

TODAY'S OBITUARIES

Lawrence J. Cianciolo *Attorney, accountant*

NEW HARTFORD — Lawrence Joseph Cianciolo, 65, attorney and certified public accountant, also of Peru, Vt., died unexpectedly in Morzine, France, on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, after a joyful day of skiing.

He was born in New Haven on Sept. 16, 1943, to Mary (Fainelli) Cianciolo and the late Dr. Lawrence Cianciolo.

He was a graduate of Torrington High School, attended Cornell University, and graduated from the University of Connecticut. He proudly served as an officer and company commander in the United States Army before becoming a management analyst for the CT State Department of Labor. He earned a master of business administration from the University of Hartford, where he was a graduate assistant for Dr. John Lazar, and a juris doctor's degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He was admitted to the Connecticut Bar and the Federal Bar.

Larry became a certified public accountant while working at the accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, and Mitchell in Hartford before moving to Grolier Inc. in Danbury as assistant treasurer, tax, and then vice president, tax. He was a member of the Connecticut Society of Public Accountants, the American, Connecticut and the Hartford County bar associations, the Connecticut Bar Foundation, and CATIC. He especially enjoyed his recent position on the board of directors of OmegaFlex Inc.

John C. Vastola *School administrator*

WOLCOTT — John Carmen Vastola, 80, of 8 Old Stonebrook Court, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009 at Waterbury Hospital.

He was the husband for the last 28 years of Joan (Ploski) Vastola.

Born in Waterbury on Nov. 28, 1928, the son of the late John A. and Lodia (Carrier) Vastola. He graduated from Crosby High School, the Teachers College of Connecticut where he earned his bachelor's degree and his sixth-year certificate from the University of Connecticut.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, John began his teaching career. From 1954-1965 he taught the elementary grades and in 1965 was appointed supervising principal of Frisbie School. In 1968 he was appointed principal of Wolcott's Alcott Middle School. From 1985 to 1986 he served as dean of students at Wolcott High School. From 1986 to his retirement in 1987, he assumed the post of administrator in charge of school buildings and grounds.

John was active in many town and civic organizations. He was a member of the American Legion Billy Peterson Post 165 in Wolcott; a life member of the VFW Post

Larry is survived by his mother of Litchfield; his beloved wife of 37 years, Mary (Dranginis) Cianciolo of New Hartford; his cherished brother, Vincent, and his wife, Marcia, of Harwinton; his sister-in-law, the Hon. Anne C. Dranginis and her husband, William P. Jacobs, of Litchfield; and his nieces, Melissa and Molly Cianciolo, and Charlotte and Sarah Zivic. He was a loving and supportive uncle. He is also survived by a treasured family of aunts, uncles and cousins.

His family and friends will miss his warmth, his compassion, and his ability, in the midst of his hard work, to enjoy life, travel and savor fine wine and snow covered slopes. His family and friends were most important to him, so his sudden departure from our lives has created an emptiness which will not be filled.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 49 South St., Litchfield, for a Mass of Christian Burial. Relatives and friends attending the funeral services are asked to meet directly at St. Anthony Church. Burial will follow in St. Francis New Cemetery with full military honors. Calling hours will be held on Monday, Feb. 9, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at The LaPorta-Cook Funeral Home, 82 Litchfield St., Torrington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Larry's name may be made to The Little Guild of St. Francis, P.O. Box 59, West Cornwall 06796; Torrington Area Foundation for Public Giving, P.O. Box 1144, 32 City Hall Ave., Torrington 06790; or Veteran's Service Office Final Honor Guard, 140 Main St., Torrington 06790.

Condolences may be sent to the Cianciolo family by visiting www.laportacookfuneralhome.com.



1979, where he served as commander and judge advocate; president and board of director member for the Wolcott Lions Club; president of the Wolcott Education Association and a member of the Southington Elks Lodge 1669.

In addition John was a member of the following boards and commissions: the Democratic Town Committee, past chairman of the Industrial and Development Commission, past chairman of the Inland Wetlands Commission and the Farmingbury Hills Commission. He had also coached Little League and ran the children's bowling league at Wolcott Lanes during the 1970s.

In addition to his wife Joan, he is survived by his sons, James Vastola of Washington, D.C., Steven and his wife Joanna Vastola of Bristol, Jon Vastola of Wolcott, David and his wife Cheryl of Sitka, Alaska, Chris and wife Claire Vastola of Wolcott and three grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday Feb. 9, at St. Maria Goretti Church, 1300 Woodtick Road, Wolcott. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Relatives and friends may call at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 690 Woodtick Road, Monday morning from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to St. Maria Goretti Parish Building Fund, 1300 Woodtick Road, Wolcott 06716. For directions and on-line tributes visit www.dellavecchiafun.com.

