little stuff. At the age of 75 he was prescribed blood pressure medication. If ever he took it, no one ever saw him. When he died in 2001 the prescription bottle read "April 1993: Two refills."

Grandpa's approach was simple: if he could get out of bed, he got up at dawn and went



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company.

I never hear any good news.

For example: I'm fat. I know that and all I ever needed to know it was a scale and a mirror. Every morning they remind me that I'm fat. It doesn't cost me a copay to find that out. Yet every time I see my doctors, they dutifully remind me that I'm fat. (My doctors are really nice and tell me that I'm "overweight," but after hearing that a few dozen times I figured out that is just a nice way to say, "You're fat.")

My internist reminds me that I've still got two beaten-up knees, a bum right shoulder and that I'm still prone to sinus infections. He still frets over the same numbers produced by the same tests every six months. My sleep

about his business. The only time I'm aware of him not being there to answer the sunrise was the few days he spent in the hospital due to the pneumonia that killed him.

I'm not as tough as grandpa. When badgered enough by my better half I'll go to doctors and if I'm prescribed medication I'll take it. But I did inherit grandpa's aversion to doctors. It's probably because every time I go to a doctor

doctor reminds me that I still don't breathe well through my nose. My eye doctor reminds me that I'm still nearsighted. My dentist reminds me that I still grind my teeth and that the only filling I ever had back there in one of my molars seems to fall out every 20 years and the next time it falls out I win a root canal. Once in a while, just for spice, they send me to some smiling stranger who gleefully stuffs a device in one of my orifices to have a look around.

That's a lot of bad news for a guy to hear in a short amount of time, and it's the same bad news every time. None of them ever tells me I'm bald too, but either they think that's not their department or, based on the other things they remind me of, they think I haven't noticed I'm bald and they're too nice to let the cat out of the bag.

I understand their job is to remind me of these things. I could fix a few of these problems myself. That doesn't mean I have to like hearing it all over again. Is it too much to ask that one of them give me a glowing review on some aspect of my physical self from time to time? How about just once telling me something like, "Dave, you've got the elbows of a 22-year-old. Those are some

of the finest elbows I've ever seen."

What about my finger nails? Come to think of it, a couple of those are kind of crooked as well, so never mind.

The point is I already know the bad stuff. How about a little encouragement? Yeah, life is happening to me and is wearing me down a bit. Yeah, while some people treat their body like a temple, I'm guilty of treating mine like a shed. Yeah, I'm bald and there is no pill for that right now. (Dunno if I'd actually take it. There are benefits to the bald thing. For example, I'm never accused of stealing shampoo.) But I always answer the sunrise like my grandpa and I go about my business for the day. Maybe an "attaboy" from the people who patch me up and keep me in the game would make me more willing to hang out with them. Your mileage may vary. I'm just sayin'.

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Real Talk: You Ask, A Pro Answers

Love Me, Love My Client

It is so important to have an experienced realtor to represent you. The old saying, "Never use friends or family to be your agent, this is business," is so true. While seasoned agents work a 90-hour week in order to complete every little task, a part timer or rookie does not realize the need for so much time and commitment.

It's a privilege to work with a client buying or selling a property – the largest purchase you will ever make. Doesn't it seem appropriate to get the best people for the job? The years of selling homes adds up. Each deal is so different because the clients and the properties are all



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no matter what.

There are times when a client is angry. After all, this is big money. But the agent's job is to help the client understand that this is perhaps typical as each issue arises. A good

one of a kind.

What the real estate agent in the trenches knows is that communication is mostly agent-to-agent. You know that old game, "Telephone," where information that changes hands also changes a bit. That is not acceptable in this business. Agents represent their clients 100 percent, sharing precise facts, keeping a paper trail and reacting in the most caring,

agent never shares negative information to the other agent representing their client. A friendly transaction is a good one. The community of realtors locally is a great bunch. We all know each other and respect the way we interact.

When a listing goes on the market, I look to see who has the listing. Is this listing agent experienced enough to have priced the home properly? I may be representing a buyer at that point looking at this property, and my job is to get the fairest and best price for my client.

Another example is presenting a purchase and sales agreement. I want all my information in a row: the preapproval, the documents necessary and the specific situation of the family I am representing.

When complete information is shared with the listing agent his or her comfort level with me will help my client get the deal. If I present efficiently the affect will carry on to her presentation with her sellers.

It is so important to protect your client. There are many legal steps involved in a listing or selling transaction, and some of the stress related to these steps can be eliminated with the right representation. Once you hire an agent you should have complete confidence in their ability to be competent in all aspects of the deal. Communication skills are at the top of the list.

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

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Wine Talk:

The Wine Of Romeo And Juliet

Adjacent to the Italian city of Verona is a demarcated wine region referred to as Valpolicella.

It is a production area in northeastern Italy where a wine is produced called Amarone della Valpolicella. It is a small area near Lake Garda. Amarone is made using a grape drying process. This process is referred to as appassimento. The grapes shrivel and the sugar is concentrated within the grapes. Many late-harvest wines and ice wines are made using the same principal.

In this area, this wine is called Recioto. They freeze, leave the grapes on the vines or in Recioto they go through appassimento, where



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the grapes dry, sugar is concentrated and the the fermentation process is stopped, leaving a sweet, desert wine.

Amarone wine goes through the same process, but the fermentation is not stopped, making it a wonderful big, dry wine. Legend has it that Amarone came from a winemaker who was supposed to make Recioto but became distracted and let the wine ferment fully. He then tried the wine and it was fantastic.

The wines of this region are unique because there is no area of reserve grapes. The wine making techniques are different. The wines include Valpolicella, which are fresh and fruity

everyday drinking wines. There is also Ripasso, which is a full-bodied wine. Valpolicella Superiore is a big, delicious red. Then there is Amarone, which is one of the three top wines made in Italy next to Barolo and Brunello di Montalcino. The last wine made in the region is Recioto, that rare desert wine made in the ancient method described earlier.

All these wines are made from the same grapes. The grapes in all these wines are Corvina Veronese and Rondinella. They are all grown the Valpolicella region. Differing wine making techniques are used to make the different wines.

Amarone is high in alcohol and has highly concentrated fruit flavors. It is rich and elegant. The flavors include raisin, chocolate, blackberry, plum, cherry and

vanilla, because it matures in oak. If you like big, bold, fruity, dry reds, Amarone is king. It pairs well with braised meat dishes, pasta, steaks and chops. It is expensive, but it is worth it. If you are having a special dinner try some Amarone. Just use care and caution; you may get hooked.

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

Travel Matters

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Waking up on the first day of a vacation is such a great feeling. It's a wonderful moment to sit back and embrace the beauty outside your window. Now that the weather is turning colder, our thoughts may turn to warmer climes. The Caribbean is not only the perfect vacation spot to relax, but it also offers amazing views. Whether you are on land – at a fabulous resort in the Caribbean – or sailing from island to island on a cruise ship, the views and peace of mind can be amazing.

Here are some of our favorite hotels with the best views in the Caribbean.

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Ladera Resort. Each room has an "open wall," creating an open space to take in the extraordinary view of the amazing Pitons: two volcanic spires covered in brilliant green rising from the Caribbean Sea. If this doesn't already sound like the most perfect thing to wake up to, each room also has a private pool where you can begin your day with some relaxation while drinking some tea and breathing in the fresh Caribbean air.

Embrace all the natural splendor that Jamaica has to offer from your overwater bungalow at Sandals Royal Caribbean. With glass floors and a balcony over the water, you can connect with the Caribbean Sea and all the marine life

in it, all while experiencing true luxury. Wake up, dive into the Caribbean and redefine what vacation means to you by visiting Sandals Royal Caribbean in Montego Bay, Jamaica. It's a lot closer than the overwater bungalows in the South Pacific.

Perched on top of a cliff overlooking Maho Bay, Sonesta Ocean Point Resort offers extraordinary views, and you don't have to worry about asking for a room with a view because every room already has an ocean view. This all-inclusive, adults-only resort is the perfect getaway for couples. After Hurricane Irma in 2017, the resort closed for complete renovations, but starting Dec. 15, Sonesta Ocean Point will officially reopen. Reserve your spot while you can.

How about a New Year's Eve cruise out

of New York City or from Ft. Lauderdale or Miami? This gives you an ever-changing view from your balcony, depending on which port your ship pulls into – and all without unpacking your suitcase. A new location presents itself every day or every other day of your cruise. The Norwegian Escape offers a New Year's Eve cruise out of New York City that travels to Florida and the Bahamas. Celebrity, Royal Caribbean and others offer a few ships leaving out of Florida for holiday and New Year's Eve cruises to the Caribbean. To add to the fun, most cruise lines offer special entertainment during the holidays. Even better, nobody needs to drive. Leave it up to the captain of the ship.

Karen Quinn-Panzer is the owner of Dream Vacations Quinn Panzer Travel. She can be reached at kpanzer@dreamvacations.com

Here's To Your Health:

An Active Life Is A Long Life

In this past year, I have lost my niece, a special man to our family and two childhood friends. Life has a way of making us appreciate every breath sometimes, yet at the same time has us going through the motions, plugging along without a thought toward tomorrow.

I have two clients who I consider champions. Recently in my gym, JoAnn, 95, met Mary, who is 100. I cannot tell you what a privilege and honor it is to have these two remarkable, brave and strong women as clients. I glean from them, not the other way around.

Everyone wants to know their "secret." I can tell you their secret is no secret at all. It's an attitude, a determination and a



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commitment to live in the now so that they may enjoy their future.

If you ask JoAnn what keeps her going, her response is always "I love my life." And believe me, she does. Not that she's afraid of death; instead she lives intentionally and joyfully every day.

There is a common bond between these two beautiful women in that they lived very active lives all their lives. Fitness isn't something you attempt to acquire after you've spent your life devoted only to your career and then upon retirement strive to gain something you should have had all the while.

When we were children we ran, climbed trees, rode our bikes everywhere and walked to school. That in a nutshell is part of the

reason our children struggle to be fit today. They didn't start out their lives like that, so it will be harder for them to live a lifestyle they are not accustomed to from a young age.

You don't necessarily have to be a member of a gym to be fit and healthy. Lean muscle mass is very important. However, your skeletal muscle is crucial to staying healthy and thriving when it comes to longevity. Sarcopenia is the loss of muscle mass. As we age, we begin to lose muscle mass, which can decrease your life expectancy. But there are steps you can take to prevent and even reverse the condition. Think of sarcopenia related to muscle as osteoporosis is related to bone. You've probably heard it said: "Use or lose it." It's the truth.

If you're currently sedentary, get your doctor's approval and start a strength training program as soon as possible.

Resistant bands and free weights can be used at home, but make sure you're following the proper technique for each exercise in order to prevent injury. Your diet must include increased amounts of protein because protein helps build muscle and muscle eats fat.

Every single client I have ever had who began a program with me coming from a sedentary state has improved physically, mentally and emotionally. We start with baby steps, walking before we run. Once they are running they never want to retreat to the couch again. I encourage to believe in yourself and take the first step. I promise you won't be sorry. You can do this.

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

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The Garden Spot:

Forced Bulbs for Winter Color

I love to force a variety of bulbs so that I have indoor blooms all winter long. The “pop” of color really cheers me up, and with the wide variety of colors and forms flowering bulbs have, you can have something that looks great in every room.

The first question most novices ask is, “What does it mean to ‘force’ a bulb and how do I do it?” Forcing merely means making the bulb bloom early – think of it as making it bloom when you want it to. If you buy spring blooming bulbs, such as daffodils or



PAT DRAY

hyacinths, and want to force them, they need some special treatment. Pot them in a commercial potting soil, and keep them cool (about 50 degrees) and slightly moist for about 10-12 weeks. Periodically look at the hole in the bottom of the pot. When you see roots growing or top growth of about 1 inch and the bulb doesn’t easily wiggle, it’s time to move the bulbs to a warmer (around 60 degrees) spot with some indirect light for a few weeks until the stems are growing and you see the buds. Then move them to normal house conditions near a very bright

window until they bloom. The total potting-to-blooming period for small bulbs is about 14 weeks; longer for large bulbs.

If you don’t have the time or patience to follow that regimen, you can buy bulbs that are ready to go to a sunny, warm spot. One of the most common flowering bulbs that we see this time of year is the amaryllis. It comes in many different colors, so there is something for everyone to enjoy. It will typically already have root and top growth and be ready to go in a sunny, warm window. You can pot it in soil, or (as I prefer) in a tall and narrow glass cylinder vase. Put a few layers of stone, gravel or marbles in the vase, put the bulb in, and then cover it about

halfway with more of the chosen medium, making sure the roots are covered. If the cylinder is tall enough, you won’t need to stake the plant once it begins to bloom. Keep the bulb lightly watered—if you overwater it will rot, and your hard work and patience will have been for nothing. Rotate the plant about a quarter turn every day or so that its stem stays straight.

Before the holiday busyness begins, pot up some bulbs and enjoy them throughout the cold days of winter.

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

Room 911:

Know Thy Terms

Sometimes a client will use incorrect terms in describing what they want.

For example, did she really want a bow window, or did she want a bay window?

When presented with the choices, confusion often reigns. So I thought we could get a handle on some interior decorating definitions. You may know many them, but perhaps some will be new to you.

Bay Window vs. Bow

Window: The easiest way to remember the difference is the letter “A,” as in “angle,” which applies to the bay window. A bay window has three openings at projected



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angles. A good example of this can be found in a picture window, which often has one large window framed by two smaller ones. A bay window is placed between supports and usually projects out from the wall surface. A bow window is curved, with no projecting angles, and therefore presents as a curved or semicircular window structure.

