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ORANGE CERT SWEARS IN 15 NEW MEMBERS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Helping their community through an emergency situation was the resounding reason most of the new inductees to the town's CERT program cited when asked why they wanted to join. The 15 most recent members of the Community Emergency Response Team were sworn in at a ceremony at High Plains Community Center last month after completing a 10-week training program. One of the CERT's major responsibilities is helping man the town's shelter at the High Plains Community Center in the event of an emergency. In his remarks at the graduation ceremony, Deputy Emergency Management Director and CERT member Tino Russo said, "In the past few years there have been some major incidents and there's no way government can protect all of us. People want to help and with a little training they can become part of the solution." According to Russo, CERT plans to have members trained and ready to act when a situation arises.

Former military, information technology professionals, retirees, teachers, medical personnel, and students, most of whom are long time Orange residents, were among the group of men and women graduates. They are: Corey Fischer, Lynn Ericson, Tony Volta, Mike Davis, Jim Lewis, Sangeeta (Sandy) Dadlani, Farhat Siddiqui, Mike Pritz, Ann Teller, Eleanor Hylinski, Bruce Backer, Scott Massey, Chris Shaw, Jeff Cap, and Marty Hummel.

Upon receiving their certificates, the assembled group shared their reasons for wanting to be part of the CERT team. Chris Shaw, a semi-retired bus driver and HAM operator who served in the Navy said he's always enjoyed "messing around with electronic toys" and CERT seemed an ideal place to put it to good use. "I like the idea of helping your neighborhood and your town," he said.

Civic-minded Ann Teller said she loves Orange and joined CERT because she wanted to "do more to help". Reconstructive foot surgeon Dr. Bruce Backer who is a HAM operator and a coordinator for the state's medical services hopes his medical training

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TOWN BULK PICK-UP DATES TO CHANGE!

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NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES FOR BOARD OF ED

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The New Year brought a new challenge to parents and educators across Orange as freezing temperatures caused two pipes to burst at Peck Place School, allowing thousands of gallons of water to flow in through the ceilings of classrooms leaving the entire school flooded with fresh water upon students' return on January 6. As the building was dried, a new problem arose: floor tiles with adhesive containing asbestos began to crack. Air quality tests were conducted (which came back negative, meaning asbestos had not yet seeped into the air) and the administration decided on a permanent replacement of the floors which would involve a lengthier closing of the school for an abatement. The building is sealed off completely, and an abatement contractor with the correct licensing is removing all of the 44-year-old floor tiles and the mastic which adheres them to the subflooring.

Though a cost for the damage has not yet been estimated, Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin anticipates the district will be responsible for part of the cost. "It's much too soon to say [what the cost will be], but we have insurance," she told Orange Town News.

As a temporary solution, Peck students were split between Race Brook and Turkey

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Hill School and spread out among the classrooms. Though anxieties were high and space was limited, students and teachers all made the best of the situation, making new friends and sharing in what many called a fun adventure for the children.

In a letter to Race Brook and Turkey Hill parents Friday, January 11, McMullin said, “We are so grateful to you for all of the thoughtful and warm-hearted things you have done to lessen the impact of this serious issue for Peck. Classrooms have done special activities together and celebrated their guests. PTOs have provided food and resources. Teachers have collaborated and co-taught. This truly has been a community at its best.”

Two emergency Board of Education meetings and four days later, an agreement was reached to set up a temporary location for all of Peck’s students and staff at Yale University’s West Campus off Marsh Hill Road. At press time, contractual details for the use of the space had not yet been finalized, but McMullin did say Yale was ‘extremely generous’. The process included many details including considering the protocols for loading and unloading buses to how the teachers and kids will move throughout the building (marking the exits, bathrooms, etc.), accommodating for students with special needs and figuring out lunch, recess, and specials schedules.

Several locations across town were considered, including classroom spaces in the Greek Orthodox Church on Race Brook Road, which is light and bright and had a

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kitchen and cafeteria space, but the classrooms were too small. The Congregational Church on Orange Center Road was also considered, but unisex bathrooms were on a different floor from the classrooms, and there was no Internet service which would make daily communications difficult. School administration also considered Hubble property, but the lobby of the offered space was under construction and the available rooms were former yoga studios, lined floor-to-ceiling with mirrors. In addition, the road at the Hubble property was too narrow for two buses to safely pass each other on the way in and out.

McMullin said the choice was made carefully, and with the best interest of students and staff in mind. “The drop-off and pick-up is perfect (I’m sure the Orange Police will assist with the intersection). The building is incredibly secure, and we can set up our security desk in the entrance. We’ll have computer lab set-ups, and we can bring the laptop carts, the copiers, our office equipment, and so on. There are many push-out spaces for tutoring and Special Education.”

In a letter to Peck Place parents, the superintendent said, “We will provide Peck students and staff with the safest, brightest, and most adaptable space we can find. After that, it will be up to all of us to make it a welcoming, temporary home.” The letter concludes, “I know you have been patient and open-minded as we’ve worked through these building issues. I ask that you continue in that vein and that we all work together to resolve any issues which arise. Your principal has been a tremendous leader this week.”

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While some men may buy a sports car and have an affair as they approach midlife, Rod Mitchell decided he wanted



Laura Fantarella

to learn how to ballroom dance. Several years ago, when Mitchell was about to turn 48, he took stock of his life and realized the time had come to do the things he'd always wanted to try. "I've always loved to dance and when I'd go to clubs I'd hop up and down and gyrate around," he said. "I thought I really should learn to dance correctly!" When he received a promotional coupon from the Fred Astaire studio that had recently opened in town, he knew it was no coincidence. He booked his first lesson and "was hooked immediately".

Before long the self-described "shy wallflower" was a regular at the dance studio, taking weekly private and group lessons. He has many favorite dances, enjoying the excitement and athleticism of the rhythm dances like cha cha, rumba and swing and the elegance of the foxtrot and waltzes. Surprisingly, Mitchell needed little persuasion to participate in his first ballroom competition soon after. "I was very nervous, my heart was in my stomach," he recalled. "I wound up fox-trotting out of bounds by accident where the judges couldn't see me." Over the past few years, he's continued to compete and his nerves are starting to settle a bit. This past November he even wore the traditional, racy, black satin Latin shirt cut down nearly to his navel in the rhythm event at the Boston competition. "It's not flattering, particularly if you have a hairy chest! I didn't really feel like me, the costume did not seem to fit my personality," he



Rod Mitchell

said. "But the great thing about dancing is you can pretend to be different people. And when I do Latin steps, it becomes my personality."

Dancing is a perfect complement to Mitchell's job as a musician and singer. His eighth, and what he believes is possibly his best CD, 'Parchment' is scheduled to come out later this month. Describing his music as "rock and roll with an emphasis on lyrics," the Orange native has even used his own compositions to choreograph comedic dance showcases which he has performed with his instructor before audiences at local venues. "I'm doing some crazy stuff and I'm having a ball doing it!" he said.