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Church to sponsor concert tonight

TORRINGTON — A concert "Hot Notes at the Cool Nite Café" will be held tonight from 6 to 11 at the First United Methodist Church, 21 Fern Drive.

Among the performers will be Wibo & Friends, Cece Bor-

jeson and Ruth George, the Collette Hurst Jazz Ensemble, the Mountain String Band, Cornbread, the Pat McDonald Bluegrass Band, and Jim Grustus.

Suggested donation is \$15 for adults, \$5 for children.

MOVIE TIMES

**BRASS MILL STADIUM 12**  
495 UNION ST., WATERBURY (203) 757-2244  
Bride Wars, 11:20 a.m., 1:35, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25 p.m.  
Coraline, 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 p.m.  
The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button, 1, 4:35, 8:15 p.m.  
Gran Torino, 1:20, 4:15, 7, 10 p.m.  
Hotel For Dogs, 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:55 p.m.  
Notorious, 1:10, 4, 6:50, 9:35 p.m.  
Pink Panther, 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:40, 10:10 p.m.  
Revolutionary Road, 1:05, 3:50, 6:45, 9:30 p.m.  
Slumdog Millionaire, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20 p.m.  
The Unborn, 11:40 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:50, 10:15 p.m.  
Underworld 3, 11:45 a.m., 2, 4:50, 7:55, 10:30 p.m.  
The Uninvited, 11:15 a.m., 1:25, 3:45, 8, 10:35 p.m.

**MALLVIEW CINEMAS 10**  
117 SHARON ROAD, WATERBURY (203) 597-1756  
Defiance 12:45, 7 p.m.  
He's Just Not That Into You, 12:35, 3:10, 7, 9:30 p.m.  
Mall Cop 12:45, 1:15, 3:35, 4:15, 7:10, 7:35, 9:40, 10 p.m.  
Milk 3, 9:40 p.m.  
New In Town 12:40, 3:05, 7:10, 10 p.m.  
Push, 12:45, 3:15, 7:15, 9:45 p.m.  
The Reader 12:30, 3, 7:10, 9:45 p.m.  
Taken 12:35, 1, 3, 4, 7, 7:30, 9:30, 10 p.m.  
The Wrestler 12:40, 3:10, 7:15, 9:45 p.m.

**COUNTRY CINEMA**  
523 MAIN ST., WATERTOWN (860) 274-2193  
Australia 4:20 p.m.  
Bolt 2:30 p.m.  
Madagascar 2 1 p.m.  
Twilight 7 p.m.  
Yes Man 9 p.m.

**BANK STREET THEATER**  
46 BANK ST., NEW MILFORD (860) 354-2122  
Coraline 1:45, 4:15, 6:30, 8:55 p.m.  
He's Just Not That Into You 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:25 p.m.  
Taken 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:35 p.m.

**SHOWCASE CINEMAS**  
1821 MERIDEN WATERBURY ROAD, SOUTHWINGTON (860) 620-5505  
Coraline, 1, 4, 7, 9:30 p.m.  
Gran Torino 1:30, 4:05, 6:40, 9:15 p.m.  
He's Just Not That Into You, 1, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50 p.m.  
Hotel For Dogs 12:50, 3, 5:10, 7:20 p.m.  
Mall Cop 1:10, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35 p.m.  
New In Town 12:55, 3:05, 5:15, 7:25, 9:40 p.m.  
Pink Panther, 12:50, 3, 5:05, 7:10, 9:25 p.m.  
Push, 1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 10 p.m.  
Revolutionary Road 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:20 p.m.  
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Uninvited 1:20, 3:25, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55 p.m.

**BANTAM CINEMA**  
ROUTE 209, BANTAM (860) 567-0006  
The Reader 1:45, 4:30, 7:30 p.m.  
Slumdog Millionaire 2, 5, 8 p.m.