Dado, Wainscot and Chair Rail:

All of these terms basically mean some sort of wood paneling or molding that stands out from the wall – usually the lower portion of the wall. I hear the term “chair rail” most commonly.

The chair rail is a popular finishing item in formal dining rooms.

Dovetail Joint, Tongue and Groove: These terms refer to a type of joinery between two pieces of wood. In a dovetail, the end of each piece of wood has a wedge-shaped projection that can interlock with another piece of wood. You will find this type of joint in the construction of furniture and cabinets (such as bureau drawers). The most obvious example would be in the construction of a log cabin.

In the tongue and groove type of joinery, you are putting similar objects together, edge to edge, so that one piece extends into the slit made on the other piece of wood. This adds strength and calls for an exact alignment. A good example of this type of

joinery is that used in flooring, paneling and parquet. The result is a single flat surface that has reinforced strength by being joined in this manner.

Now to some decorating terms. Give yourself 10 points for each term you know, and look up the ones you don’t:

What is a “what-not,” “papier-mâché,” “marquetry,” “triptych,” or “weft or woof?”

Have you heard of the term “wag-on-the-wall?” Do you know what a “clerestory” is? Or do you own an object made of “murrhine” or “kaolin,” or a “sanguine drawing?”

Know thy terms.

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Just Floored:

Tips For Bathroom Designs

When designing your bathroom, the big question is whether you choose the tile first or the vanity.

The vanity should be selected before you start the design of the bathroom.

There are thousand of tiles to choose from, with a wide range of color, size and texture, as well as materials including marble, porcelain and ceramic. The floor tile should compliment the vanity top so the space looks complimentary to all the elements.

There are many shades of white, which seems to be the main color choice. If you choose a dark vanity, it is best to select a light-colored tile for the floor.

If you choose a white or grey vanity, then a shade darker of flooring can be selected. The selection process is endless in tile, but the vanities tend to be white, grey, black or brown. The newest color to hit the scene is blue with a white vanity top.

When we start a bathroom renovation, we typically have one tile that we dream of including in our design. Sometimes it’s a special or unique accent tile, and sometimes it’s as simple as knowing that you want white subway tile. Either way, take that dream tile and use it as a starting point for the design of the bathroom.

Pick the vanity using the shade. If you find one and need to change up the color of the tile, the possibilities are endless.



ANNAMARIE MASTRANGELO

There are many beautiful tiles out there, and a bathroom is a perfect place to show off some of your personality and take a risk with a fun color or pattern. However, if you’re going to go for it, keep it to one showstopper. This will make your look timeless and create the wow factor you’re looking for, since it won’t be competing with the other elements in the room.

Your showstopper area can be big or small; it’s up to you.

Consider scale. Large-scale tiles are definitely trending in bathroom floors right now. If you choose to go that direction, you can use the same tile cut into smaller sizes in a different area of the bathroom.

If you use 12-inch by 24-inch tiles on the floor, you can use the same tile on the on the shower walls using accent pieces of 2 inches by 2 inches, or mosaics for the niche. The options are endless.

Maintenance should be a consideration. I don’t like to clean grout lines, and water leaves orange and black lines in the grout, regardless of how many times you clean it. Always check if the product you are using needs to be sealed. The grout is key in the process of not seeing stains over time. Enjoy the process and take your time.

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News & Events

Hebrew Academy Students Visit OPD



Students from Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy in Orange recently visited the Orange Police Department. Photo courtesy of Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy.

Third and fourth graders from Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy in Orange recently visited the Orange Police Department to express their appreciation to the dedicated officers. Chief of Police Robert Gagne greeted the students, explained the services the department provides to the community and gave them a chance to ask

some questions. Students then presented the officers with poems, letters and cards with a prayer for safe travels for each officer to carry with them on their duties. Officers gave the group a tour of the facility, including the 911 call center and police vehicles. Photo courtesy of Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy.

Orange Coldwell Banker Agents Honored



Agents from the Orange office of Coldwell Banker were honored at a Florida conference in early October. From left: Mike Sirochman, Tom Cavaliere, Toni Ross, Connecticut and Westchester County President Joe Valvano and Nick Mastrangelo. Photo courtesy of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced Oct. 16 that four affiliated real estate agents from the Orange office were honored at the Coldwell Banker NRT LLC Celebration of Success conference held Oct. 7 to 10 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club in Florida.

The honorees were Nick Mastrangelo, Tom Cavaliere, Mike Sirochman and Toni Ross.

Approximately 600 top-performing Coldwell Banker sales professionals from throughout the United States were invited to attend the event in recognition of their outstanding sales production in 2017.

"I am proud to congratulate all of these honorees who earned an invite to the Celebration of Success as a result of their impressive accomplishments, unmatched

professionalism and dedication to buyers and sellers," said Joe Valvano, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, New York. "They rank among the most distinguished real estate professionals in the nation."

Agents stayed at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, a Waldorf Astoria Resort that offers a spa, private beach, boating, surfing, a FlowRider Wave Simulator, golf, tennis and 11 award-winning restaurants, along with a wealth of luxury shopping and entertainment nearby. During the retreat, agents attended receptions, meals, educational sessions and a final night party as they networked with top Coldwell Banker sales professionals and were given plenty of free time to experience the resort.

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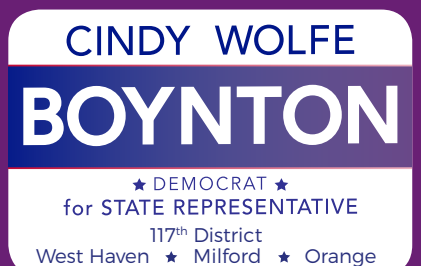


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"Helping people find good-paying jobs, reducing taxes for the middle class, and ensuring access to affordable health care are some of the top concerns I've heard as I walk door to door. I'll keep listening. And when I get to Hartford, I'll work tirelessly to provide a better quality of life for you and your family."



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VOTE DEMOCRAT TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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News & Events

OLT Leading Hike Through Wepawaug

The Orange Land Trust will be leading a guided hike at the Howard Brooks' Wepawaug Conservation area on Saturday, Nov. 10. Hikers should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking area on Mapledale Road in Orange, across from Cherry Hill Road.

This moderate to challenging hike will include information on the historical highlights of the area: a view of an old mill foundation and flume cut through solid rock, and a walk through the Wepawaug Ravine. The area's beauty is visible this time of year with the reduced foliage, and it contains a rich history of early Orange water-powered industry. The remains of a mill that, at one time, made fabric for union soldiers' uniforms during the Civil War is located here.

If you have visited the grist-mill and saw-mill at Sturbridge, Massachusetts, you can easily imagine how this area looked with several mills in operation along the river, from the early settlement days of the seventeenth century to the turn of the twentieth. The Alling Tavern, where the mill workers often ate their meals, was still standing until recently across Route 34 at Mapledale Road.

With the leaves mostly fallen, hikers will be able to see more of the landscape, including the natural rock-walled ravine.

Additionally, participants will have the chance to look over the remains of a 20-foot stone chimney and learn the folksy story of a depression-era structure known as "Jim Neal's cabin."

Wear appropriate footwear as there are some rocky areas and some ups and downs in the trail. Hiking boots/shoes or shoes/sneakers with a good tread are recommended. A good hiking stick or trekking pole(s) can be helpful.

The Orange CERT Emergency Communications Team will serve as trail assistants while they get to know the area terrain and perform a simulated search, rescue and escort exercise.

The free hike, conducted by volunteers of the OLT, is not difficult for those who are sure-footed and presents an opportunity to reconnect with the town's history and beauty. All are welcome. Only steady rain showers will cancel.

For more information, call Lawrence Messina at 203-980-4111.

Quilts Donated To Life Haven



Volunteers from Suzanne's Quilts and Treasures, Close to Home and Vertical Church donated more than 60 hand-made quilts Oct. 16 to Life Haven in New Haven. Photo courtesy of Close to Home.

Close to Home of Orange, along with Suzanne Ucci of Suzanne's Quilts and Treasures and Vertical Church of West Haven, have joined forces to keep women and their children cozy this winter in a project named "Keeping Homeless Kids Warm." The team donated over 60 hand-made quilts Oct. 16 to Life Haven Emergency Housing for Families in New Haven.

Ucci usually creates unique quilts for women who are getting married or having babies. But she started thinking about all the women who could never afford to own one, so she and Paul Gattinella, owner of Close to Home, went to work and stitched together a

network of quilters.

Close to Home, with the help of Sandy Franklin and over 100 other quilters and volunteers, donated their facility, time, fabric, batting and effort over six months.

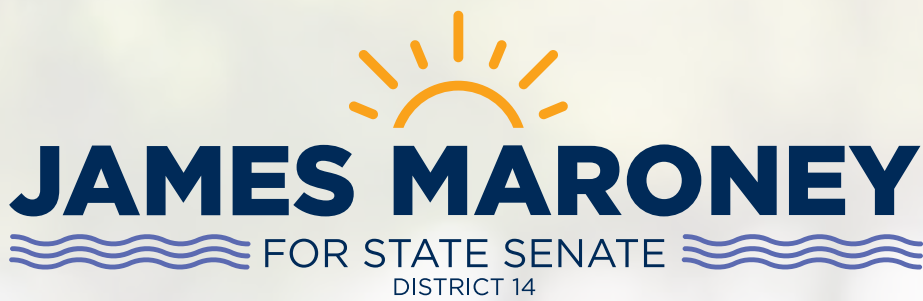
New Reach's Life Haven shelter offers emergency housing for homeless pregnant women and women with young children.

To donate to the campaign, visit gofundme.com/swucci "Keeping Homeless Kids Warm." The Go Fund Me campaign goes only to buying supplies to make the quilts. No monetary donations from this campaign goes to New Reach.

Book Sale Coming To Case Memorial Library

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library will hold a Basement Book Sale in Orange's Case Memorial Library basement on Friday, Nov. 2 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Have A Tip? Send It To Us At editor@theorangetimes.com



James is running for State Senate because he is tired of the heated rhetoric in Hartford. He will work across the aisle to balance the budget responsibly, improve our education system, and support the middle class and small businesses.

JAMES' PRIORITIES:

- ▶ Stand up to special interests to **make Connecticut more business friendly** and eliminate the "toilet paper tax."
- ▶ **Make sure our public school systems are fully funded** so every child can get a world class education.
- ▶ Work with members of both parties to **reduce the property tax burden on the middle class.**



VOTE JAMES MARONEY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

We Asked The Candidates Some Questions...

How has the US Congress been successful in meeting Connecticut's needs in recent years, and how has it failed? What will you do over the next two years to advocate for those needs?

US House of Representatives – District 3 Rosa DeLauro – D

This is a critical time for our nation and people are struggling. Healthcare, child care, and housing costs are rising, while wages are flat. Yet the politicians – who control the White House and both chambers of Congress – have refused to work with the other party and say you've never had it so good.

Instead, they cut a corrupt deal behind closed doors to give a \$1.5 trillion tax cut to the wealthiest Americans and corporations, and their leaders have announced plans to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid to pay for it. They made health insurance unaffordable and are leaving those with preexisting conditions without insurance. They are hollowing out our federal agencies that try to ensure equal pay for women, food safety and protect our environment.

That is wrong, and why I am working every day for working people and the middle class.

In 2016 and 2017, my office worked on 2,941 cases where people struggled with issues like their Social Security or veterans benefits. In doing so, we helped constituents obtain \$1.9 million in one-time payments – like retroactive Social Security benefits and tax refunds – and \$750,000 in recurring benefits like monthly workers compensation and veterans benefits.

I also fought successfully for federal programs that help people get ahead as the lead Democrat on the subcommittee that funds labor, health, and education programs.

For example, the opioid epidemic killed 1,038 people in Connecticut last year alone. So I fought to secure nearly \$1.9 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and \$1.5 billion for State Opioid Grants to support treatment, prevention, emergency response and law enforcement.

I am working to help families suffering from this and from diseases like cancer or Alzheimer's. I helped secure a historic \$5 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health and their groundbreaking research.

It is not just health. I also got significantly more investments in our children by securing billions in new funding for Head Start, Early Head Start, the Title I program for disadvantaged students, afterschool programs, and Pell grants. And I won a historic \$2.4 billion increase in the Child Care Development Block Grant, which will expand access to child care for low-income families and children with special needs.

In addition to health, education, and child care, I am proud of what we accomplished for

jobs and wages. I secured an additional \$145 million for career and technical education programs, and \$65 million more for registered apprenticeships.

At the same time, I secured critical funding for defense programs at home that support tens of thousands of good-paying jobs at Sikorsky, Pratt and Whitney, and small businesses in the defense supply chain. Among the highlights are a \$156 million increase for 8 more Black Hawks, \$1 billion for 8 CH-53K heavy-lift helicopters, \$660 million for 10 Combat rescue helicopters, and \$2.3 billion for 15 KC-46 tanker aircrafts. These investments reinforce family-sustaining jobs that promote our national defense.

I believe we must do better for those who built our country and sacrificed so much: our seniors. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Meals on Wheels provide them heat and nutritious meals. Even more, they provide dignity. We provided \$300 million more for LIHEAP and \$69 million more for senior nutrition programs.

But we can do so much more. If my Democratic colleagues take the majority, we can rewrite the rules for working people and the middle class.

My agenda goes after the corruption and the big money, lowers the cost of prescription drugs, invests in our infrastructure and jobs, and changes our trade agreements to eliminate outsourcing and increase wages.

We have evidence of what we can build together. The new Wallingford Train Station opened this May. I was proud to fight for more than \$190 million in federal aid to build it. That is the type of investment we must be making. If Democrats win the House, I will seek to become chair of the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee to support investments like that for Connecticut's third district – long-term investments in education and infrastructure, and more immediate improvements like paid family and medical leave, paid sick days, equal pay for women and fair scheduling policies.