His new-found passion for ballroom has brought unexpected benefits and discoveries. He learned his great grandfather was a Viennese dance master who taught the lovely waltz to students in Austria. "It must have been a very romantic life to teach the Viennese waltz," Mitchell said, who now knows first-hand how difficult the dance is to perform well. But he intends to have many more years perfecting his own technique. "It's fun, it's challenging and it relieves stress," he said. "And I'm more confident socially."

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RACE BROOK SCHOOL STUDENTS SPONSOR HOLIDAY BEAR PROJECT

Generous and compassionate families and staff members from Race Brook Elementary School in Orange sponsored 20 children from the Waterbury area in this year's National Education Association's Holiday Bear Project. The goal of the project is to collect donated gifts for less fortunate children in Connecticut's public schools. The parents "lit" 120 of the paper candles on the school's bulletin board in the spirit of giving and lighting up the lives of children. The paper candles on the bulletin board represent the number of donated gifts. Many Race Brook School families now include the gift drive as part of their annual holiday tradition, looking for the perfect gift for those in need. The students pictured with the hundreds of gifts are members of the Student Council Gift Drive Committee. They collected the gifts from all the classrooms during their recess, giving them the opportunity to show citizenship and responsibility. The gift drive was organized under the guidance of the Race Brook School Student Council co-advisors and teachers, JoAnne Escandon (back left) and Pam Galatioto (back right), who are also pictured in the photo.

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The total cost of tuition for general education community peers will be \$3,000. The Pre-School Program will follow the school year calendar of 181 days. If a family qualifies for the State's Free and Reduced Lunch Program, they may be eligible for tuition assistance. Parents of general education community peers will need to provide their own transportation.

In order to participate in this lottery your child must be three by September 1st, 2014 to attend the 3-yr. old program and must be four by December 31st, 2014 to enroll in the 4-yr. old program. All children must be toilet trained and an Orange resident. If interested in this integrated Pre-School Program please call the Special Services Dept. (203-891-8023) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to enter your child in the lottery. We will be accepting names to enter the blind lottery up until 4:00 p.m., Friday, January 24, 2014.

Parents will be notified of the lottery results by Friday, January 31, 2014. A completed registration packet and tuition deposit of \$300 should be submitted no later than April 4, 2014. The deposit will cover the tuition for September. Tuition will be due on the first of the preceding month, e.g. tuition for October is due on September 1st. The last payment for the year (June) will be due on May 1st. Parents who have further questions may call the Special Services Dept. (203-891-8023) at the Orange Board of Education.

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Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor

I read in the news last week that Stop and Shop will be closing its Orange store. While I am disappointed that it was decided to close the store instead of upgrading it to the standard that our town deserves, I will be pleased to bid them good riddance. Unfortunately, I have the feeling I am not going to have that pleasure. They say they will maintain their gas station at the Orange location, which does not bode well for my hope of them leaving town altogether and allowing for new tenants to move in and a new supermarket to be developed. I've said it a million times before, but I will say it again, Stop and Shop has not been a friend to the Town over the years. They bankrolled the SON group to keep Stew Leonard's out of town losing us millions in potential tax revenue, and it continues to pay an exorbitant amount of money to keep the Builder's Square site vacant and dilapidated. Not only losing us MORE tax revenue, but perpetuating an eyesore on Bull Hill Lane. Unfortunately, I'm sure that they will continue this reprehensible behavior even after the store closes down, leaving the residents of Orange with no local supermarket. There has got to be something the town can do to fight them. What it is doing is not right and causes significant harm to us all.

On another note, I hope the members of the SON group are proud of themselves. They sold their souls to the devil and they are now getting their just desserts, being abandoned by their one-time benefactors. This is just the cherry on top of their complete failure to benefit the town in any way. Their success at keeping Stew Leonard's out caused the town significant financial harm and limited our shopping options. And after all of their cries about the town losing its "rural feeling" during the Stew Leonard's fight, they also lost that, when UI came in and destroyed the woods and homes that sit on their new Orange Campus with the mammoth glass and steel monstrosities. (I hope it has not been lost on any of you that those eyesores sit directly across the street from the proposed Stew Leonard's site.) I don't recall hearing a peep from them during that process, do you?

So thanks to Stop and Shop and SON, we have no stew Leonard's and its tax revenue, soon we'll have no supermarket in town at all, and we will lose yet more revenue when the Orange Stop and Shop closes.

Shame on you both.

Evan London

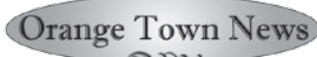
Orange Nativity Display

We Did It! It Was Beautiful! We're Grateful!

We are writing to our friends and neighbors in the Orange Community to express our appreciation for their support and participation in the Orange Nativity Fund Project. This is the third year that we have erected a Nativity Display on the Orange Community Center Grounds. It was even more beautiful than last year and was joyously accepted and appreciated by all who had the opportunity to view it.

We are grateful for all the support, financial and otherwise, that we received from the residents of Orange and neighboring communities. We thank our co-chairmen, Marianne Bauer and George Guiliotis, and the crew that gathered to construct the display. It was wonderful to observe the excitement and joy of this very diverse group as they performed this labor of love. They were: Roy Arbour; Rich, Lisa, Colby, Justin and Aiden Altorelli; Bill Bratz; David Byrne; Gregg Guiliotis; Robb McCorkle; Jim,

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Marcy, Christopher and Patrick Winkel; and Ryan Wohlert. We also received assistance from Phil Grande and from members of the American Legion Post 127. Thank you also to those members of the Committee who participated in the project: Harriet Kral; John and Bessie Agapiou; David Bratz; Lee, Tricia and Molly Lasto; Justin Grande and Lorraine Liebel.

The display was especially beautiful this year thanks to the craftsmanship and hard work of Bill Bratz who took the suggestions of the Nativity Committee Members and created a marvelous work of art. The display was beautiful both in the daytime and when illuminated at night.

In Conclusion, a very special thanks to all the individuals and organizations who helped us to make this project possible and who helped us to remind everyone of the TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

Sincerely,

Dotty K Guiliotis

An Open Letter to Cablevision & Meredith Communications

January 7, 2014

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The purpose of this letter is to express our concern over the disagreement between Cablevision and WFSB regarding the renewal of the retransmission agreement to carry WFSB-TV, a CBS affiliate. We understand that negotiations were taking place and have recently come to a standstill as of Friday, January 3, 2014 at 6:30pm.

We view these as a private negotiations between two companies and hope that you are able to quickly reach a mutually beneficial outcome. In the meantime, we ask that you restore CBS to all Cablevision subscribers.

