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Protestors: Salon stole wages, called for lewd acts

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Protestors stood outside Chez Chelsea Nail Salon Monday holding signs reading, "Chez Chelsea stop exploiting your workers," and chanted "Chez Chelsea shame on you."

Giving speeches in both Spanish and English, speakers said the group was there to protest the treatment of six female Latina workers who were employed by the former owners

of the salon. The workers claim they were forced to massage male clients nude and had their wages and tips stolen.

The salon, located at 11 Forest St., used to be called Renaissance Nails. In August 2008, Boram Oh bought the salon from her relatives Young Soo Kwon and Jennifer Kwon and reopened it under the name "Chez Chelsea."

Organized by the Justice Will Be Served! Campaign, which is based in New York City, the

workers are suing the Kwons for unpaid overtime and minimum wages and for allegedly stealing tips. They have also filed a discrimination claim.

The organization contends the Kwons fraudulently transferred the business to Boram, their niece, and the same family.

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Protestors stand outside of Chez Chelsea Nail Salon Monday afternoon.



DECISION TIME

Republican BOE candidates face off in heated contest July 21 **BY VINTI SINGH**



ANDREW BROOKS

This recent college graduate went through the New Canaan school system himself. He interns at a law firm in New York City and is a part-time religious school teacher at a synagogue in Westport. He served on the New Canaan Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking in 2002.

As a recent NCHS graduate, he still has a keen memory of what he went through, Brooks said.

"I can share that unique perspective

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LAURA EDMONDS

This William Raveis real estate agent is on the board of directors for the New Canaan Multiple Listing Service. She began her career as a teacher in the New Haven public school system. When the district was flagged as failing by No Child Left Behind as failing, Edmonds was appointed to a task force to improve the reading and language arts program and she trained hundreds of teachers in the district. She was also a curriculum

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MARY KELLY FREIBERG

A teacher, Freiberg served on the board of a charter school in New Orleans. After moving here in 2005, Freiberg worked as a teacher at Toddler Time Nursery School and the Opportunity Center Pre-School Program at South Elementary School. She has children in Saxe Middle School and West Elementary School.

When attending BOE meetings throughout the year, Freiberg observed that

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AMY ROCHLIN

A stay-at-home mom, Rochlin has lived in New Canaan for more than 10 years. She was appointed to the Board of Education in February when member Deb Edwards stepped down. She has served as Parent Teacher Council President at South Elementary School and Saxe Middle School. She has three children in the high school, middle school and elementary school level.

The greatest challenge the school

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KATHY SMITH

Smith has been a member of the BOE for the past four years and chairman for the past two years. She owns and manages a Sylvan Learning Center in White Plains, N.Y. Her three sons have graduated from or are going through the New Canaan public school system.

One of the things the BOE does well is it constantly puts different things under the microscope, Smith said. For example, right now it is scruti-

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JOHN WALSH

Before retiring, Walsh spent 35 years in the computer sciences industry. He used to work in Los Angeles while teaching mathematics at the graduate school of engineering at the University of Southern California. After returning to New Canaan, Walsh served as a full-time professor at Gibbs College and is currently an adjunct professor of computer sciences at Norwalk Community College. His three children ma-

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Frantz: Tax hike would 'scare away' state's wealthiest

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The Connecticut Assembly will revisit a bill Monday that calls for estate tax increases, income tax increases and corporate tax increases.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell vetoed the bill July 1, but legisla-

tors will vote on whether or not to sustain the veto.

Sen. Scott Frantz said he was confident the assembly would sustain the veto because the proposal is out of touch with economic realities.

"Connecticut faces a once in a five generation

opportunity to make Connecticut the most competitive state in the northeast by keeping tax rates exactly where they are today," Frantz said.

The bill increases income taxes for those with taxable incomes of more than \$500,000 for joint fil-

ers, \$265,000 for single filers, \$400,000 for heads of household and \$250,000 for married people filing separately. It does so by adding three higher-income brackets and increasing the marginal tax rates for income in those brackets from a flat 5 percent to a

range of 6 percent to 7.5 percent. It increases the flat tax rate for trusts and estates from 5 percent to 7.5 percent, according to bill analysis.

Also, the bill imposes a 25 percent corporation tax surcharge for income years 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Ninety percent of constituents he has spoken with say they will leave the state if the bill is passed, Frantz said.

"The tax hike will scare away a sufficient number of families, individuals, partnerships and employ-

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