I am proud of what I have accomplished against great odds and gridlock. If the voters of the third district of Connecticut entrust me with another term, I know we can build on our successes and continue the fight for working families and the vulnerable.

US House of Representatives – District 3 Angel Cadena – R

US Congress, success and Connecticut are words that should not be utilized in any combination within any questions being asked of a Congressional challenger. If there were suitable successes I would not be utilizing my limited time on this planet trying to unseat a 28-year incumbent who has turned exactly zero ideas into a law. A legislator who has never legislated. A legislator who has the total support of a media that seem to be content with political bluster and rhetoric rather than actual solutions to our issues. A thousand times over – a piece of legislation has been submitted on behalf of a constituent, given a false sense of accomplishment in the media, and left useless in the Congressional trash heap of history

never to see the light of day.

While deployed in Afghanistan I shared a single idea which was quickly turned into a federal law. This law tipped the unemployment rate into positive territory and assisted in building a solid foundation for the booming economy we are experiencing today. But I don't color my hair. I don't wear abnormally shaped glasses or wear odd clothing. In short, I don't particularly stick out.

The needs of Connecticut will be the needs of the country in the coming decades. I see what needs to be fixed and exactly how to fix it. First, we need to use the full potential of our technology to make the economy as efficient as possible. Imagine an economy so efficient

that you get paid the moment you finish work, money in your pocket every day, instead of waiting weeks for the fruits of your labor to materialize. Imagine all your bills, taxes and debts being paid automatically on a daily basis: no more late fees, no more overdraft fees, freeing over a trillion dollars in revenue which will also boost the state tax rolls so that we can pay for everything that has been promised. Imagine being able to effortlessly combine home expenses with roommates and family through a phone app. A type of virtual reality socialism which uses capitalism as the foundation. You will have the choice to participate in these groups or to power through as an individual. Your wealth and debt

transformed with the push of a button.

I also envision a bridge across the Long Island Sound as an extension of I-91 and relieving the New York bottleneck, which costs us countless billions of dollars in lost productivity. I see a New Haven station on the first hyper-loop corridor between Boston and Washington, DC with equally spaced stops in New York and Philadelphia moving people and products from destination to destination in mere minutes. I see Connecticut leading America and inspiring the world well into the next century.

Or I guess you can just vote for the colored hair again.

What experience with money management do you bring to the state as comptroller, and what is your philosophy when it comes to handling state funds?

Comptroller Kurt Miller – R

Connecticut's current poor financial standing cannot be overstated. The state is drowning in debt, staring tens of billions of dollars in unfunded pensions and healthcare retirement benefits in the face, and has a bond rating that is approaching junk status. Combined with an operating budget that is billions out of balance seemingly on an annual basis, the future can appear to bleak for our great state.

Everywhere I go while campaigning across our state, I hear stories from people of all economic means and backgrounds talking about their concerns for maintaining the high quality of life we are used to in Connecticut, whether it's declining property values, the threat of tolls being put in all over the state, or the high tax burden that is crushing our families and taking away job opportunities.

In recent days and weeks, we've seen and heard about the lack of institutional controls that have enabled the runaway spending in Hartford. We've read about the \$10.6

million that walked away from the state prescription drug plan that is administered by our current state comptroller. We've seen our state comptroller mindlessly rubber-stamp hundreds of millions of dollars in spending on things like splash pads and state-sponsored supermarkets. Enough is enough. It's time to send some qualified adults to Hartford to mind the store.

Fortunately, it doesn't have to remain this way. If we send new people to Hartford with financial expertise and experience, Connecticut can once again be the envy of New England. That is why I am running for state comptroller. My experience and background in the financial services industry, as a business owner and as a chief elected official uniquely qualifies me to be the agent of change we need in the comptroller's office in Hartford.

Over the years, I was able to achieve many professional designations, including the National Association of Insurance and

Financial Advisors Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow and Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor. I also held the National Association of Securities Dealers Series 6, 63 and 65-Uniform Investment Adviser licenses and was insurance licensed in life, health, variable annuity, property and casualty. As a result of my training, I was able to advise and assist many companies in how to better fund and manage their retirement funds.

Upon election as first selectman in 2011, my team and I focused all of the knowledge and experience I had gained over the 18 years prior to improving and strengthening Seymour's finances. When I took office, Seymour had a low fund balance of just over 5 percent, growing debt ratios near 10 percent, a shaky AA- bond rating, crumbling infrastructure, a mill rate that was growing each year due to increasing expenses and shrinking tax receipts. The situation was similar to the mess our state is in, even if on a smaller scale.

After implementing a 10-year strategic plan. This cohesive plan put Seymour on a path forward to not only provide better services to its residents, but to strengthen its core financials. Over the last six years, the fund balance has grown to just under 13 percent, debt ratios have steadily decreased to 6 percent, the bond rating has increased to a near perfect AA+ and the town's mill rate has remained level for the last three years. All of these changes have come along with historic investment in the town's infrastructure as well as a drastic decrease in its outstanding long-term liability costs in health care and retirement.

We can accomplish similar things for the State of Connecticut. It will take a change in both the people and the tax-and-spend philosophy that currently exists in Hartford. There is no doubt a battle lies ahead, but there can also be no doubt that, with your help, we will save Connecticut.

Comptroller Kevin Lembo – D

The position of state comptroller demands someone with the ability and the will to compel fiscal responsibility, even if that means standing up to members of your own

party. When the governor tried to give the world's largest hedge fund a \$22 million tax giveaway, I spoke out against it. When drug companies sent prescription drug

prices through the roof, I spoke out and got a law passed to crack down on drug price gouging. And as state comptroller I have implemented cost savings that in total

save the state approximately \$200 million annually by managing the state health plan better, eliminating waste and fraud and by doing more with less.

What are your strategies for state bonding and investments, and how will you work as treasurer to ease the burdens of the state's pension obligations?

Treasurer Shawn Wooden – D

My life's work in both the private and public sectors has been protecting and maximizing the savings of working people and their retirement security.

I've been an investment attorney for 20 years and I lead my firm's public pension plan investment practice.

That experience has fully prepared me to do the same for Connecticut workers and residents impacted by the Treasurer's investments and the nearly \$60 billion in public assets under the office's purview.

As Treasurer, I will invest pension funds in ways that improve returns over the long term, not only for the benefit of workers and

retirees who depend on them, but also for the benefit of taxpayers who fund them.

I see the Treasurer's job as being much more than the state's chief stock-picker.

The office has a duty to maximize investment returns and minimize risk to the pension funds.

But I strongly believe the Treasurer's investments should reflect and execute our shared priorities to move our state forward.

That is why the focus of my service as Treasurer and on the Bond Commission will be on investing in the right priorities – creating jobs, improving our infrastructure and strengthening pay equity and our education system.

I've been committed to public service my entire adult life.

I served as Hartford's council president, where I stood up to the mayor of my own party and learned the hard lessons of balancing a budget, protecting workers and navigating some of the toughest times our capital city has seen.

As Treasurer, I will use my voice to hold the governor and the legislature accountable when it comes to funding the pension funds.

The first order of business is to have fiscal discipline on an annual basis.

I also believe it may be time to start contributing assets to the pension funds in

order to ensure they are fully funded without putting more burden on taxpayers.

Connecticut is facing enormous fiscal challenges and I have the experience, values and vision to help the governor and the legislature address them.

I am running to serve as State Treasurer because I believe I can make a difference in Connecticut's economy and the retirement security of working people.

Our state is very much in need of a new direction that will create an environment where all our residents can thrive – and I look forward to helping us move in that new direction as the next State Treasurer.

Treasurer Thad Gray - R

I'm running for State Treasurer for one reason – to help restore the financial stability of the State of Connecticut. It's been an honor to travel Connecticut and listen to voters about their concerns regarding the decades of fiscal mismanagement. Politicians in Hartford have played politics with the safety and security of taxpayers' money.

The Treasurer, as Connecticut's chief financial officer, is the "sole fiduciary" of a diverse \$42.3 billion portfolio of state funds. This is a very serious responsibility that demands sophisticated knowledge of the financial markets, training and education. I have held a similar executive level role, chief investment officer, for a decade during my 35-year career. The largest portion of the portfolio is the state pension funds that provide for the retirement security of teachers, public safety workers and state employees.

After assuming office, I will immediately take a fresh look at policies, procedures and planning with respect to the state's

investments. I will evaluate all 159 asset managers to determine which ones have achieved performance goals and which ones have lagged their benchmarks. I will also review fees charged by every investment management firm to assess whether they are fair and justified.

I believe that the investment return on Connecticut's pension assets can improve from their current levels. For decades, Connecticut's performance has ranked substantially below the median performance of other large public pension plans in the United States. Indeed, the mediocre performance compounded over decades has contributed to the large and growing unfunded liability.

Additionally, the Treasurer holds important seats on over 20 boards and commissions including the State Bond Commission. I am a firm believer that bonding must be focused on long-term capital improvement projects – schools, roads, bridges and other vital transportation infrastructure. Bonding

should not be used to pay for the state's operating expenses or projects that should be funded and prioritized at the local level.

Furthermore, we must remember that all financial transactions are interrelated. Decades of irresponsible bonding have damaged Connecticut's credit rating, which is currently the third lowest in the United States. This means money is more expensive to borrow and the higher cost is passed down to every taxpayer. I will demand responsible bonding policies regardless of which party controls the governor's mansion or the legislature. I have been vocal on this issue throughout my campaign, whereas my opponent has been virtually silent.

Connecticut's massive unfunded pension liabilities and projected budget deficit are threats to our state's long-term financial security. While the Treasurer doesn't have a vote on the budget, I can provide financial advice regarding the implementation of reforms needed to balance our budget and

strengthen our pension funds. As an example, the assumptions that are being used to project investment returns are set artificially high, especially for the Teachers' Retirement System. The Treasurer must speak up when pensioners and taxpayers are being misled with irresponsible projections and phony accounting. Without an accurate diagnosis of our pension problems, it is impossible to develop an effective solution. The Treasurer must work with the next governor and legislators to put forward solutions that will be necessary to close the large and growing gap between assets and liabilities.

Connecticut can only prosper if we maintain our commitment to pensioners and taxpayers with professional management, leadership, accountability and integrity. It's time to get serious about the challenges that face Connecticut. I understand the duties of the Office of Treasurer, I have the experience, competence and vision to serve, and I ask for your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Consumer protection is being weakened at the federal level along with other business regulations. Where do you stand on these changes, and what will you do as attorney general to protect Connecticut residents?

Attorney General William Tong – D

As Donald Trump's administration guts common sense regulations designed to protect consumers and working people, it will be up to the attorney general to stand up and fight for Connecticut families. This is what I have done for 12 years as a state legislator. My consumer protection work has ranged from taking on the big banks and predatory lenders to creating a menu of options to address the crumbling foundations issue in Eastern Connecticut to helping the Department of Consumer Protection create the country's best designed and regulated medical marijuana program to supporting the nation's first-ever Student Loan Bill of Rights.

Donald Trump's administration has put a target on the back of every Connecticut family and their bank account. As your attorney general, I will stand up to him and use every tool available to protect consumers, from the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act to consumer protection jurisdiction granted to the

states under the Dodd-Frank Act, to bringing anti-trust actions.

For example, the Trump Administration is dismantling the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which will give big banks free rein to take advantage of consumers like they did prior to the 2008 financial collapse. State attorneys general must step into the gap to hold financial institutions accountable. As your attorney general, I will work to create what is often referred to as a "Mini CFPB" at the state level and establish a financial fraud task force to step in and take action against any company that takes advantage of Connecticut families.

Similar to the stripping away of regulatory oversight at the CFPB, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education are removing all barriers to predatory lending in higher education. When DeVos tried to stop the implementation of student loan regulations meant to protect borrowers from predatory lending practices and fraud from for-profit

schools, it was 19 state attorneys general who stopped her. But this fight is not over. Attempts to take advantage of and defraud student borrowers are going unchecked by this administration and it is up to state attorneys general and state legislatures to stop them.

We are also seeing unprecedented attacks on consumers in the healthcare context. In a federal court in Texas, the Trump administration and 19 Republican attorneys general are attempting to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, a law which has cut personal bankruptcies in half. A group of Democratic attorneys general, including George Jepsen, are fighting to stop them and protect healthcare for millions of Americans. As your attorney general, I will continue to defend the ACA in this lawsuit and against any efforts to undermine legislation that ensures healthcare for hundreds of millions of Americans.

My work will also extend to continuing and broadening the office's multi-state lawsuit

against drug manufacturers for their collusion in driving up the prices of generic drugs. Healthcare costs are soaring at the same time that the Trump administration is seeking to limit access to care, and as your attorney general I will seek to do the exact opposite: reduce costs and increase access.

Finally, one of the key pieces of consumer protection objectives I will focus on as attorney general is safeguarding our personal information. With the rise of big technology, daily news of security breaches and data hacks, and our use of technology to assist in work and daily life, we must ensure that our sensitive information is safe from exploitation. Companies that use our demographic information to gain marketing advantages must be held to the highest of standards. The attorney general can not only help bring about new laws and practices in terms of data privacy, but also enforce those that already exist, such as the limit on usage of Social Security numbers.

Attorney General Sue Hatfield – R

Government regulations, be they state or federal, are the way public agencies go about implementing laws. Often, however, these regulations go much further than the law itself. In such instances, unelected state and federal bureaucrats take liberties with our liberty – left unchecked, compliance with or fear of regulations can strangle innovation, hinder job growth and make us ask whether government exists to serve us or itself.