This dispute is centered on whether Cablevision customers in Fairfield County, who already get WCBS-TV in New York, should also pay for WFSB-TV, a second CBS affiliate in the same area. Despite the fact that the dispute is centered in Fairfield County, our constituents in New Haven County are disproportionately bearing the brunt of this dispute. It is our understanding that an agreement has already been reached on the amount to pay WFSB for broadcast rights in Milford, Orange, and Woodbridge, yet both WFSB and WCBS have been pulled off the air leaving our constituents with no access to CBS programming, which is unacceptable to us and our constituents. Yet, in Fairfield County, the center of the dispute, WCBS is still airing, giving them access to CBS programming.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to hearing that you will restore the CBS station that our constituents rely on for news, weather and other locally produced public affairs programs.

Sincerely,

Representative Paul Davis (117th)
Representative James Maroney (119th)
Representative Kim Rose (118th)
Representative Themis Klarides (114th)
Senator Gayle Slossberg (Senate 14th)
Senator Joseph Crisco (Senate 17th)



FROM OUR READERS

Callahan Thanks All Who Participated

I am celebrating my 10th year running the Holiday Program for Orange Community Services and as usual I am so grateful to all the wonderful people who called me to participate or just donate, every year is better than the one before. People and businesses here in Orange are so generous to my program. This is the most rewarding part of my job working for the Town of Orange; I am so proud to be part of this and helping all who are in need during difficult times for the holidays.

I would like to personally thank Artie Dixon (local resident/musician) who runs his Holiday Party every year asking for unwrapped toys, Mike at Center Balance in Orange whose clients for the past few years have been so amazing with taking all the children's names and donating; Church of Good Shepherd in Orange who took all the children's names for their wish tree and also donated food bags for the families too; the Orange Arts & Crafts Guild, Orangewood Women, Coldwell Banker of Orange, Orange Preschool, Orange Community Women, various Daisy, Brownie, Girl Scout Troops, Cub Scout & Boy Scouts. Also the Orange Republican Women, Orange Board of Ed and the Amity PTO; the Orange Democratic Women's groups and finally the Orange residents, employees & businesses who took time out of their busy lives to participate and sponsor a family or senior in our program or just to give a donation. There are so many names it would take pages to list everyone so I apologize if I missed anyone.

Again, thank you everyone involved in donating their time with sponsoring the families and seniors in the Town of Orange who are in desperate need of assistance. As always the response was amazing! Thank You All So Much!

Kimberly Callahan
Administrative Assistant
Community Services Department
Town of Orange

To the Editor

The town of Orange is polling parents of future kindergartners about the possibility of increasing its .84 day (5 hours) to a full day. While I'm not eligible to weigh in on the parent survey, I have some thoughts, questions and cautions about the subject. I had four children go through the Orange elementary school system when kindergarten was a half-day session and now I have a grandson at Mary L. Tracy and a granddaughter poised to enter kindergarten in a few years. Why is a full-day kindergarten being considered? Is it to accommodate working parents? Is it an effort to jam more academics down the child's throat when recent studies and respected child development experts have consistently warned about the negative effects? Award-winning education writer, Laura Pappano, highlights a study done by the distinguished Gesell Institute in her article Kids Haven't Changed; Kindergarten Has. The institute, dedicated to researching and understanding child development, recently completed a study comparing child development milestones documented in the early and mid-1900s to those in today's children. They discovered what many educators suspected: children today generally reach cognitive milestones at the same age as their 1920s counterparts. "People think children are smarter and they are able to do things earlier than they used to be able to-and they can't" said Marcy Guddemi, current executive director of the Gesell Institute. She cites "conserving skills" as an example. "Most children do not understand the difference between counting 20 pennies and "conserving" them-knowing that they have 20 altogether-until the age of six. They can memorize simple equations at four or five, but they don't understand the real meaning. There is a real difference between performing and knowing."

Dr. Louise Bates Ames (then the associate-director of the Geselle Institute) came to Orange in the spring of 1988. Her talk focused on parents' desires to push their children to achieve. "More than half the children labeled learning disabled are good kids pushed before they are ready. Day after day you're a failure if you start too early. Another topic Ames addressed was all day kindergarten. She stated clearly that it is too much stress for children and that "schools should not be used to solve our social problems or our babysitting problems. Five year olds are not any different than what they were a hundred years ago, even though the world around them has changed dramatically. A five year old is still a child who has limited endurance and should not be thrust into a strident situation." Ames, who had been formally observing and working with children for over 60 years, admonished her listeners to "keep pencils out of kindergartners hands and workbooks from their desks". Ames believed that a kindergartener's day should be kept short and run in the "old-fashioned play oriented way."

I thought it was important to ask a kindergartener what he thought about his experience so I asked my grandson. "Well it's not very good. I sit at the desk a lot. You have to sit and do work for a long time and we don't get outside to play. We can only play with the things in the room if it's raining outside and the gym is closed. I do a lot of cutting and pasting, cutting and pasting and cutting and pasting. I do like learning new things, like new sentences and I do like my teacher". Recalling his time at a nature based pre-school he brightened and enthused, now that's what I like, playing inside and outside and taking nature walks everyday!" Experts and children agree, play is the most important thing that children do and if they don't do it now they won't ever get another opportunity.

Bonnie Pelaccia

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Pictured from left: The United Illuminating Company's Gary Pattavina, The United Illuminating Company's Sheri Borrelli, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Deputy Commissioner Katie Dykes, State Rep. Paul Davis, State Rep. James Maroney.

ORANGE RECOGNIZED FOR ENERGY SAVING PROJECT

Thirty-five Connecticut municipalities were recognized on December 4th during a ceremony at the State Capitol for their participation in the statewide Clean Energy Communities program, an Energize Connecticut initiative that incentivizes cities and towns to support energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Municipal leaders from the communities were joined by their state senators and representatives to celebrate their city or town earning its first “Bright Idea Grant” through the program. Orange earned its \$5,000 grant based on the level of community participation in Energy Efficiency Fund programs.

From January 2010 through August 2013 Orange saved 15,401,110 kWh and 29,600 ccf. By doing so, Orange avoided emissions of 7,580 tons of CO2, which is equivalent to taking 1,322 cars off the road for one year. How did they do it?

- 393 homes (8 percent of community) participated in residential programs.
- Currently benchmarking all Municipal and Board of Education buildings.
- Orange's Community Center promoted Income Eligible residential program.
- Extra points awarded for participating in SmartLiving Center's Earth Day Event.

For more information on the Clean Energy Communities program, visit EnergizeCT.com/communities.

About Energize Connecticut: Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the Energy Efficiency Fund, the Clean Energy Finance & Investment Authority, the State, and your local electric and gas utilities, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 1.877.WISE.USE.