**CINEROM TORRINGTON**  
89 FARLEY PLACE, TORRINGTON (860) 489-4111  
He's Just Not That Into You, 1, 3:45, 6:40, 9:30 p.m.  
Hotel For Dogs 1:20, 3:35, 6:30, 9:10 p.m.  
Mall Cop 12:40, 2:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:15 p.m.  
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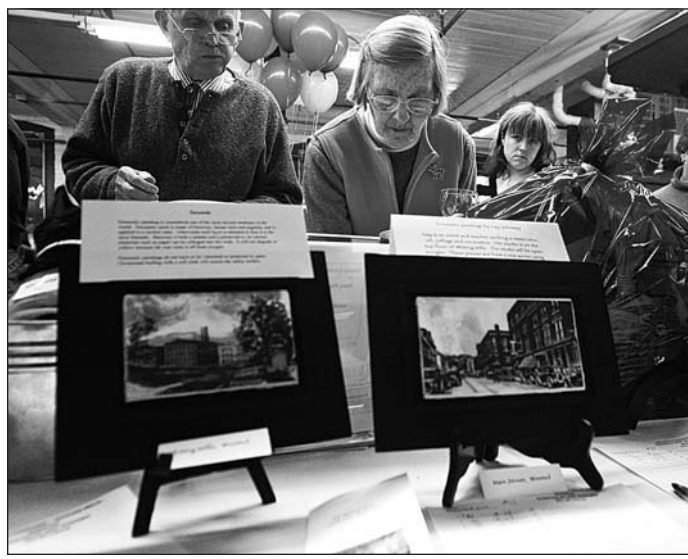
**GILSON CAFE & CINEMA**  
354 MAIN ST., WINSTED (860) 379-5108  
The Curious Case Of Benjamin Button 7 p.m.  
Milk 7 p.m.

**STRAND THEATER**  
165 MAIN ST., SEYMOUR (203) 881-5025.  
Valkyrie, 7 p.m.

**COLONIAL THEATRE**  
27 RAILROAD ST., CANAAN (860) 824-4488

**SEYMOUR CINEMAS**  
TRI-TOWN PLAZA, 814 DERBY AVE., SEYMOUR (203) 734-2000  
**MOVIE HOUSE MILLERTON**  
MAIN ST., MILLERTON, N.Y. (518) 789-3287

Tasty benefit



**Harry and JoAnn Briggs of Winsted look at items up for the silent auction at Bubbles and Truffles, a chocolate and wine tasting to benefit downtown revitalization for the Friends of Main Street, at Whiting Mills on Friday night in Winsted. Ledgewood was one of the sponsors of the event, which featured 40 wines from eight vendors as well as appetizers and chocolates. Sponsors also included Winsted Precision Ball, West State Mechanical and NW Community Bank.**

Heroin addict faces 12 years for robberies to aid boyfriend

BY MEGAN BRODERICK  
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

LITCHFIELD — A 19-year-old woman who was addicted to heroin and desperate for money to bail her boyfriend out of jail tearfully admitted in Litchfield Superior Court on Friday that she helped rob two local stores while armed with a pellet gun in September 2008.

Harlee Gagnon, who told police she was homeless, pleaded guilty to robbing the Pleasant Valley General Store in Barkhamsted on Sept. 17 and the Morris Xtra Mart on Sept. 21. She will spend up to 12 years in prison when she's sentenced April 24.

Prosecutor Dawn Gallo said Gagnon, along with 18-year-old Andrew Doty, of Harwinton, went into the general store shortly before 8 p.m. with hats and scarves covering their faces. Doty is charged with pointing the gun at the store employee and demanding money. He has not entered pleas to the charges.

They left with \$2,483, Gallo said. Several days later, Gallo said it was a different man

who carried the gun, 38-year-old John Johnson of Torrington. He accompanied Gagnon into the Xtra Mart, where Gagnon said to the store employee "open the drawer, be cool," and took \$131. Johnson has pleaded not guilty.

When Gagnon was arrested in September, she admitted her involvement in the robberies but refused to name her accomplices. She told police that after the first robbery, she had enough money to bond her boyfriend, David Shafer, 23, of Torrington, out of jail. But instead, she told police she went with friends to buy heroin and rent a hotel room.

The second robbery didn't yield enough money for Shafer's bond, Gagnon told police, so they went to Waterbury and bought heroin.

Gagnon also pleaded guilty to helping her friends rob the Family Dollar store in Barkhamsted in September. As a former employee of the store, prosecutors said Gagnon knew the code to the safe and opened it after a pillowcase with rocks was thrown through the window.

Pair pick bad time to attempt usual drug buy

BY MEGAN BRODERICK  
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

LITCHFIELD — Two Torrington women were already in trouble when police and probation officers showed up at their apartment Thursday and found bags of heroin and hypodermic needles.

But as officers searched the apartment and questioned the women and one of their boyfriends, two others came to the door. Questioned by officers, they said they had been buying heroin from the women for months, and were there to make a purchase.

The residents of the 458 Main St. apartment, Tara Wilbur, 18, and Sarah Siddell, 22, were charged with possession of narcotics and

possession with intent to sell. Also charged was Wilbur's boyfriend, Joseph Weber, 25, of 154 Eno Ave. in Torrington.