Consumer protection regulations are not immune from this “mission creep.” Indeed, consumer “protections” are a large part of the Code of Federal Regulations. That code contained 20,000 pages in 1960. Today the same code exceeds 185,000 pages – a more than nine-fold increase!

The Trump administration deserves credit for its initiative to lessen the nation’s enormous regulatory burden. I applaud the initiative to repeal two federal regulations for every new one implemented. Robust job growth, 50-

year lows in unemployment, and record stock market gains are all major boons to consumers, who, at the end of the day, want little more than steady work and healthy, growing 401(k) account balances.

A similar regulatory reform effort is needed in Connecticut. This state’s regulatory burden has become enormous and is cited frequently by companies as one of the primary reasons why it is difficult to do business here. Reining in outmoded and unnecessary regulations has nothing to do with “weakening” them. On the contrary, trimming unnecessary regulations is much like losing that extra 50 pounds that is weighing you down and diminishing your lifestyle. Once the pounds are gone, you feel better and life gets easier. The parallels are identical.

As attorney general, I will be a staunch consumer advocate when companies are engaged in malfeasance or unfair practices. I will bring a unique skill set to the job as both a

state prosecutor with 13 years’ experience and a registered nurse with nearly a decade working in the healthcare system. I also understand well that consumers benefit from a climate of economic competitiveness.

To that end, I will promote a level playing field for business through the fair and consistent enforcement of laws and regulations. I will establish an Office of Business Ombudsman to work with companies and avoid needless confrontation. Most importantly, I will end politically motivated, frivolous, “photo-op” lawsuits that chill job creation, cost needless tax dollars, and result in long-term economic harm by making Connecticut appear hostile to business.

Consumers will benefit from a resurgence in economic growth, one that will create more and better paying jobs; give job-seekers more positive choices; and provide households with more economic clout.

I will work closely with the Connecticut

Department of Consumer Protection to crack down on bad actors. Companies that exploit rather than serve consumers will face significant penalties.

But Connecticut’s attorney general has another function that can serve consumers mightily, and that is to root out waste, fraud and other abuses that dearly cost overburdened state taxpayers. Every one of us, as taxpayers, is a consumer of state government services. I will focus like a laser on ways to make our government more responsive, less expensive, and bring more value.

I will be an open, accessible attorney general dedicated to the rule of law. Consumers can count on me to be a fierce advocate in their corner when the situation calls for it, and a champion for government efficiency in ways that will help every individual and household in the state.

The lieutenant governor is only a breath away from the top position in the state. What qualifies you to be given the responsibility of being governor should that happen, and how will you help your running mate manage the daunting task of running the state?

Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz – D

My name is Susan Bysiewicz. I’m a business lawyer who has helped over 80 small businesses create thousands of jobs. I’m a former secretary of the state and state legislator. And, as gubernatorial candidate Ned Lamont’s running mate, I’m asking for your vote to serve as Connecticut’s next lieutenant governor on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Here’s my story: I grew up on a potato farm in Middletown, Connecticut – the daughter of a World War II veteran and a teacher – and attended Middletown public schools.

Whether it was at home or in school, I was taught from an early age to always fight for what’s right and to stand up for working families.

That’s what I did as a state representative, leading the charge on legislation to ban “drive-through” mastectomies, and ensuring that women being treated for breast cancer were given proper care.

It’s also what I did as secretary of the state, helping thousands of businesses grow, cutting bureaucratic red tape, honoring veterans, and registering thousands of voters.

And it’s what I’ve done as a business lawyer and job creator, helping over 50 companies access millions of dollars in capital, expand their businesses and create hundreds of jobs in our state.

As the mother of three kids who grew up in Middletown, attending public schools there,

too – and with all three of them recently graduating from college – I decided to run for lieutenant governor.

I love Connecticut. It’s my home, and like so many Nutmeg State residents, I want to make sure that our state is reaching its full potential.

But, unfortunately, right now that’s not happening.

Today, Connecticut has the slowest post-recession job growth of any state in New England, and more than two-thirds of our roads are in poor or mediocre condition.

We can do better.

That’s why I’m running for lieutenant governor: Because Connecticut is at a crossroads, and the next lieutenant governor

will help determine whether our kids and grandkids will be able to get good-paying jobs and raise their families here, too.

As governor and lieutenant governor, Ned Lamont and I will lead the charge to help create good paying jobs so families can thrive and our children will stay here.

We will also fight to ensure equal pay for equal work, safeguard access to affordable health care and a woman’s right to choose, improve our state’s infrastructure, protect our students from senseless gun violence and strengthen the school-to-work pipeline.

I can’t wait to get Connecticut working again for your kids, my kids, and for generations to come.

Lieutenant Governor Joe Markley - R

Two hours before dawn on Aug. 22, 1991, a tie vote in the state Senate was broken by Lowell Weicker’s lieutenant governor, who by her action guaranteed that a state income tax would be imposed on the people of Connecticut. The spending spree enabled by that infamous vote was the chief cause of our subsequent economic decline. Since the tax took effect, we rank dead last in economic growth among the fifty states.

Fast forward to Aug. 1, 2017: Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman casts the deciding vote to break an 18-18 deadlock and approve Gov. Dan Malloy’s SEBAC union deal, locking in pay raises, benefits, and no-layoff provisions until 2027, and threatening Connecticut taxpayers with escalating costs and ongoing budget crises for at least another decade.

It matters who breaks ties in the Connecticut Senate. With that chamber split 18-18 between Democrats and Republicans, tie votes have occurred nearly 40 times in two years.

I’m running for lieutenant governor to be

taxpayers’ last line of defense.

I stand for limited government, individual freedom, and the rights of law-abiding citizens. As lieutenant governor, and in the role of president of the state Senate, I will work to block tax increases and excessive spending, lessen regulations and mandates, and turn back attacks on our personal liberties.

As spelled out in Connecticut’s constitution, the lieutenant governor stands in for the governor if he or she is absent from the state or temporarily unable to serve. In the unfortunate event that a governor dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the lieutenant governor becomes governor. During legislative sessions, the lieutenant governor moderates the debate in the Senate, puts questions to a vote, rules on parliamentary questions, and refers bills to committees.

Aside from specified constitutional duties, the governor often relies on the lieutenant governor for policy advice, and typically asks the lieutenant to chair or serve on various state

boards, commissions and task forces.

To that end, I will seek to serve as an economic competitiveness and business advocate to the governor. I see the lieutenant governor’s office functioning as a clearinghouse for thoughtful ideas on how state agencies can work to improve the statutory and regulatory climate for business and entrepreneurs, while placing a high value on service to taxpayers. To borrow an acronym from the private sector, we need to make the state “ETDBW” – Easy To Do Business With.

Most importantly, we must show that Connecticut is no longer hostile to those willing to invest capital, create jobs, and live here in retirement.

The new state administration elected this November must signal, in word and deed, that Connecticut has left the wreckage of the Malloy years behind. Every effort must be focused on demonstrating respect for taxpayers – individual and business alike. State officials must shed any semblance of arrogance and

admit the critical need to put in place policies that will attract and retain business and wealth, and stop the outmigration of families, retirees, and young talent.

The lieutenant governor has a vital role to play in the restoration of Connecticut’s proud reputation as a place of choice. Our state is worth the fight. I invite you to look carefully at the records of those seeking this office, as there are important differences in experience and outlook. Decide who you can trust – implicitly – to serve as a firewall between you and the tax-and-spend crowd at the State Capitol.

If you believe in smaller government, lower taxes, and greater personal liberty, I am your candidate, and I would be honored by your support,

I invite you to visit my website at MarkleyforLG.com for more information, and to reach out with any questions you may have about my candidacy or my stands on the issues.

The future governor faces a slew of challenges in the coming years – none more pressing than the state’s budgetary situation. What specifically will you do to put Connecticut on a sounder fiscal footing while helping cities and towns to thrive?

Governor Ned Lamont – D

Editor’s Note: Despite numerous attempts to reach out to Ned Lamont’s campaign, no response was provided by press time.

Governor Bob Stefanowski – R

Budget crisis: As governor, I will first and foremost ensure we are being responsible with taxpayer money. We are in a budget crisis. We shouldn’t be spending money on racquetball courts, 8-million-dollar grocery stores, or buying land from Democratic donors for 10 times the appraised value. Through cutting waste, fraud, and abuse I am confident that I can conservatively cut at least 5 percent in cost from state government. That would be \$1 billion right off the bat.

Second, we aren’t currently collecting all of the sales tax that is due us. If we fully implement our sales tax collections, we can recover at least \$230 million in revenue that is currently going uncollected.

I’ve had a successful career finding savings where others thought we couldn’t. At UBS, I instituted a policy of zero-based budgeting, which saved billions of dollars in the first year alone.

We also need to negotiate in good faith with the unions on pensions. We have had a governor who refuses to level with the unions, and Ned Lamont has already shown he’d rather cozy up to the unions than find a meaningful solution to this problem. We have more than \$53 billion in pension and retiree health obligations. It’s not the fault of those folks who have worked their whole lives expecting the government to keep its part of the bargain. The government just refused to pay its part. We need to get everyone to the table to come up with a solution that is fair to retirees and gives them some certainty and security that their retirement is going to be there, but is also fair to the taxpayers and won’t completely bankrupt every other government program.

Growing our cities: Before the income tax,

we were the fastest growing economy in the nation. Now we are second from the bottom. How have we fallen so far? We are taxing the life out of our economy. Over the last eight years, Gov. Dannel P. Malloy raised taxes by \$2.5 billion; the result of every single tax increase has been an exodus of jobs and people to other states. Eighty people are leaving Connecticut every day. Our tax base is shrinking, which is hampering our ability to invest in our priorities, like education and infrastructure.

You may have heard my opponent’s false claims that my plan cuts funding for the municipalities. That’s absolutely not true. I criticized Go. Malloy for cutting aid to our towns and cities, and I will continue to fund them. We absolutely must ensure that our cities grow and prosper if we want to revitalize our state.

How do we do it? We attract businesses. While the national GDP grew over the last eight years, Connecticut’s had shrunk. We are the only state that hasn’t recovered from the Great Recession. Instead, we’ve seen over 100,000 people move out. Businesses are leaving, our graduates are leaving.

It has to end if we want to save our state. My plan is to phase out the corporate tax so businesses have a competitive advantage over our neighbors. I want to eliminate the income tax so our working families can keep what they make. It won’t be done overnight – it will be phased out over eight years and would be tied to economic triggers, so that we cut the tax burden as we can afford to, as opposed to ripping it all out at once. This plan would bring relief that our residents deserve.

Our cities are hubs for young people. They want vibrant and exciting places to be, with walkable cities and plenty of fun activities

available nearby. Our cities can offer much of that. I will work to attract young families to Connecticut by promoting downtown growth and economic development that creates vibrant thriving cities that we can be proud of.

Affordable Housing: The Department of Housing plays a critical role, and I would work to ensure they are empowered to succeed. Affordable housing is a major factor in making sure our economy works for everyone. It was reported that affordable housing apartment units in some development projects cost almost \$250,000 per unit to build because of unnecessary regulations and inefficiency. That’s the cost of a house.

We need to make sure that developers use funding efficiently, so we can help as many people as possible. While it’s great that affordable housing is approached on a statewide basis, the problem is one that most heavily affects cities and the distribution of affordable housing needs to be focused where the greatest need is.

Education: The foundation to success for any municipality, including our cities, is our youth. Education is extremely important to me and I had not forgotten how New Haven Public Schools set me in the right direction to succeed in life.

School choice is an important concept. It has done wonders for our cities. New Haven boasts one of the country’s best charter schools, Amistad Academy. Just recently, two charter schools have been approved by municipalities and are being considered by the state – one in Norwalk and one in Danbury. As governor, I will support our charter schools.

I believe that we have to ensure that education starts at an early stage and it starts at

home. We need to promote family and parental involvement because that is where the child’s first lessons occur in life. I will work with our local communities and nonprofits to establish better mentorship programs, particularly for single-parent families and broken families. I will invest in early childhood education programs and afterschool programs to help kids achieve their educational goals.

We all value work and the importance of jobs. How do you accomplish that when the cost of daycare is so much? If we want to give people a hand up, we need to continue funding important programs like Care-4-Kids, which helps parents work while their kids are in daycare.

We need to do a better job in recruiting minority teachers. Data shows that over 40 percent of public school students are of color, yet only 8 percent of educators are of color. I need your help in making our education system more diverse and giving all our kids role models they can look up to.

Jobs: I believe that we need to fix our infrastructure, lower our cost of living, cut taxes and reduce our regulations. This will bring businesses and jobs back to our cities.

We need to foster direct collaboration between the state, our schools and the business community to get students more hands-on experience and training. This will allow us to create a pipeline that ensures we are producing the workforce that has the skills that our businesses need to grow and succeed.

We also need to strengthen our tech schools to offer a clearer path for those who don’t want to pursue traditional college an opportunity to jobs that are in high demand.

We need to protect our youth summer employment programs.

What specifically will you do to make sure that voting is as easy, fair and secure as possible, and how will you foster greater civic engagement among Connecticut’s residents?

Secretary of the State Denise Merrill – D

During my terms as the secretary of the state I have taken a number of steps to increase voter participation. We have seen record numbers of registrants for this midterm election. I have

worked hard to reach out to voters in non-traditional locations such as food drives and through new active civic groups. Bringing accessibility to voting is one of my top

priorities. I am one of the nationwide leaders on combating cyber-security attacks and serve on nationwide task forces that are working to make sure that not only our vote, but our voters

remain safe. Voter privacy is of the utmost concern to my office. There is nothing more important to me than ensuring that everyone has access to voting.