OHS “TRY TO KEEP WARM SALE”

The Orange Historical Society Museum Antique Shop is holding its “Try to Keep Warm Sale” at the Academy, 605 Orange Center Road, with a 10% discount on all antiques and collectibles purchase of \$10.00 or more. Come visit the museum while browsing through a unique collection of china, glassware, silver, pewter, small furniture, books, jewelry, kitchenware, lighting and more. The shop is open every Saturday from 10:00 to 3:00. For information, call 203 795-3106.

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Joe Blake Retirement Dinner

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Friday, January 31, 2014
Grassy Hill Country Club
6:30 PM



Dinner Choices include New England Baked Scrod, Eggplant Parmesan and Stuffed Chicken Breast
Cash Bar
\$60 per person

Reservations can be made by calling Karen Goldberg in the First Selectman's Office at 203-891-4738.

There will be no reservations taken at the door on the night of the event.

STUDENT NEWS

Moquet Graduates From Law School; Selected For JAG

Douglas Moquet, Jr. graduated from St. John's University School of Law, in New York, NY, in May. During his tenure, he earned Dean's List and two awards for the highest grades in Property and Interviewing & Counseling. He also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the 75-member International Law Review. Prior to St. John's, Moquet graduated cum laude from Lehigh University in Bethlehem, PA, and the New York Military Academy, in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY, where he was the valedictorian and a JROTC Cadet Major. Prior to New York Military Academy, Moquet attended Race Brook elementary and Amity Junior High School.



Douglas Moquet

During his final year of law school, Moquet was among the 5% of applicants selected to become active duty officers and lawyers in the Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG). JAG lawyers litigate courts-martials, defend the military against civil claims, and provide legal guidance to commanders on the laws of armed conflict.

After passing the New York and New Jersey bar exams, Moquet became eligible for duty, and will report this month to Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, AL. There, he will complete Commissioned Officer Training and attend the Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course. Moquet will then report to Germany for his initial two-year assignment as a Judge Advocate for the 86th Airlift Wing at Ramstein Air Base.

Moquet is the son of Douglas and Linda Moquet, of Orange, and the grandson of Attorney Albert and Elinor Moquet, also of Orange.

David Kish Named to Fall 2013 President's List at Hudson Valley Community College

Troy, NY -- David Kish of Orange, CT was named to the President's List at Hudson Valley Community College for the Fall 2013 academic term. Each fall and spring term, the college's President's List honors those students who have a term grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0. Kish is in the Construction Technology academic program at the Troy, NY college.

Founded in 1953, Hudson Valley Community College offers 75 degree and certificate programs in four schools: Business; Engineering and Industrial Technologies; Health Sciences; and Liberal Arts and Sciences; and workforce and academic preparation programs offered through the Educational Opportunity Center. One of 30 community colleges in the State University of New York system, it has an enrollment of more than 13,000 students, and it is known as a leader in distance learning initiatives and worker retraining. Hudson Valley has more than 75,000 alumni.

Maryssa Kozek Named to Dean's List at Providence College

Providence, RI -- Maryssa Kozek, a resident of Orange, CT and a member of the class of 2015, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2013 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Providence College is the only college or university in the United States administered by the Dominican Friars. The Catholic, liberal arts college has an undergraduate enrollment of approximately 3,900 students and offers degrees in 49 academic majors. Providence College has consistently been ranked among the top five regional universities in the north according to U.S. News' America's Best Colleges.

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SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



For information or reservations on the following events call the center at (203) 891-4784.

AARP Tax Preparation

Starting February 5, free income tax assistance provided by the AARP Tax-Aide program will begin. Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm. Call the center to schedule an appointment with a certified AARP Tax-Aide counselor. If married, both husband and wife need to be present. All taxpayers should bring the following information:

- Proof of identity (picture or other documentation).
- Social Security number (Social Security Card or Benefit Statement-Form SSA-1099) for taxpayer and all taxpayer's dependents.
- Personal check, if available, with bank checking account & routing numbers (tax returns are done by direct deposit).
- Copy of last year's federal and state tax returns.
- All income statements that apply to the taxpayers 2013 federal and state income taxes.

Lunch & Learn—Brian Gillie's Salute to Song in America!

FREE!!! February 6, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Salute to Song in America with Brian Gillie. Discover America's glorious and outrageous songs, singers and composers since 1620. Biographies and history come alive as Brian guides us through the Revolution, minstrelsy, Civil War, westward expansion, ragtime, roaring '20s, blues, jazz, Broadway, rock and everything in-between, all with Brian's instrumentation, impersonations and an audience that's the supporting, sing-along cast. Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be available. Call the center to let us know you will be attending.

Blood Pressure & Hypertension Screenings

Griffin Hospital Outreach and Valley Parish Nurse Mobile Van will be at the HPCC the first Tuesday of the month, February 6, 10:00 – 11:00am for blood pressure screenings. The OVNA offers screenings at 605A Orange Center Road, Thursday, February 20, 1:00 – 2:00pm.

Teen Tech Talk

Tuesday, February 11, Congregation Or Shalom & Amity High School Teens will offer personalized help with iPhone, iPad, and lap top computers. Coffee & dessert will be served. Call to RSVP.

Bereavement Group

Coping with the loss of a loved one has no set time frame. There are moments when we seem to be managing just fine and then there are moments when we continue to struggle. Holiday, lifecycle events, and everyday living can at times feel overwhelming. Please come join us as we support one another in a shared loss. Laughter and tears are both welcome. Jan Cowles, facilitator, is the Bereavement Coordinator for Constellation Hospice here in Orange. The group meets bi-weekly, January 21, February 4, and February 18, from 10—11:30am, room 2 at the Senior Center. Call Jan to let her know you are coming at 203-497-3888.

Senior Lunch Program

The senior lunch program runs Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. No meals on Saturday or Sunday. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60 years and over. People under 60 years of age will need to pay the full price of \$5.60 a meal. Call Ellen in the kitchen by noon the day before to register (203) 891-4765.

Mammography Van

The Yale New Haven Hospital Mammography van is scheduled to come to the Orange Senior Center on March 27. Call (203) 688-1010 for an appointment!

Trips

Backyard Paradise Ct Flower Show

Thursday, February 20, 2014 (snow date 2/21/14). Travel to the CT Convention Center in Hartford for the 33rd Annual CT Flower Show. Stop for lunch at the Chowder Pot with choice of Prime Rib, Baked Stuffed Scrod, or Chicken Cutlet Parmesan. Cost \$75. Includes transportation, lunch, driver's gratuity, admission to the flower show. Full payment due at registration.

Escape To Some Sun @ Mohegan Sun

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25-26, 2014. At Mohegan Sun every turn leads to a new adventure with an indoor 7-story waterfall, the world's largest and most spectacular planetarium dome and the awe-inspiring Wombi Rock. Includes a bonus package of 2 \$15 food coupons, 2 \$10 free bets. Cost \$163pp double. Includes transportation, lunch, driver's gratuity, admission to the flower show. Full

payment due at registration.

