

State officials back civil suit

Cathy Ludlum (Connecticut Association of Personal Assistance or CTAPA, Inc.), Maria Nelson (Childcare Providers Coalition of Southington), Sen. Joe Markley (Southington), Rep. Rob Sampson (Wolcott/Southington) and Fergus Cullen of the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, along with Attorney Joe Summa (Waterbury) presented their case against the State of Connecticut and Governor Malloy's Forced Unionization Executive Orders 9 & 10 in Hartford Superior Court Thursday, June 28. The executive orders set up the process for the forced unionization of day care providers and personal care attendants. The legislation merely granted the new but illegitimate union representatives the power to bargain with the state.

Cathy Ludlum, who has spinal muscular atrophy, employs a team of 11 personal care attendants. "We're very concerned that bad things are going to happen to us or our personal care attendants," she said.

The plaintiffs say Executive Orders nine and ten are a violation of both state and federal labor and constitutional law. They also claim that Governor Malloy usurped the power of the legislature after members refused to consider the mat-



Cathy Ludlum, Plaintiff and founder of Connecticut Association of Personal Assistance speaking with reporters outside Hartford Superior Court.

ter during the 2011 regular session.

"Our side presented a strong argument and we have a good case," said Senator Markley. "Personal care attendants are not state employees. I have spoken to many who share a good working relationship with their employers. They neither requested nor desire union involvement."

The Civil Lawsuit was filed in Waterbury Superior Court March 23. "A lot was discussed in court today about how the legislation that passed somehow ratifies the executive orders. This is misleading and untrue," said Rep. Sampson. "The executive orders were and remain an overreach of authority by the Governor. The executive orders set up the process for

the forced unionization of day care providers and personal care attendants. The legislation merely granted the new but illegitimate union representatives the power to bargain with the state. You can't begin to make scrambled eggs unless you have the eggs to start with."

Attorney Joe Summa of Waterbury says he will file with in the next few weeks an amended complaint to address the new legislation passed during the 2012 legislative session that codifies the Executive Orders. Attorney Summa will also be filing by the end of the month, a challenge to the Executive Orders with the state labor board.

Judge James Graham said there is no timeline for a decision to be made.

Shake up on Calendar House panel

A new ordinance will have a major impact on how the Calendar House senior center is operated.

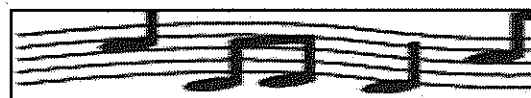
Under the new ordinance, Calendar House director Bob Verderame will report directly to Town Manager Garry Brumback rather than the Senior Citizens Commission.

The current Senior Citizens Commission is made up of nine appointed members. The ordinance would maintain this board, although it would have less authority and serve a more advisory role.

Some current members of the senior commission expressed opposition to the

idea at a past public hearing and said it was important for the Calendar House to have the additional oversight.

The Town Council passed the new ordinance unanimously during its June 25 meeting. The council will review the ordinance in a year's time.



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Any rain dates are for the following Thursday.

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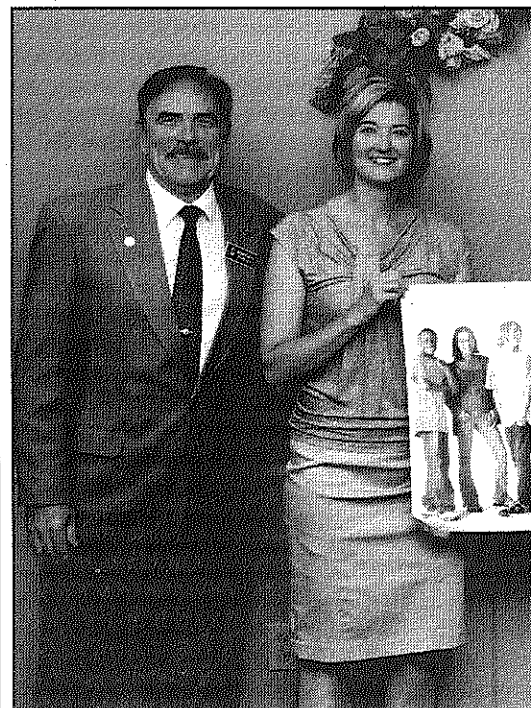
July 25, "The Sam Vinci Orchestra," spon-

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August 1, "Soul," sponsored by Carlson Heating Conditioning LL

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