Secretary of the State Susan Chapman – R

I believe that every Connecticut resident who is eligible to vote should have easy voting access to exercise their constitutional right. I also believe that elections must be fair, conducted with integrity and deserving of the public trust. Voters need to feel confident that their vote was counted along with every other eligible voter.

To ensure integrity of the voting process, we must also protect the voter information from misuse. Today, for just \$300, the Secretary of the State’s office will sell anyone’s personal voter registration information that includes birth dates. The Connecticut state voter system must be hardened and protected from abuse, but it doesn’t help if the same information that is being protected is offered for sale by the state. The time is well past due to ensure the integrity of the voting systems in the state and only this year have some small steps been made toward that goal. This should have been addressed and made a priority many years ago.

I am a strong advocate for making it easier

for our residents serving in the military, particularly overseas, to have easier access to vote. I am fighting for the voting rights of our service members because they are fighting for all of our rights to live in a free country where we have the right to vote. Today, the State of Connecticut does the bare minimum to help our residents serving in the military. Due to an outdated voter process that requires military members to print out and mail a paper ballot within a short time frame, many of our residents serving in the military overseas are denied their right to vote. For example, for those serving on a ship or deployed to the field, mailing a paper ballot within a short time frame is all but impossible. If the ballot does not arrive in time by mail, the vote is thrown out and not counted. The residents of Connecticut should be concerned about how our residents serving in the military are treated.

Other states have been more progressive than Connecticut when it comes to ensuring

military members are given the opportunity to exercise their right to vote and be counted. Our military members need the flexibility to have more than one way to vote. Technology exists today that will allow the military members to vote in a secure manner that maintains the integrity of the voting process. Other states do this, but the current secretary of the state will not even consider allowing our residents serving in the military to exercise their voting rights using the latest advances in secure technology. The current secretary of the state is more focused on making it easier for convicted felons on parole to vote than our own military.

There is a saying that “all politics is local.” As the former first selectman of New Fairfield, I was able to witness the local voting process and the challenges first-hand. Greater civic engagement begins at the local level with all of our 169 municipalities. The secretary of the state must be more actively involved and become more of a leader to

work cooperatively with all of the town clerks and registrars of voters across the state. As secretary of the state, I would engage more with the registrars of voters and town clerks across the state by ensuring they have what they need to conduct our elections.

The secretary of the state needs to provide workshops, more collaboration and better technology that will facilitate increased civic engagement at the local level that will translate into more statewide civic engagement. Over the past year, I have spoken to many town clerks and registrars of voters across the state and many of them have great ideas on how to increase civic engagement and how to make the voting process as easy, fair and secure as possible. Connecticut needs a secretary of the state who will listen to the registrars of voters and the town clerks in our 169 municipalities to implement positive change and become a leader in using the latest secure technology to modernize voting in Connecticut.

News & Events

Orange Chamber Holds Awards Breakfast

The Orange Chamber of Commerce celebrated the businesses and individuals who have contributed to the community and economic well-being of the Town of Orange Oct. 28 at its 2018 Awards Breakfast at the

Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. The event was sponsored by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Dr. Henry Lee, keynote speaker and director of the Forensic Research and

Training Center at the University of New Haven, addressed the audience of 150 guests. Awards were presented to TGI Friday's, the Town of Orange and Eli's Orange. The Community Service Award was given to Avangrid; the Milestone award

went to Eagle Leasing, for celebrating over 50 years in business; the Business of the Year was presented to Coldwell Banker; and the Business Person of the Year was awarded to Vincent Marino of Cohen & Wolf Attorneys At Law, who also served as Town Attorney.



Attendees at the Orange Chamber of Commerce 2018 Awards Breakfast. Back row, from left: Dee White, Gisele Chona, Hollie Shanbrom, Audra DiGello, Fran Morrow, Kami Bernier, Tom Cavaliere, Karen Kline, Susan Cassidy, Lois Dioro and Dawn Sullivan. Front row, from left: Myla Chadwick, Erika Oliphant, Christina DeRose, Sara Tufano, Wayne Hugendubel, Carol Cangiano, Maribeth Lightowler, Nydia Felix-Percival, Barbara Lehrer and MaryAnn White. Photo courtesy of Christina DeRose.

Town of Orange, Warning of State Election, November 6, 2018

The Electors of the Town of Orange are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the following purposes:

I. To cast their votes for:

- Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- United States Senator Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- State Representative Secretary of the State
- Treasurer Comptroller
- Attorney General Judge of Probate Registrar of Voters

II. To vote on the following questions for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to ensure (1) that all moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund be used solely for transportation purposes, including the payment of debts of the state incurred for transportation purposes, and (2) that sources of funds deposited in the Special Transportation Fund be deposited in said fund so long as such sources are authorized by statute to be collected or received by the state?
2. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to require (1) a public hearing and the enactment of legislation limited in subject matter to the transfer, sale or disposition of state-owned or state-controlled real property or interests in real property in order for the General Assembly to require a state agency to sell, transfer or dispose of any real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or control of the agency, and (2) if such property is under the custody or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, that such enactment of legislation be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly?

The full texts of such proposed questions with explanatory text, printed in accordance with ss2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution.

The vote on the proposed questions is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given the location of the polling places are as follows:

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
1 State Rep. #114	Mary L. Tracy School 650 Schoolhouse Lane
2 State Rep. #117	High Plains Community Center 525 Orange Center Rd
3 State Rep. #119	High Plains Community Center 525 Orange Center Rd

Absentee Ballots will be counted at the following central location:
Orange Town Hall
617 Orange Center

Road Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be open at six o'clock in the morning (6:00a.m.) and remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this the 23rd day of October 2018.

Patrick B. O'Sullivan
Orange Town Clerk, Town of Orange



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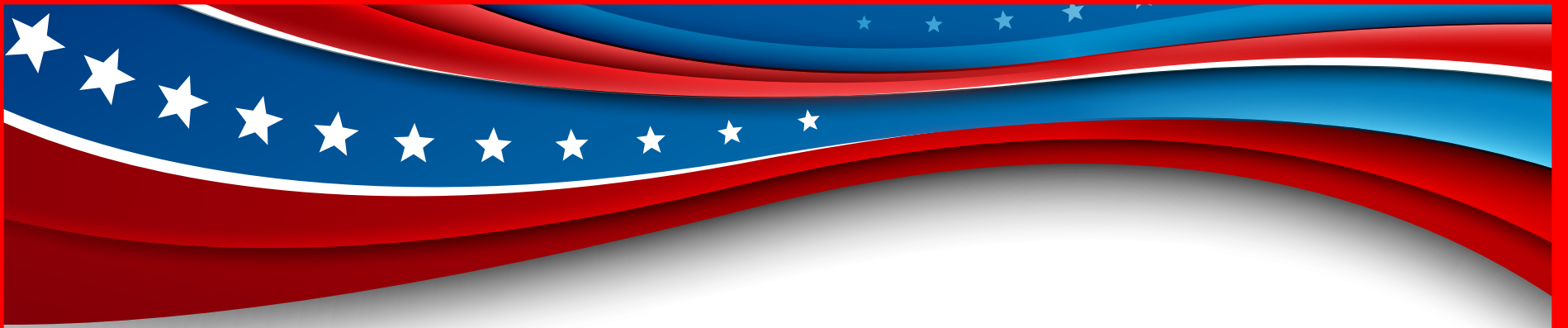
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Planning Ahead

From The Bench:

Listening And Experience

Being an effective judge is more than just being a lawyer. As probate judge, I give you 20 years' experience as judge and three decades as an attorney. I also give you my ears – to listen to all your family needs.



HON. BEVERLY K. STREIT-KEFALAS

I listen to more than the legal challenges of dad's dementia and inability to care for himself. I hear the worries of a grandparent seeking custody of a grandchild of a son they love dearly but now need to act against to protect the minor child. And I listen to the son with addictions who loves his child but is afraid of losing her. I hear the mom whose 21-year-old was diagnosed with schizophrenia, and I listen

to the 21-year-old whose illness has caused paranoia toward any one trying to help her.

My decades of judicial and legal experience guide me in legal solutions to these problems. But equally important is my understanding of your loss and my ability to listen with compassion and concern.

Three daughters filed for conservatorship of their dad. A strong and caring father, his dementia was quickly rendering him unable to even ensure his own cleanliness. He needed 24-hour supervision. They came together as a family and agreed that a nursing home was too restrictive

for dad and with extra help, dad would be happiest and safest if he moved to Florida with one of his daughters. A week at home alone was a true risk to his safety. The family, and the court, needed to act swiftly. So I scheduled an expedited a hearing to review the proposed move to Florida.

Parents presented with a petition for involuntary conservatorship of their 21-year-old daughter. Recently diagnosed with a psychiatric illness, she had been committed to a hospital for evaluation. The daughter was angry. Her illness caused paranoia and she was afraid. She refused help from her parents. Once stabilized, they came to the court for a voluntary conservatorship. With my guidance, both the mom and the daughter were able to discuss a conservatorship in

which the daughter gave mom legal authority to discuss and make medical decisions. With my probate court door always open, the daughter felt comfortable enough to allow legal help.

No legal matter is one-size-fits-all. Each court order must be tailored and limited in the least restrictive way. And it takes listening to the whole picture – not just the legal questions, but also the emotional and psychological requirements – to craft a court order balancing all the needs.

As probate judge, I am here to listen and to give you my legal expertise with compassion.

The Hon. Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas is a Judge of Probate for the Milford-Orange Probate Court. She can be reached at judgebeverly@aol.com.

Your Finances:

Prepare For Post-Retirement Pitfalls

Reaching retirement age is not like graduating college: You can't just put away the books and forget about homework.

There are several potential pitfalls that can mar your retirement years, and it's important for you to be aware of what can go wrong and take a preventive approach. Effective retirement planning includes preparing for the headaches that can happen after the retirement party is over. Some of these issues are:



ERIC TASHLEIN

- **Inflation:** The surging economy is good news, but it brings concern about rising inflation rates, and that can pose a real threat to your buying power. Now that you no longer enjoy income from an employer, you can no longer wipe out the effects of inflation by lobbying for a pay raise.

No, Medicare doesn't cover everything.

- **Taxes:** The Trump administration has lowered tax rates, so for now the trend is helpful. Many retirees are paying less in taxes on the distributions from their retirement accounts. However, tax rates go up and down, and the next administration

- **Healthcare:** It's no secret that healthcare costs continue to rise every year, and retirees can be hit especially hard since they tend to have more healthcare needs. It's difficult to generalize, since retirees differ in age and health, and since you could be healthy at 68 and then face multiple health challenges at 75. A recent study by Fidelity shows the average retired couple aged 65 in 2018 needs to have \$280,000 (after taxes) put away for health-care expenses.

could raise them again.

- **Debt:** Americans are living with unprecedented levels of debt, and unfortunately that includes many retirees. Money you are spending to pay down debts, including mortgage debt, cannot be used to earn capital gains or interest and cannot be used to pay rising healthcare bills or taxes.

- **Long life:** This is not a bad thing, of course, but it's something you have to plan for – you could live to 100 or more. Longer lifespans bring an increased risk of outliving your savings.

The bottom line? You need to prepare for each of these threats to your future financial security. Your financial advisor or financial planner can help you take these threats and others into account.

If you are still working, you need to build different scenarios into your financial planning, including state and local trends. If you already

are retired, there are still various steps you can take to head off potential bumps in the road.

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Businesses are invited to showcase their products and services in a sociable environment. For a fee of \$159.00, participants will receive a clothed table which includes electric (limited availability) and admission for two company representatives. Additional levels of sponsorships are also available. The 2018 Table Top Expo is a premier marketing and networking tool for the Greater Milford business community.

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Open enrollment for most health insurance occurs during the last quarter of the year. While the exact dates may vary, new plans go into effect Jan. 1. This can be a stressful time as folks sort through their various options and try to make the best choices for coverage.



TRISH PEARSON

Senior Insurance: Many companies are offering plans with \$0 premiums and lower copays. Be sure to research the cost of prescription medications and doctors/providers in the network.

Remember “free” is an objective term and may appear more cost effective, but in fact can result more in out of pocket expenses.

There’s some good news about prescription drug coverage in 2019. The patient cost share for prescriptions in the gap or “donut hole” has been reduced to 25 percent. This is half of the current cost

share in the gap. Consumers are entitled to know the actual cost of any prescription medication before insurance is applied. This is a new regulation passed by the state legislature this year. The pharmacist must provide this information on request. Why is this important? Sometimes the actual cost of the medication can be less than the cost through insurance, depending on how it is classified in the formulary.

Individual Insurance: Two insurance companies will continue to offer health insurance to individuals again in 2019 – Connecticare and Anthem. The majority of the plans will be available through the Health Exchange (Access Health). While the premium increases were minimal, the benefits changed dramatically. People enrolling in these plans will have higher

deductibles, with little cost sharing before the deductible is met. The maximum out of pocket has also increased.

So why bother? All plans still provide the wellness benefits of screenings and health checks with no copays or deductibles. If something catastrophic were to occur there is still a ceiling on the amount for which the patient is responsible and the amount providers can charge. The Advanced Premium Tax Credits are still available and the qualifying income levels are similar to those of 2018.

Small Business Owners: While the news is not great, there are decent plans available. It requires some creative planning and financing. Unfortunately, the initial cost sharing is still high. These are challenging times all the way around.

Finally, we must focus on the upcoming election. Healthcare costs and insurance are among the top issues on voters’ minds this year. It is important to know where the state

and federal candidates stand since their votes will impact health insurance, including who and what will be covered.

Who could be impacted and why does it matter?

People who could be impacted include seniors who qualify for help with prescription medications and medical costs or those who purchase insurance through the health exchange – with our without a tax credit – as well as those with pre-existing conditions. Make sure to be clear on the candidates’ positions on these specific issues. It might not matter to you today, but it could at some point. It may matter to a relative or friend. The decisions they make in 2019 will impact us well into the future. Your vote matters to so many.