RAGTIME At The WESTCHESTER THEATER

Thursday, March 13, 2014. E.L. Doctorow's novel comes vividly to life in this Tony Award-winning musical set against the backdrop of the ragtime craze in New York City and New Rochelle. This award winning musical intertwines the stories of three families, as they confront timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in turn of the century America. Cost \$99pp. Includes transportation, lunch, driver's gratuity, admission to the show. Full payment due at registration.

Israel: Biblical Journey

March 19-27, 2014 (9 days 15 meals). Enjoy Israel on a comprehensive tour that features Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Capernum, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Mount Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Western Wall, Via Dolorosa, Garden Tomb and so much more. Cost is \$3,399pp with early booking discount, double occupancy. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

St Patrick's Day Trip—DUBLIN CITY RAMBLERS @ FOXWOODS

Wednesday, March 19, 2014. See Ireland's #1 Ballads/Folk group of the year on a limited engagement US Tour. Cost \$64. Includes transportation, Foxwoods Bonus Package, Buffet Lunch, driver's gratuity, reserved seating. Full payment due at registration.

BROADWAY—Motown The Musical Or Kinky Boots

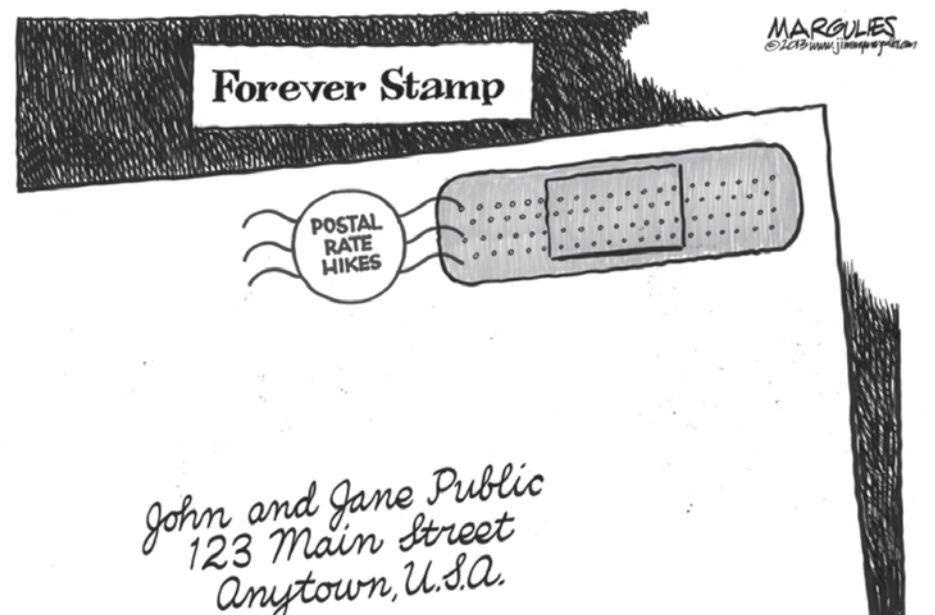
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The Pompeii Exhibit

April 12-13, 2014 (2 days & 1 night). Includes a guided tour of Philadelphia with a local historian in colonial dress. See the popular murals of the city. Stay at the Crowne Plaza of Wilmington North. Visit the famous Franklin Institute and experience one of the most famous volcanic eruptions of all time. Includes transportation, hotel, wine & cheese reception, Dinner & Show at the hotel, guided tour, breakfast, admission to Pompeii exhibit, baggage handling, taxes, driver and escort gratuities. Cost is \$307pp, double occupancy. Cancellation insurance is available.

The Ride

Monday April 21, 2014. Start off with a stop at Eataly, a 50,000 square foot space which features multiple restaurants, a microbrewery, pizzeria, year-round rooftop beer garden and more. Lunch is on your own. In the afternoon, combining entertainment and tourism, The Ride drives through NYC. Stop and see performances in front of such sights as Grand Central Station, 42nd Street, Central Park, and more. Cost \$110. Includes transportation, driver's gratuity, admission to The Ride. Full payment due at registration.



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

O.V.F.D. AUXILIARY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 5th annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange. Menu includes Pancakes, Eggs, choice of Bacon or Sausage and beverage.

There will be an early seating at 5 PM and late seating at 6:30 PM. Prices are: \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 Children 10 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance as there are a limited number of seats available. Tickets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc., 286 Boston Post Road, Orange. All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. For further information, contact Lynn Knight @ 203-799-2592 or visit our website at www.orangevfd.com.

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will be helpful in an emergency. Michael Davis, son of CERT Training Coordinator Ann Davis, said he is "already experienced and genetically pre-dispositioned" for the volunteer job.

The Orange CERT team has been in existence since the mid-1990s, growing from about 15 initial members to about 55 with the most recent graduates. CERT still seeks HAM operators and radio communicators and hopes to add at least ten new members to its ranks in the coming year. In addition to volunteering in emergencies, CERT volunteers also help out at town events like the Fireman's Carnival, Country Fair, and Fireworks Display. Anyone interested in joining the team can contact Ann Davis at cookiemama059@aol.com or Al Mushin at K1qex@optimum.net.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



DRENZEK-HEFFRON NUPTIALS

Allen Anthony Drenzek, son of Ronald and Judith Drenzek of Orange, and Rian Catherine Heffron, daughter of Mr. Richard Heffron and the late Mrs. Cathy Heffron of Stamford, CT were married on September 21, 2013. The ceremony was held at the Basilica of St. John in Stamford, CT, with Rev. Michael Dogali officiating at the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Desiree Farano as matron of honor and Kaitlyn Heffron as maid of honor. Danielle Drenzek Jaques and Katherine Frangione were bridesmaids and Antonio Rende was a bridesman. The best man was Thomas Jaques. Rahul Samanta, Miles Loudon, and Tyler Kramka served as groomsmen.

The bride received a Bachelor of Science in History, Secondary Education, and Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University. She is currently the Director of Education at Inspirica and teaches Adult Basic Education at Stamford's Adult Learning Center.

Allen is a line service technician at a Westchester airport. He also works as a free-lance computer technician. He received his Certification as a Professional IT Technician from Comp TIA.

The couple honeymooned in Italy, France, and Spain. They currently reside in Riverside, CT.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Area Residents Need Jobs Help? Youth Services Job Bank Can Help

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as snow shoveling, yard work, garden help, attics/basements, raking, small painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper...and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.

FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



As I am writing this column, we are still experiencing the Polar Vortex. I know I am freezing and so is my entire family. I have two things going for me that I give thanks for every year. I have a house that is centrally heated and a garage.

Please take a moment to think what it is like for your neighbors who may not be as fortunate. There are a number of people here in town that must rely on energy assistance programs in order to maintain that centrally heated house or apartment.