Officers were visiting the apartment Thursday for a routine check on Wilbur, who is on probation in another case. Inside the apartment, they found more than five grams of heroin in baggies in Weber's pocket, according to the police report. They found another five grams in a pink purse that

ARRESTS: Bonds set for court appearances

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lice in Middlebury assisted in the investigation.

"People who seek out and download these images are as guilty as those who engage in the outrageous exploitation of these young children for pornographic purposes," said John C. Gavalas, Waterbury's police chief. "All those who participated in this regional effort did an outstanding job."

The men were all charged with possession of child pornography.

Philip DeJesus, a city man arrested on Friday, also was charged with interfering with police and assaulting an officer.

The Waterbury men were

held on \$500,000 bonds and will appear Monday in Waterbury Superior Court. The two arrested in Watertown were held on \$50,000 bonds.

The following people were arrested Friday on charges of possession of child pornography:

- Justin Savage, 19, of 55 Burr St., Waterbury
- Luis Torres, 29, of 55 Wood St., first floor, Waterbury
- Robert Loy, 42, of 43 Central Ave. Apt. 306, Waterbury
- Phillip DeJesus, 22, 129 Wall St., Waterbury
- Joseph Vadnais, 25, 33 Cummings Ave., Watertown
- A teenager who lived on Elm Street in Watertown also was arrested, but due to his age his name wasn't released by police.

BIRTHS

Birth and adoption announcements run daily. The forms are often provided by local hospitals or are available at the Republican-American. For information, visit or call the Yes Desk at (203) 574-3636, Ext. 1400. Signatures of both parents are required on birth announcement forms if the parents have different last names.

**Buckley** — a son, Ayden Mitchell, to Katie Durand and Chris Buckley, both of Torrington, Jan. 21, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. Grandparents are Paulene and Bruce Durand of New Hartford, Stephanie Beavers of Knoxville, Tenn., and William Buckley of Torrington. Great-grandparents are Katrina Durand, Janice Kollar of Naugatuck, William Kollar of Massachusetts, Hellen Lembo, and Salvatore Lembo of Bantam.

**Chila** — A son, Gavin Joseph, to Peter Chila III and Jaime Bugajewski-Chila of Monroe, Dec. 31, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bridgeport. Grandparents are Thomas and Margaret Surat of Watertown, William Bugajewski and Diane de Castillia of Shelton and Marybeth Quinn of Monroe. Great-grandparents are Joseph and Jacqueline Quinn of Brewster, N.Y.

**Furlong** — a daughter, Rebecca Danielle, to Leanne (Dion) and Thomas W. Furlong of Torrington, Jan. 29, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. Grandparents are Tom and Gloria Furlong of Brookfield.

**Okoski** — a daughter, to Brian and Christine Okoski of Naugatuck, Jan. 12, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. Grandparents are Elaine Fredericks of Naugatuck, and Walter and Ann Okoski of Morris. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Waite of

DeBary, Fla., and Stasia Okoski of Bethlehem.

**Rajotte** — a daughter, to Shannon (McDougall) and Michael Rajotte of Torrington, Jan. 26, at Charlotte Hungerford Hospital in Torrington. Grandparents are Fred and Margaret McDougall of Southern Pines, N.C., and Lucien and Claudia Rajotte of Bristol. Great-grandparents are Rita McDougall of Cape Cod, Mass., and Constance Rajotte of Bristol.

**St. Hilaire** — a daughter, Meghan Grace, to Gary and Jennifer (Mullen) St. Hilaire of Wethersfield, Dec. 7, at UConn Health Center in Farmington. Grandparents are Nora Mullen of Oxford, and Donald and Frances St. Hilaire of Wolcott.

**Semanoff** — a daughter, Samantha Jill, to David and Karoline (Jordan) Semanoff of Naugatuck, Jan. 28, at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury. Grandparents are Mike and Elida Semanoff of Waterbury, and Gary and Sandra Jordan of Mesa, Ariz. Great-grandparents are Jean Semanoff-Drexler of Waterbury, and Gertrude Broder of Bridgeport.

**Valencis** — a son, Isaiah Kenneth, to Stan and Angela (Sanzone) Valencis of Farmington, Jan. 20, at Hartford Hospital. Grandparents are Kenneth and Mary Sanzone of Wolcott, Stan Valencis, and Tamara Prystash of Terryville. Great-grandparents Michael and Ida Skrip of Wolcott.

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GRAN TORINO (R) - ID REQ'D (120 415) 700 1000  
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE (R) - ID REQ'D (150 440) 730 1020  
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COMING SUNDAY

**Rust In Peace**

This old Chevy pickup has roots in Roxbury. Read about it and other rusted cars submitted by readers in a 2-part series starting Sunday in Accent.

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