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Retired and Rejuvenated:

Midterm Election Important To Seniors

Many people feel this November election is one of the most consequential elections of our lifetime. We are at a moment in which important decisions need to be made on many matters key to the lives of older Americans. Included in these momentous decisions is the future funding and structure of Medicare and our healthcare system. Many states are grappling with issues such as worker discrimination, retirement savings, underfunded pensions and caregiving. Those who we put into office could shape the resolutions of these issues for decades to come.



JOANNE BYRNE

One of the issues that our elected officials will grapple with in the coming term is how to shore up Social Security. Social Security’s trust fund will fall short by 2034. If that happens, according to a 2018 government report, benefits would drop by 20 percent. Some elected officials have proposed cutting Social Security as part of deficit reduction. Social Security’s cost-of-living adjustments

could face a major change.

The rising cost of prescription drugs is another important issue. Congress and the federal government are starting to take on pharmaceutical companies to try to lower the cost of drugs, but so far only a few proposed bills have passed. It would be wise to allow the federal government to directly negotiate lower prices for Medicare beneficiaries, permit the importation of safe lower-cost drugs, and speed up the manufacture and testing of generic drugs.

Medicare funding will also fall short by 2026, according to the program’s trustees. There is talk in Washington of giving seniors a voucher-type option to enroll in private healthcare plans along with other proposed changes that would squeeze \$537 billion out of Medicare. We need to be asking those who are running for office if they would preserve Medicare or simply shift more costs onto the consumer rather than trying to reduce health care costs and cut wasteful spending.

There is a high political divide among states on Medicaid as well. Some states are seeking to expand coverage while other states are making it tougher to qualify for Medicaid by creating more hurdles for residents to get health insurance coverage. The makeup of statehouses and Congress after the mid-term elections could prove critical to Medicaid’s future.

Also of concern is what happens to the Affordable Care Act, still hanging on by a thin thread, after the November elections. Older Americans who are not yet eligible for Medicare are at risk of losing coverage if they have a preexisting condition.

Traditional pensions are disappearing in the private sector, forcing older workers to count on 401(k) plans to help with retirement. But millions of Americans don’t have work savings plans. That is where state work-and-save programs come in, which are state-facilitated retirement savings plans that small businesses can offer to their employees. People are significantly more likely to save if they can do it through automatic paycheck deduction. Only ten states have some kind of

work-and-save plan. Connecticut is getting one.

A few of the other issues which will be affected by whoever wins in the upcoming elections are how to handle taxing retirement benefits, fixing pension shortfalls, help for caregivers caring for aging parents and enacting protection measures on financial exploitation of older people. Those we elect could keep the momentum going on these issues or slow them down.

It is up to us to know the issues and learn how those who are running for office would address them. Read newspapers, listen to the news, attend local debates and ask questions. An informed electorate is one of the greatest resources in our democracy. Study the issues and then get out and register your opinions with your most precious asset: your vote.

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

Orange Resident Celebrates 102nd Birthday

Helen Koziel of Orange recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. She was honored at many birthday gatherings hosted by her family and friends. A member of the Woodruff YMCA and the Orange Senior Center, Koziel participates in water aerobics and in exercise classes at both facilities. She also volunteers with her “Soup Chic” friends at the Beth-El Center in Milford, where she helps prepare meals for the clients. She is an avid reader and often lauds the Case Memorial Library for its well-run facility and programs. She likes to challenge herself by playing computer games as well.

Koziel enjoys gathering with her neighbors, the Ladies of the Lake, and her other friends for outings throughout the state. She also likes long-distance travel around the US and Europe. Her most recent outing was on a cruise to Bermuda with

family and friends. Koziel gets her greatest joy when she spends time with her children, her “Grands and Greats,” and her extended family.

The family recently celebrated their much-loved matriarch’s birthday with a luncheon hosted by her children, Joseph and Joan Koziel of Killingworth and Vincent and Barbara Schmidt of Orange.

Koziel has been a devoted communicant of St. Stanislaus’s Church since moving to New Haven from Old Lyme in 1940. She also likes to attend mass at Precious Blood Parish of Milford. She has lived in Orange since 1982.

Her secret to a healthy longevity? “It is a combination of many things, but mostly I owe this life of happiness to my faith, my family and my friends,” she says.

Koziel wishes “Sto lat!” to all.



Orange resident Helen Koziel recently celebrated turning 102. Photo courtesy of Barbara Schmidt.

Home Sales Rise
by Joseph Cole
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Home sale values in Orange are outpacing neighboring communities according to information shared by Coldwell Banker. Ms. data shows that the average selling price of home in Orange increased 5.9 percent f

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Podiatrists Recognize Staneski, Klarides

The Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association, comprised of more than 200 doctors of podiatric medicine, has recognized state Reps. Pam Staneski and Themis Klarides for their advocacy of legislation that updates the scope of practice of podiatry to make their surgical services more available to patients in Connecticut.

The provisions were included in House Bill 5163, now Public Act 18-168, which was signed into law by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy.

Connecticut's podiatric doctors provide leading medical care in the foot and ankle to thousands of patients in the state. The new law will improve access to podiatric services by consumers in the state.

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We appreciate Representative Klarides' expertise and knowledge of healthcare issues and for taking positive and proactive actions to improve the system for Connecticut consumers," said Joe Treadwell, the group's legislative chair.

The podiatrists also praised Staneski's and Klarides' opposition to higher taxes on healthcare and medical professionals. Proposals for a "medical provider tax" have been discussed at the legislature for a number of years but were not enacted during the deliberations over reducing the state's budget deficit.

The group also thanked Staneski for her support of adequate funding for the Medicaid program that provides healthcare services to hundreds of thousands of Connecticut residents. Podiatric services are provided to enrollees of the program.

Klarides Recognized By Optometrists

The Connecticut Association of Optometrists selected state Rep. Themis Klarides as "Legislator Champion" for her work in ensuring that health insurance and state health programs cover vision care services for children.

Klarides worked to see that state laws cover eye exams and eyeglasses for individuals under 18. Legislation passed this year in House Bill 5210, which became Public Act 18-10.

"I am honored to be recognized by the Connecticut Association of Optometrists," Klarides said. "Vision care services are a vital component of the overall healthcare system for residents of our state."

Brian T. Lynch, legislative chair for the organization, said, "Rep. Klarides is a leader in working to see that state laws are patient friendly. We are pleased to recognize her efforts."

CAO also thanked Klarides for her support of adequate funding of the state's Medicaid program, which provides vital healthcare services to over 400,000 Connecticut residents. Vision care services are included in the services provided to enrollees.

Klarides, whose district includes part of Orange, is serving her tenth term in the Connecticut House, and serves as leader of the 71-member Republican caucus.



State Rep. Pam Staneski. Contributed photo.



State Rep. Themis Klarides. Contributed photo.

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Bats Are Important All Year, Not Just On Halloween

By Cynthia V. Catapano

Although Halloween is over, it is important to explain why one of the most notorious Halloween frights are not spooky creatures of the night, but vital and valuable animals that should be celebrated all year long.

Bats are arguably the most misunderstood and underappreciated of all mammals. Their stereotypical 'spooky' nature has deterred many people from understanding the many benefits we receive from our flying mammalian friends.

With over 1,300 different species, there are more species of bats than any other mammal on earth. In fact, one in every four mammals is a bat. Historical records show there are nine native species to Connecticut, all of which eat insects. These furry fliers can consume their entire body weight in insects every night. Connecticut bats eat mosquitos, moths, beetles and a variety of other invertebrates. They serve as our greatest natural form of pest control, saving the US agricultural industry about \$23

billion annually, according to the US Forest Service.

Bats not only save our crops but help prevent the spread of disease by consuming insects that carry harmful viruses. They serve as pollinators for over 300 species of fruits, including bananas and mangoes. Additionally, they are the primary pollinators for the agave plant, which is used to produce tequila. No bats, no margaritas.

There are many myths that contribute to the unnecessary and harmful loathing of bats. Bats are not blind and will not fly into your hair. Bats have particularly good vision; insectivorous bats use echolocation to expertly pinpoint their next flying meal. Bats aren't any more likely to carry rabies than the next mammal, and usually perish from the virus before spreading the disease.

Vampire bats do not suck human blood. Vampire bats are highly social and extremely kind; they practice altruism and will regurgitate their blood meal for a hungry bat in need.

Unfortunately, bats are experiencing an

existential crisis. White-nose syndrome, a disease caused by the cold-loving fungus *Pseudogymnoascus destructans*, "is the largest and most destructive wildlife epidemic on record," says Christopher Wisniewski, bat biologist and adjunct professor at Southern Connecticut State University. The disease disrupts bats' winter torpor (hibernation) bouts, and, according to Wisniewski, "disrupts their behavior and physiology via fungal erosion of their skin, hair follicles and glands, which ultimately depletes their precious winter fat stores." This downward spiral of energy loss oftentimes leads to mortality, Wisniewski explains.

WNS was first documented in North America in upstate New York in 2006, and New England is considered to be one of the regions most heavily impacted by the disease, according to the White Nose Syndrome Response Team, a coalition of biologists, researchers, land managers and bat lovers.

The state's endangered little brown bat,

Myotis lucifugus, was once widespread throughout Connecticut, but is expected to become regionally extinct by the 2020s, Wisniewski says.

"The best we can do, short of a deployable treatment method in the field," he says, "is to continue to hold discussions between researchers, agencies, and other stakeholders, allowing for the most effective bat management and conservation strategies to be developed and implemented."

On top of the devastating losses due to WNS, bats also have to deal with insecticides, fatalities due to wind turbines (great for solar energy, not so great for bats), habitat loss, and climate change. If you find a bat comfortably roosting in your home, open a window and be sure to seal all locations from which it could have entered. Never use glue traps, poison, or attempt to handle a bat with or without gloves.

Bats are in dire need of our help, and their vulnerability and fragility is the only scary thing about them.

Orange Kids Getting New Report Cards

By Brandon T. Bisceglia

Children in the Orange Public Schools will soon be graded on a scale designed to align better with the Common Core standards.

The district is developing new report cards under the guidance of Director of Curriculum/Instruction & Personnel Dr. Evelyn Russo that will grade on a proficiency scale for math and language arts.

Not all of the Common Core standards will be reported on the report card even though teachers will be teaching and assessing all standards. Other subjects will continue to use the former scale until the district is ready to fully switch to the new system.

Some of the details of the report cards are still being worked out.

"This, like so much of what's going on right now in education, represents a sea change," said Ken Ziman, chair of the Board of Education's Curriculum/Instruction subcommittee at the board's Oct. 15 meeting. "It's being done because this will give the parents a more accurate, child-centered picture of how their child is progressing."

The school system will be sending handouts to the parents explaining the new report cards.



Finn and Cole Macomber enjoy Trunk or Treat at a Milford Elementary School. Photo by Wendy Macomber.

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The purchase of the land ignited controversy at the state level as well, with Republicans calling for an investigation into the fact that Branford resident Edward Crowley, a prolific donor to both political parties and owner of Orange Land Development Holdings, would get 11 times the \$500,000 he paid for the land in 2015. Republican gubernatorial candidate

Bob Stefanowski has mentioned the dubious costs several times on the campaign trail.

The State Properties Review Board, which would normally be the watchdog for land acquisitions by the state, was bypassed because the purchase is technically being made by the town, where it doesn't have jurisdiction.

Santa's Helper Returning To Orange



The Santa's Helper gift-giving event is returning to Orange this December. Photo courtesy of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

The Santa teams at the Orange Volunteer Fire Department are busy getting ready for their 24th year of delivering gifts, smiles and fun to hundreds of families in Orange.

Santa's Helper is an exciting, fun and memorable fundraising event with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the OVFD for the purchase of firefighting and rescue equipment.

Each year six teams of Santa, elf and firefighter helpers visit and deliver gifts, take photos and share in making lasting memories and traditions for every family. Children and adults alike look forward to seeing the fire trucks with lights and sirens coming down the street to their front door with Santa leading the way, his truck full of gifts.