These programs have been drastically cut again. This year the benefits from the Federal Energy Program are down. In addition, Operation Fuel which is a secondary program to assist people who exhaust their energy benefits before the end of the heating season,

has \$1,000,000.00 less this year. This deficit has led them to make serious cuts to their program as well.

So in the middle of this polar vortex, I went online and learned that Orange has a population of 13,233. While we are not a big town, we are a warm hearted town when it comes to making donations and I thought of donations our citizens could make.

If every person in town donated just \$5.00 to our Community Fuel Bank, the money raised would go far to help our neighbors in need.

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REP. KLARIDES GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

On December 23, State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) volunteered as a Salvation Army bell ringer to raise money for Derby families in need this holiday season. Rep. Klarides wished shoppers happy holidays as she collected more than \$188 during her time outside the Derby Wal-Mart. The retailer will match her collection, dollar-for-dollar, with all of the money going directly to the Salvation Army.

"The Salvation Army is an important lifeline for many families and seniors in our community, and I am so grateful for the generous contributions," Rep. Klarides said. "Thanks to our matching partnership with Wal-Mart, I am pleased we can help make these cold winter months a bit easier for folks in need."

Rep. Klarides volunteers annually for the Salvation Army and, together with other members of the House Republican Caucus, has helped to raise more than \$45,000 over the past several years.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES PARTNERS WITH HELPING HANDS

Jewish Family Services of New Haven needs food and toiletry donations to keep its food pantry shelves full and is partnering with Helping Hands Community Thrift Store for a food and toiletry drive. Bring in non-perishable food or toiletries to either Helping Hands locations in Orange or North Haven and receive 20% off one item at the store. All food and toiletries collected will benefit the JFS Food Pantry.

Jewish Family Services is a non-profit social service organization that works with individuals and families in the Greater New Haven area. The Jewish Family Services Food Pantry distributed nearly 100,000 lbs of food during 2013, which is the equivalent to 76,923 meals. This supplemental food helped 2,823 families (approximately 5,300 people last year).

Hunger is a problem all year long, not just at the holidays. According to the Connecticut Food Bank, there are approximately 520,000 people in our state at risk of hunger every year. With the recent cuts to food stamps and benefits, the JFS Food Pantry is seeing an increase in requests for food assistance. These cuts are affecting not only those who are unemployed but also senior citizens and the elderly, the working poor and many families with children in our local community. You can help make a difference in their lives by donating to those less fortunate and receive a discount for your efforts. It's a win-win situation.

Helping Hands Community Thrift Store is raising money for over 175 local non-profits and providing furniture essentials to the clients of their social service partners. Last year Helping Hands customers donated 1,330 lbs of food to Jewish Family Services. This year the goal is 2,500 lbs. Customers who bring in a non-perishable food or toiletry donation will receive 20% off an item from the thrift stores.

Helping Hands Community Thrift Store has locations at 334 Boston Post Road in Orange (diagonally across from Chips) and 77 State Street in North Haven (diagonally across from Agway). Visit www.helpinghandsctfb.com or www.jfshn.org for more information.



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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



How Did You Celebrate the New Year?

As we start out the new year, we usually follow the traditions from the previous year with watching the "ball" go down in Times Square, toasting with a glass of bubbly and making a lot of racket with party shop noisemakers. Fancy food and good friends round out the evening as we hug and kiss our family, friends and neighbors. Was it always this way? I think not.

Before the ball, there were fireworks with the first New Year celebration in Times Square held in 1904. The fireworks were banned two years later and organizers designed a 700 pound iron and wood ball to be lowered down a pole and it has been a tradition ever since. After the New Year begins its 365¼* days, folks break into singing Auld Lang Syne which literally means "old long ago". Written in the 18th century by Robert Burns, the song has endured through the ages, spreading from Scotland to the English speaking nations. It has an endearing quality of love and kindness which expresses the feelings of the revelers, whether friends, family or strangers. People hug and kiss as a natural culmination of the change but why? According to tradition, not kissing someone on this auspicious occasion will ensure a year of loneliness and the custom could very well harken back to ancient Europe to ward off evil spirits.

Food has become a tradition at the yearly celebration with more than plenty on a "groaning" table. Lasagna, shrimp, lobster, chicken wings, cheeses, crackers, onion dip, quiche, fondue, etc., etc. all have their place at the "table". But what about the traditional foods that ward off poverty in the New Year? Black-eyed peas! It's a tradition to eat Hoppin' Jack, a stew made of black-eyed peas in the American South. Many believe that the peas symbolize coins and eating them insures economic prosperity. For me, it's lentil soup, an Armenian tradition in my family.

To digress from the more common traditions, the wearing of certain colors of undergarments in some Latin American countries will insure a future of prosperity and success with yellow, red for romance, peace and harmony with white, and green will ensure health and well-being. In Spain and in some Spanish speaking countries on New Year's the custom is to eat 12 grapes for good luck, one for each ensuing month. The catch here is that the first grape must be eaten when the clock strikes midnight and each grape thereafter as the clock tolls.

Now here's an odd one. We all know about reading tea leaves and the Armenians read the coffee grounds in their Turkish coffee cup. A tradition not followed in my family but something I would like to learn. Anyway, to go on. Instead of reading tea leaves, some German and Austrian families read molten lead. Yes, lead. Some lead is heated in a spoon and then dropped into cold water. The shape taken on by the lead will tell you what's in store for you in the coming year. As with tea leaves and coffee grounds, the result is open to interpretation.

Although Times Square celebrations banned fireworks in 1906, China, the inventor of fireworks, makes setting them off a part of their celebrations and listening in our town this year, others have followed this tradition as well. The Chinese believe that the noise will scare off evil spirits and misfortune. Have you often wondered why we spend an inordinate amount of money on paper noisemakers? It's that evil spirit "thing" again.

The New Year celebrations are full of superstitions that I imagine most people don't even realize and are meant to set the pace for the following year. To fail to kiss a loved-one will guarantee a year of coldness while cupboards that are bare and empty wallets will definitely make for a lean year to come. Money finds its way again

with the paying of bills before January 1st and debts should be paid.

Now here's a good one to follow, maybe. The first person to set foot in your house will influence your year. Ideally he should be dark-haired, tall and good-looking and even better, he should be bearing gifts. I thought Santa Claus came BEFORE New Years. Anyway, this dark-haired stranger should arrive with a lump of coal, a silver coin, a bit of bread, a sprig of evergreen and some salt. Lo and behold, if the stranger



is blonde and redhead, shoo him away before he brings you bad luck and IF it's a female she will bring disaster upon you. Yipes, talk about your superstitions. The good visitor walks through the house, leaving his gifts** and leaves by another door. No one in the house is to leave until he does. Oh and if all this is not enough to make you laugh, the "first footer" as he is called, must not be cross-eyed, have flat feet or eyebrows that meet in the middle!