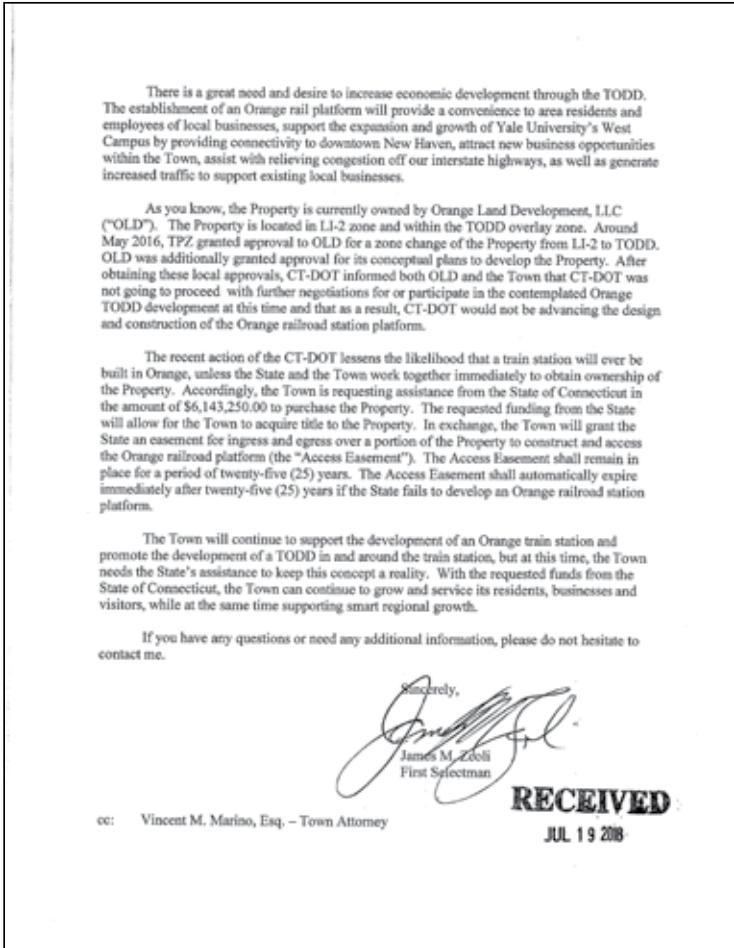
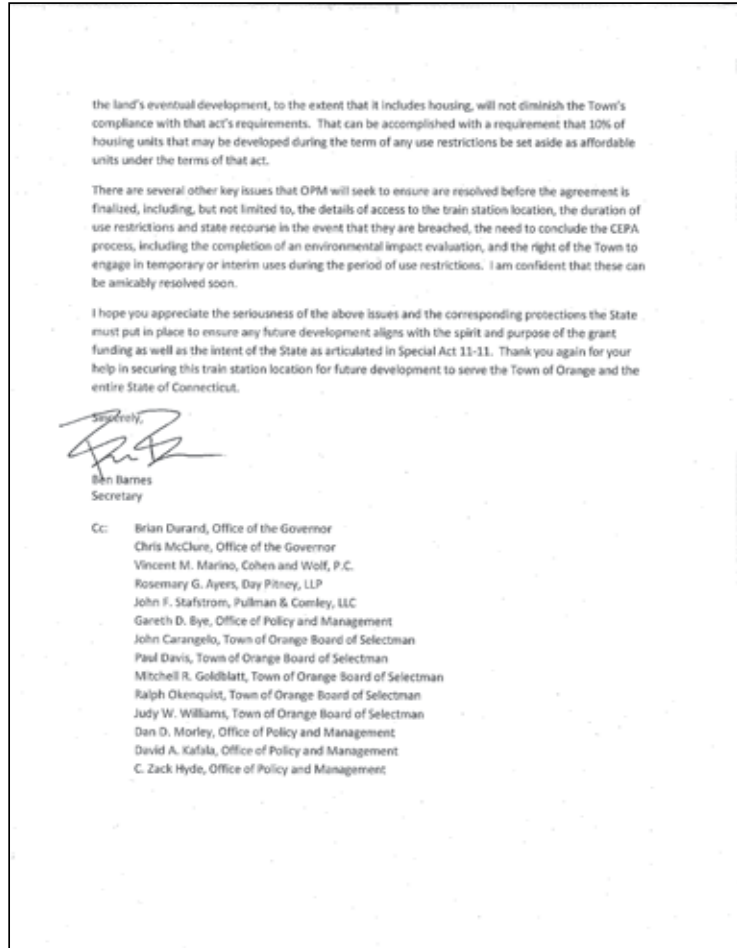
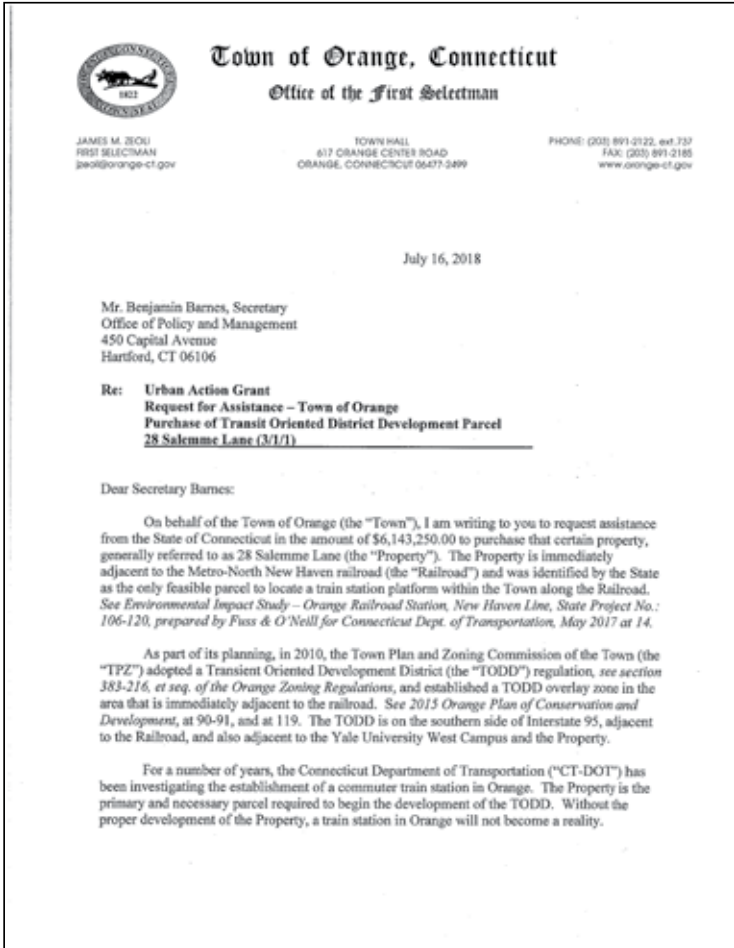
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There is a small fee of \$19 per gift/per household. Each gift must be wrapped in your favorite holiday paper with an overwrap of plain brown paper. The name and delivery address of the recipient must be clearly printed on the outside of each gift. Try not to make the gifts too large or heavy; Santa appreciates that. There is a limit of 170 delivery locations or visits available. You should bring all the gifts for your visit with you on drop-off day. For families having a large party with many gifts, email Anne at ofdsantashelper@aol.com for special instructions. If there will be multiple families having their visit at one specific address, let the elf helpers know at signup on drop-off day.

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Santa will roll out of the North Pole East Coast fire station on his decorated fire truck with his elf and firefighter helpers at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 to make their way to your home to deliver the gifts and spend a few moments with your family and friends for photos and fun.

Any questions should be emailed to Anne at ofdsantashelper@aol.com. Do not call the fire stations as it is a volunteer fire department and there will not be anyone there to assist you with Santa's Helpers information. Signup is on drop-off day and is on a first-come, first-served basis.



Going Batty For Chocolate

You may be able to thank a bat for your chocolately Halloween treats. Participants found out how this is possible Oct. 28 when the Connecticut Audubon Society's Coastal Center at Milford Point hosted "Going Batty for Chocolate," a program to celebrate International Bat Week.

They learned all about these misunderstood nocturnal flyers, including how they are key pollinators of cacao from which chocolate is made, as well as bananas, peaches, mangos and more. Bats in Connecticut prefer insects. They navigate through the dark using their highly developed sense of sound.

Attendees were able to a batty decoration and taste some chocolate. They also heard what they could do the help these beneficial masters of the night.



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Profiles

Those Who Give:

Giving Back Through Service

Local business owner Greyson Schwing is a familiar face to many in Milford and Orange. The Virginia native who relocated to Milford ten years ago said that his passion for giving back to the community has provided the opportunity to impact people living not just in the local area, but internationally as well.

After going into business in the 1990s, Schwing explained, he began to learn about civic and service organizations and the good they can do. Upon coming to Milford in 2008, he founded his web development and internet marketing company Antelope Web, and was able to join Devon Rotary Club, taking part in planning and running many local initiatives. He currently serves as the club secretary, the Polio Chair, Interact liaison, and provides internet and marketing services to the club.

Schwing joined a group of Rotarians



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through Rotary International in 2016 and participated in a 13-day journey to Nigeria to help provide health services and administer polio vaccines to children there.

"During the time we were there, the group of 10 Rotarians I was with administered polio vaccines to 6,000 kids," he said. "With all the groups combined, there were 3.2 million vaccines given."

Schwing said that while the polio vaccination was the main focus of the initiative, it was not the only rewarding aspect of the trip.

"We also donated wheelchair bikes to polio survivors. These people, who would have to drag themselves along the ground, were able to use the bikes to get around. It gave them their dignity back," he explained.

In the spirit of giving back to the local business community, Schwing started Milford Alive, an organization committed to "celebrating and supporting micro-

businesses, giving them encouragement and recognition."

"Every small business needs cheerleaders, and through Milford Alive they get that, and visibility," he said. "We have a three-pronged approach: workshops on the first Tuesday of each month, recognition and awards for micro-businesses, and corporate challenges."

Schwing has also volunteered for many other organizations. He is involved with the Milford Oyster Festival committee, and helps his wife, Casey, who is the committee chair, in running the crew of volunteers.

"I've also done a lot for the kids' schools," he added, referring to his two children – son Addison and daughter Maia. "When they were at St. Gabriel's I called Bingo and ran the duck race for many years. In fact, that was me wearing the duck suit! I've been a part of the PTA and helped out with marching band boosters at Jonathan Law."

When asked what his favorite part about volunteering is, Schwing answered, "I

genuinely like making people happy. It's so fulfilling to be able to make them smile. For example, walking down the street in the duck costume, everyone would smile, and when I was in Nigeria, just by us being there it made a difference in those people's lives, and they would be so happy."

His advice to those in the community interested in getting involved in giving back is simple.

"You have to find what makes your heart happy, since if you are not truly invested you won't get much from it," he said. "But if you are, it can be so fulfilling. I'd recommend trying out a few different avenues: volunteering at a place like the Boys' & Girls' Club or the Beth-El Center, or trying organizations like Rotary, Lions, or Kiwanis. That way you can find what makes you feel happy and connected."

Information on Milford Alive can be found at ctalive.org/milford.

Orange Native Earn Ed Doctorate

Orange native Adam Joseph Sterczala has graduated with a doctorate in education from the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, according to a release from KU. Sterczala previously worked as research

assistant in the University of Connecticut's Department of Kinesiology, according to his profile on ResearchGate, a social media platform for researchers.

Orange To Honor Veterans

The Town of Orange will be holding a program honoring veterans on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Remembrance Walkway at High Plains Community Center, located at 525 Orange Center Rd. The public and any veterans that wish to attend are welcome. Applications are still available to purchase commemorative bricks

for the Veterans Remembrance Walkway. Bricks are \$100 each and can be purchased by veterans themselves or by families in memory of beloved veterans, either living or deceased. For more information, contact Administrative Assistant to the First Selectman Mary Shaw at 203-891-4737 or mshaw@orange-ct.gov.

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News & Events

Boys & Girls Village Celebrates New Building

Dignitaries, board members, community leaders and supporters all gathered together Oct. 17 at Boys & Girls Village to celebrate the opening of the organization's new Program Services Building.

The new 15,000 square-foot building will house many of the organization's community-based services aimed at helping at-risk children and families create healthy developmental pathways. Funding for the building began with a grant awarded from Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's Nonprofit Grant Program, with remaining funds provided by Newtown Savings Bank and private donations.

Senator Richard Blumenthal, who spoke at the event, said, "In terms of behavioral health, schooling and physical help, Boys & Girls Village has always been a beacon of hope and opportunity for so many. Coming here is a reaffirmation of the principles and values that make this community and our state great. We are dedicated to the proposition that we leave no one behind."

Joette Katz, Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families also spoke to the crowd of 100. "There's nothing more important than serving the children of the state of Connecticut and Boys & Girls Village has been a great partner," she said. "Buildings like these demonstrate what a partnership can do."

Awards were presented by Dr. Steven Kant, chief executive officer of the organization, to Board Chair Carol Smith Harker and Vice Chair Joseph Tramuta for their hard work and dedication to the organization.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to

mark the occasion, with Kimberly Shaunesey, the organization's new president, making the official cut. Blumenthal, Katz, Harker, Tramuta, architect John Wicko, Bismark Construction Manager Gregory Raucci, and Ben Florsheim, a representative of Senator Murphy's office, joined in the ceremony.

State Rep. Pam Staneski presented Kant with an official citation from the

Connecticut General Assembly extending best wishes on the occasion from the entire membership.

Refreshments were served with catering provided by Meatball Heaven, one of the organization's three Work to Learn programs that prepares young adults with job and life skills. Inside the new building, attendees were given tours and saw a "Wall of Progress"

exhibit depicting the organization's 75-year transformation into a leading comprehensive behavioral health agency.

"This is such a seminal moment in this organization," said Kant. "We're grateful to this community and our state for its support of Boys & Girls Village and for its commitment to creating better futures for at-risk children and families."



Boys & Girls Village celebrated the opening Oct. 17 of its new Program Services Building. Bottom row, from left: CEO Dr. Steven Kant, President Kimberly Shaunesey, Department of Children and Families Commissioner Joette Katz, Sen. Richard Blumenthal and Board Chair Carol Smith Harker. Top row from left: Ben Florsheim, a representative for Sen. Chris Murphy, Construction Manager Gregory Raucci, Gino Pelaccia, architect John Wicko and Vice Chair Joseph Tramuta. Photo courtesy of Capitol PhotoInteractive.

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Local Band Holding Benefit Concert In Milford

Local indie rock band Passing Strange on Sunday, Nov. 4 is presenting "We're Here, Together," a benefit concert supporting two local organizations, Bridges Healthcare and the Milford Prevention Council, in their efforts to help those battling addiction, substance use and mental health issues. The concert will take place at the Milford Arts Council at 40 Railroad Ave. South at 2 p.m. Doors open for seating at 1:30 p.m.

Passing Strange will perform a set of their original music. CDs and shirts will be available for purchase.

Passing Strange consists of Anthony Paolucci on drums and Kate Mirabella on

piano and vocals. Formed in April 2017, the duo has recorded two albums. Proceeds from the first, *The Water & the Woods*, were donated to the nonprofit "To Write Love on Her Arms." In July 2018, Passing Strange released their second album, *Come Whatever Storms*. Both albums will be on sale at the event.