It's too late now for me to tell you that you should not have taken anything out of the

house, including garbage on the first day of the year. You should not have taken the empty cans and bottles to the recycle bin either. If you brought something in that day, it was all right to take something out. Similar to the stranger, only good should come in before anything goes out. Something must be added before anything is subtracted.

Going back to the food. Did you know that eating pork with the black-eyed peas or lentils is good luck because poultry scratches backward, a cow stands still, but a pig roots forward so that eating pork will ensure that you move forward? While you are eating your "lucky" foods you should be doing something that is related to your work, but a token effort. Working diligently in your profession on that day will render you bad luck. Are you writing all this down? Oh, don't do laundry or wash dishes that day either as a member of the family will be washed away in the coming months.

You might have considered buying some new clothes that day to spend some of that "black-eyed pea" money you expect to get. This will ensure the likelihood of more clothes during the year and by all means don't break something that day and for heavens sake don't cry! When midnight approaches, open all your doors to

let the old year out and, I imagine if it as cold as it was this year, making that celebratory noise will not only hasten the closing of the doors but swoosh the evil spirits out faster. Bells rung after a couple is married serves the same purpose of sending the evil spirits away.

And finally you must examine the weather on New Years Day in the early hours (if you can get up that early). If the wind blows from the south, there will be fine weather and prosperous times in the year ahead. If it comes from the north, a year of bad weather follows. Hmm, did any one notice the north wind on the first? If it blows from the east it will bring calamities and famine and from the west plentiful supplies of milk and fish. If there is no wind a joyful and prosperous year may be expected by all.

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year.
Ginny Reinhard

*The earth actually goes around the sun in 365¼

days which results in a leap year every four years.

**This combination of "gifts" is similar to the tradition of bringing bread, matches and salt to a new homeowner so that they will have food, spice to their lives, light and heat. When someone builds a new home, it is customary to place a branch of a pine tree on the roof when it is completed.





Soundview Landscape Supply, owned by brothers Phil and Justin Grande, once again opened up their West Haven business to sponsor the annual Touch-a-Truck event held in conjunction with Toys for Tots. This year, monetary donations were also collected for Give 2 the Troops. Military, construction, fire and police vehicles were on hand for children and adults to climb inside and explore. There was also live music, indoor games, and hot chocolate and popcorn for everyone to enjoy. This event is successful each year due to the many people that volunteer their time and equipment for this day. As you can see by the photo, many much needed toys were collected!

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY TREE DISPLAY A BIG SUCCESS

The Friends of the Library would like to thank all of the community groups, businesses, and others who participated in the 14th Annual Holiday Tree Festival at the Library. Many of the groups who participated have been part of this event since the beginning. Some of them include The Orange Lions, The Holy Infant Pre School, The Orange Players and the Orange Arts and Crafts.

New groups this year include orange Recycling, Angel Hair Salon, and The Pink Ladies. The pink tree that the Pink Ladies put up in the center of the rotunda received a great deal of attention from visitors to the Library. It was a highlight of the holiday display, the work of eight cancer survivors, a group whose creativity was surpassed only by their enthusiasm, courage and friendship. Much work and preparation takes place each year. Some people (Michelle Grande and Pat Miller) decorate trees for more than one group or organization – everyone does a great job – and the Friends of the Library are grateful to the participants and proud of the results.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



REDFISH

Grill

I am excited to report that the Redfish Grill is now open in Orange. This great new restaurant specializes in fresh grilled fish and is receiving rave reviews from all their first time customers. Fish is known as a "super food" packed with protein, vitamins and minerals, and a major source of omega-3 fatty acids. Fish can help lower blood pressure and help to protect against a range of diseases, from cancer, heart disease, stroke, depression to arthritis. The American Heart Association recommends eating fish at least two times per week as part of a healthy diet. We should definitely give fish a place on our plates!

Redfish Grill partners, Tony, Spyro, and Anthony felt that the town of Orange and surrounding communities needed a really good fresh seafood restaurant. The family has been in the restaurant business for over 35 years owning diners, steak houses, seafood restaurants, and even a microbrewery. Their wealth of experience definitely shows in the Redfish Grill. The building has been completely renovated offering a very classy yet casual family friendly atmosphere both inside and out. There are two dining rooms and a very spacious bar offering over 40 wines, cold beers on draught, and many special "Redfish House" cocktails. Happy Hour Monday-Friday 4:00 pm-6:30 pm.

The menu offers appetizers including fresh raw oysters, jumbo lump crab cakes, crispy calamari, steamed Prince Edward Island Mussels-just a few of the choices. Dinner salads include beet & goat cheese, classis Caesar, Redfish house and my favorite the "Snake River with applewood, smoked bacon, Vermont goat cheese, dried cranberries, tomatoes, candied walnuts with balsamic vinaigrette. Redfish offers a wide range of grilled fish, crispy fried dinners, lobster roll, fried scrod sandwich, fish tacos, New England Clam Chowder, Corn & Crab Bisque, etc. Redfish also offers great choices for the non-seafood lovers including grilled chicken, Filet Mignon, New York Strip and an all natural House Burger. Dinners are served with warm bread and an olive oil dipping sauce along with choices of house sides including grilled asparagus, mac & cheese, pasta, French Fries, cole slaw, jasmine rice, oven roasted potatoes, & seasonal vegetables. House made desserts include a Brownie Sundae, Apple Walnut Cobbler, & Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookie with vanilla ice cream. I was very impressed with the quality and freshness of everything on the menu at Redfish Grill, along with the fact so many menu items are made fresh in-house daily. In addition, the portions are very generous and prices are extremely reasonable. You definitely get a bang for your buck! The Redfish Grill wait staff is professional, efficient and knowledgeable on all the menu items. Please note that I mentioned just a few of the Redfish menu items above as there is so much more to choose from. Future plans include offering even more fresh seafood choices to the menu.

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James DuMont

Q: I have a question about the actor who played **Jared Leto's** father in "**Dallas Buyers Club**," which I saw over the holidays. He looks so familiar, but I can't quite place him. -- Kyra T., via email

A: You're thinking of character actor **James DuMont**, who's been on tons of TV shows like "**American Horror Story**," "**Treme**," "**Nashville**" and "**Bonnie and Clyde**," and on the big screen in "**The Butler**," "**Ocean's Thirteen**," "**War of the Worlds**" and "**Along Came Polly**," to name just a few.

James was thrilled to be in "Dallas Buyers Club," which centers on Ron Woodroof (played by **Matthew McConaughey**), who works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is diagnosed with the disease. James plays the estranged father of Jared Leto's character, Rayon, who's transgender and HIV positive.