Light refreshments catered by Lasse's Restaurant and Eli's Tavern and beverages will be available, plus raffle prizes donated by area businesses. After the concert, ticket holders can receive a discount on food at Eli's Tavern when they present their ticket.

For tickets and to learn more, visit milfordarts.org/passing-strange-lp-1.

Church Of The Good Shepherd To Hold Rummage Sale

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Orange is holding its semi-annual rummage sale on Friday, Nov. 2 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Shoppers will find a wide array of fall and winter men's, women's and children's clothing, along with shoes, handbags, scarves, jewelry, accessories, children's games, puzzles, toys, books, DVDs, housewares, glassware, pictures, linens, and more.

"There is something for everyone. Make sure to stop by and peruse our treasures," said Elaine Swirsky, long-standing chairperson of the event. All are welcome to stop by.

The Episcopal Church of the Good

Shepherd is located at 680 Racebrook Rd. in Orange. For more information, call 203-795-6577, email thegoodspheherd@optonline.net or visit the church website at thegoodshepherdorange.org.



The Church of the Good Shepherd in Orange is hosting its semi-annual rummage sale Nov. 2 and 3. Photo courtesy of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

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Resale Clothing Outlet Moves To Orange

Renee's Resale Clothing Outlet recently opened in Orange's Christmas Tree Plaza, having moved there from Stratford. Owner Renee Mizrahi bills her store as a clothing outlet offering women's apparel, shoes, jewelry and accessories in new or "gently-used" condition. "There's

cash in your closet," Mizrahi says. This is not a consignment shop. Renee's is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Call 475-422-9977 or visit reneesresaleclothingoutlet.com for more information.

Amici's Café Open In Milford

What began as a mere dream became a reality in August 2018 when Amici's Café opened its doors in Milford.

"The understanding that even those who struggle most can find comfort in a cozy, warm and welcoming environment is what led to creating a great little place where everyone is always welcomed and well taken care of," said a release from the café.

Amici's Café takes great pride in finding unique ways to give back and pay forward by contributing to the community. It offers

free garden espresso grounds and has its own take on the "Kindness Rock Project." The café also serves free coffee to all veterans who come in.

Amici's Café serves not only hot and iced coffee, tea and espresso drinks, but also pastries, paninis and soup. The café also features a community book swap, a community board, and works from the mother-daughter owned Salty Girls' Treasures, which features treasures "made by hand and by the sea."

Orange American Legion Holding Baseball Tryouts

The Orange American Legion will be holding baseball tryouts for the 2019 season Saturday, Nov. 3 at 10 a.m. at Brinley Field in Orange. Anyone who lives in Bethany, Orange or Woodbridge is eligible.

Winter workouts will be provided again this season. Once the spring freshman and junior varsity seasons are over, the 17U team, for players 17 and younger, will begin practice and play exhibition games. The 19U team, for players 19 and younger, will begin practice and play exhibition games after the varsity season is over. Each regular season begins in early June. The legion hopes to make the postseason state tournament at the end of July.

Both teams will be playing in the Fourth of

July Firecracker Tournament in Providence, Rhode Island, which includes an optional showcase. Rising juniors and seniors will be eligible for nomination for the Rawlings American Legion Futures Showcase game at Central Connecticut State University. Schedule permitting, the legion may also enter another local tournament.

Including exhibition games, regular season and postseason, each team will play approximately a 35-game competitive schedule.

The price to join is approximately \$675. For questions or if you cannot make tryouts, email Nick Mirto at nick.mirto@gmail.com or call 203-464-9971. If the weather is bad, an indoor venue will be used.

Orange Honors Breast Cancer Awareness



The Town of Orange participated in Breast Cancer Awareness Month Oct. 25 by placing a pink ribbon wreath on the front door of the Orange Town Hall. Pink ribbon cards were sold and hung in Town Hall to benefit Susan G. Komen Connecticut. From left, First Selectman Jim Zeoli, state Rep. Pam Staneski, state Rep. Themis Klarides and state Rep. Charles Ferraro. Photo courtesy of the Town of Orange.



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HCC Highlighting STEAM Programs

Housatonic Community College is hosting a celebration of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics at its STEAM Fest 2018 event on Wednesday, Nov. 7 and Thursday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the HCC campus in Bridgeport.

This event, now in its second year, provides an opportunity for engagement and exchange with STEAM professionals and will feature a lecture, a panel discussion, presentations and numerous exhibitors providing hands-on activities and interactive demonstrations. Attendees will also have the chance to meet representatives from colleges and universities offering STEAM programming, and to visit the University of Bridgeport/Discovery Museum STEM on Wheels bus - a mobile laboratory offering hands-on experiences.

"STEAM Fest will inform and inspire those interested in STEAM careers and provide a chance to learn about the educational programs available to help reach their career goals," said Rachel Cain, STEAM Initiatives Coordinator for HCC. "It also offers the opportunity to showcase some of the incredible cutting-edge work that HCC students and alumni are doing in the field."

The event will begin on Wednesday with a welcome from Robin Avant, Dean of Academic Affairs and pioneer of bringing STEAM programming to HCC. Dr. Marie Robert, Professor of Pathology and Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and trailblazer for women in the field, will deliver the keynote address. Robert is a specialist in liver transplant pathology, and her research includes inflammatory bowel diseases, celiac disease, stromal responses in pancreatic cancer and colitis induced by immune therapies. Following her address, a discussion of exciting research and technological findings will be delivered by a panel of HCC students and alumni, as well as interactive demonstrations in STEAM careers.

On Thursday, the program continues with a showcase of HCC student research findings and a STEAM college fair, offering opportunities to connect with college

representatives and to learn about available programs.

"If you are interested in a career in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts or Mathematics, this is an important, must-see experience that you don't want to miss," said Dr. Paul Broadie, HCC President. "STEAM career candidates are in high demand. I encourage anyone with an inquisitive mind and an interest in these subjects to plan on attending."

Both events in the Beacon Hall Events Center at 900 Lafayette Blvd. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Housatonic Community College currently offers over 60 associate degree or certificate options in the STEAM disciplines. Through active hands-on learning, students build up their qualifications to support movement along educational or career paths to potentially higher-paying jobs.

STEAM Fest 2018 is supported by the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. To learn more about STEAM Fest or STEAM programming at HCC, contact Rachel Cain at Rcain@hcc.commnet.edu or at 203-332-5984. Visit the HCC website at housatonic.edu.



Dr. Marie Robert, Professor of Pathology and Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine, will be the keynote speaker Nov. 7 at Housatonic Community College's STEAM Fest 2018. Photo courtesy of Housatonic Community College.

TOT Columnist Competes In State Garden Club Challenge

Pat Dray, writer of "The Garden Spot" column for The Orange Times, participated Oct. 24 in the "Mum's the Word" design challenge sponsored by the Federated Garden Clubs of CT.

Dray is an accredited flower show judge, past president of the Garden Club of Orange and a member of the Judges' Council. She was one of four designers creating a floral centerpiece using chrysanthemums.

The challenge took place during the federation's fall luncheon at the Aqua Turf Country Club at 556 Mulberry St. in Plantsville. Designers implemented new federation plant material design rules.

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



Pat Dray. Photo by Linda Bradford.

UNH Symposium Discusses Drug-Related Deaths

Experts and other stakeholders tackled the thorny problem of drug-related deaths in the state and nationally Oct. 22 and 23 during the 27th Annual Arnold Markle Symposium hosted by the University of New Haven's Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science.

This year's speakers included noted international and national drug experts, prosecutors, Drug Enforcement Administration investigators, emergency department physicians, toxicology experts and parents of children who succumbed to addiction.

Dr. Henry C. Lee, one of the world's foremost forensic scientists, founder of the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science at the University of New Haven and chaired professor in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, led the discussion on the investigation of drug-

related deaths.

Dr. James Gill, chief medical examiner for Connecticut, discussed drug death trends in the state.

The symposium addressed current deadly drug trends including opioids, fentanyl and heroin. It delved into a timely discussion about drug-related death investigations, challenges faced today, and possible solutions. A special panel featuring the stories of families who have lost loved ones to the drug epidemic closed the symposium.

Each year, the Arnold Markle Symposium Advanced Homicide brings together nationally recognized experts in law enforcement, forensic science and the medical and legal professions to create a dialogue and work toward change in those fields.

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Orange Native Wins Hackathon Competition



Gabrielle Cella. Photo by Linda Cella.

Orange native Gabrielle Cella, who graduated from Amity High School in 2011, was on the winning team of the 2018 Wayfair.com Hackathon. Over 25 teams took part in the competition.

Cella's team developed the winning "First Mile Driver App" to provide visibility for daily dedicated supplier pickups. The winning prize included a cash award and lunch with CEO and Co-Chairman Niraj Shah and Co-Chairman Steve Conine.

Cella graduated from Tufts University in 2015 with a degree in computer science and is currently a software engineer at Wayfair.com in Boston. She is the daughter of Linda and Richard Cella of Orange.



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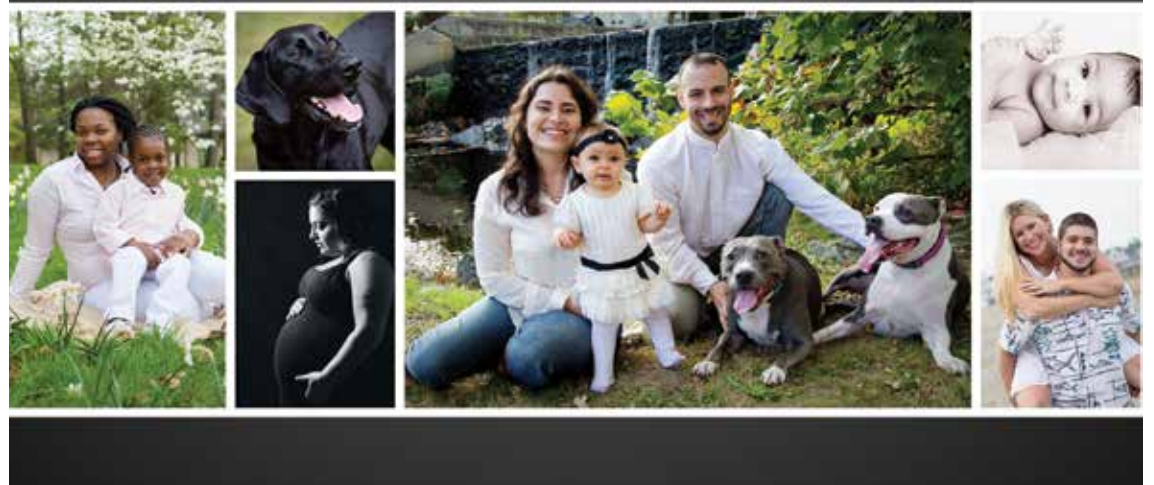
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Mainland People's Republic of China (PRC), insisted on the One China Principle, Republic of China (ROC) and the People's Republic of China (PRC) were the only two states in the world that were recognized as the legitimate government of China.

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Please join us in congratulating Allison and her husband, Scott, on the birth of their son, Austin Michael Drozd. Austin was born in September and is a healthy, happy baby. Please note that Allison has changed her last name to match Scott's and baby Austin's last name and will now be using Allison DePaola-Drozd.

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- Anastasia Avgerinos** entered into rest October 12, 2018.
- Marshall B. Blevins**, age 96, of Milford passed away on Monday, October 8, 2018.
- Richard E. Briggs**, 81, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 21, 2018.
- John E. DeFeo**, 59, of Kinnelon, New Jersey passed away on October 22, 2018.
- Randall J. (Randy) Fulton**, 53, passed away peacefully on October 14th.
- Kenneth H. Geigle**, 73, of Wallingford, died Tuesday, October 2, 2018.
- Dr. William Russell Hunt**, age 77, went home to his Heavenly Father on October 17, 2018. Dr Hunt was a resident of Orange at the time of his passing.
- Leon John Kloeppner Jr.**, age 72, of Milford passed away on October 23, 2018.
- Robert Kruger**, age 73, of Milford passed away on October 12, 2018
- Bernice (Canfield) La Fontaine**, longtime resident of Bridgeport, Milford, and the Masonic Home in Wallingford, entered into eternal rest on October 23, 2018.
- Dr. Walter Lucia**, 84, passed away on October 18, 2018.
- Robert E. Miles**, age 88, of Milford, died on Thursday, October 18, 2018.
- Michael William Monroe**, 31, was killed in a car accident on September 25, 2018 while on his honeymoon in Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- Sandra M. Moran**, 76, of Orange, entered into eternal rest peacefully on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.
- William H. Murray**, age 83, of Milford, died on Tuesday, October 9th
- Mary Jane Napolitano**, age 87 of Shelton formally of Orange passed away peacefully in Shelton CT.
- James J. Pepe, Jr.**, age 75, passed away on Sunday, October 21, 2018.
- Michael P. Petro**, age 80, of Milford, passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 18, 2018
- James J. Ramos**, 86, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 24, 2018
- John "Jack" W. Russell**, 75, of Milford, passed away peacefully on October 25, 2018.
- Lynn (Lebon) Simons**, 72, of Orange, CT, passed away peacefully on, Oct. 26, 2018.
- Marcia A. Stirk**, 63, of Milford, passed away on October 23, 2018.
- Robert F. Toohey**, age 84, of Milford passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 18, 2018.
- Edward Robert Tuohy III**, 77, of Milford, lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, October 20, 2018.
- Rosina M. Varsh**, 96, made her transition peacefully on Sunday October 21, 2018.

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- And yet, Connecticut has a \$2Billion deficit projected for 2019.
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