When I recently spoke with James, he told me about working with Jared: "It's a really powerful scene we share. Jared does powerful work in this; as soon as we finished our scene, I tweeted that Jared would get an Oscar nomination for this role. And he seems to be the frontrunner at this point. I've worked with Oscar winners, and I can see and identify Oscar-caliber work. I get tweets and emails from all over the world where people tell me that our scene is so powerful, poignant and heartbreaking. It's nice to have a little breakout scene like this after doing so many projects. It's tough for a character actor."

Q: This past summer I got involved with a series called "**Mistresses**." Can you tell me if it's going to return, or was it just something they put on for the summer? -- Liz R., via email

A: ABC has renewed "Mistresses" for a 13-episode second season, which is scheduled to air in summer 2014. The

show, which is based on the British series of the same name, stars **Alyssa Milano**, **Rochelle Aytes**, **Jes Macallan** and **Yunjin Kim**. The show centers on the lives of four female friends, and their involvement in an array of illicit and complex relationships.

Q: I really enjoy "**The Glades**," but I think I read someplace that it is being canceled. I truly hope this is not so. Can you please find out its status? -- Diane, via email

A: The A&E network decided this past fall to cancel "The Glades" after four seasons. The police procedural broke records for A&E when it debuted, but slowly and steadily it lost more than one-third of its viewers throughout the series run, so the network canceled it.

READERS: I told you I'd let you know when I had an exact date for the season two premiere of "**Vikings**," and I'm a woman of my word. "Vikings" returns to the History channel Thursday, Feb. 27, at 10 p.m. ET/PT. So don't forget to tune in!

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Once again (for the third season) members of The Garden Club of Orange participated in the Holiday event at the Osborne Museum Homestead in Derby. The museum celebrates the life of Frances Osborne Kellogg, a leader in conservation, business and agriculture. The home, built in the mid-1800s was completely remodeled and enlarged in the 1910s. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, its restored interior displays the original contents of the estate which includes a significant number of antiques.

The annual decoration of the home for the holiday season is truly an event not to be missed. The theme this year was "Holiday in Connecticut". Approximately 9 area garden clubs participated in the celebration. Each club is assigned an area or room with a suggested theme. This year The Garden Club of Orange was responsible for decorating the child's bedroom and bathroom. Our focus is "Fun"—things made in Connecticut. We collected circus memorabilia (Barnum & Baily began in Connecticut), Raggedy Ann & Andy dolls, A.C. Gilbert erector sets, Wiffle Balls, etc. Thank you to participating members Violet Nastri, Sandy Horling, Diane Geary, Diana DeFillippo, Elly Torello, Sandy Dadlani, Urmi Mital, Patti Logioco, Nancy Becque and Marion Rizzo, Chairman. The event took place November 21st through December 20th.

DR. FERRANDINO FEATURED AT JANUARY MEETING

The Garden Club of Orange's January 14, 2014 meeting will feature Dr. Frank Ferrandino of Connecticut Agricultural Station. His topic will be on Vineyards in Connecticut, the science and history of viticulture. He will be talking about how the growing conditions in our area are making for an expanding wine making industry. The program will be held at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange at 1:00 p.m. Guests are welcome at no charge.

Garden Club of Orange is a member of National Garden Clubs, New England Regional and Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut. Interested to learn more, please call Nancy Becque at 203-795-9425.

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Our meeting room is on the 2nd level (the small meeting room). There is an elevator available (wheelchair accessible). Visit our website at www.hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/. Have a question? Email us at HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com. Like us on Facebook (Hooked on the Sound) and follow us on Twitter (@HOTS_Crochet). Happy Yarning!



The Orange Republican Women's Club, with the support of the Orange Republican Town Committee, is seen with a collection of food for Christmas donated to an Orange family in need. The program was sponsored by Community Services. Pictured from left to right are: Pat Ziman, Vicki Grande, Veronica McDonald, Patricia Logioco.

AMERICAN LEGION ORANGE POST 127

Oratorical Contest

American Legion Orange Post 127 is in the process of holding Oratorical competition this month. The Orange Post 127 sponsors the entries from Amity Regional High School who will compete this month. The winner gets a cash prize and competes at the American Legion District #2 event in Naugatuck and that winner moves to the State competition with hopes of going to the Nationals in Indianapolis, Indiana this spring.



Woman's Auxiliary

American Legion Orange Post 127 Woman's Auxiliary had the honor of helping the blind veterans, (in the West Haven VA Hospital) play Bingo three times this season. The volunteers also bring sugar free snacks and drinks. The Vets have a wonderful time and the volunteers come away with a warm glow of helping the men who gave so much for our freedom.

MASONIC LODGE JANUARY MEETING

Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89 A.F. & A.M. will hold a meeting on Friday, January 17th, at 7:45 PM. in the Masonic Lodge Hall, 59 Broad Street in Milford under the direction of Worshipful Master John W. Hanson. At this meeting the Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on a class of Candidates with J.W. Mike Nowlin presiding.

All members of the Lodge are urged to attend this important meeting. Visiting Masons are always welcome. Refreshments will be served in the banquet hall after the meeting. For information, call 203-877-4977

LIONS CLUB TO HOLD WINE TASTING

The Orange Lions Club & Racebrook Wine & Liquor World will present a Wine Tasting Event on January 25th, 2014. Join us at St. Barbara's Greek Social Hall at 480 Racebrook Road in Orange from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

Tickets are \$35.00 pp and include Wine, Beer and Cognac tasting, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, a pasta station by Andinis Restaurant, a dessert bar, coffee and tea. Live music and a basket raffle will also fill up the evening's event.

For more ticket information, please call Laurie Bouve at 203-795-9651. Tickets are also available at Racebrook Wine and Liquor World or call them at 203-799-2827.





"The Hofners" Courtesy Liverpool Productions.

CONNECTICUT CELEBRATES BEATLES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, February 7th, 1964, The Beatles first landed on U.S. soil prior to playing their very first Ed Sullivan Show. The world is celebrating the 50th Anniversary, and on February 7, 2014 - precisely fifty years to the exact date - Connecticut-based Beatles fan club Liverpool Productions will present a very special "It Was Fifty Years Ago Today: Twist & Shout Dinner Dance Party" at Aldarios Restaurant, 240 Naugatuck Avenue in Milford, CT.

Highlighting the evening's festivities will be "The Hofners," one of the finest Beatles tribute bands on the circuit, propelling audiences to Liverpool in the sixties, and the historic Ed Sullivan Show in '64. The sound of their vintage guitars and amps, the matching suits and the legendary Beatle vocal harmonies are all there. "The Hofners" have been featured in numerous newspapers & magazines, have played to rave reviews, and were the headlining band of the "Danbury Fields Forever" Beatles Music Festival this past Summer.

Formed by New Haven's Mike "Ringo" Streeto, all band members use authentic Hofner, Gretsch, Rickenbacker, Ludwig, and Vox musical equipment as The Beatles did in their live performances. Mike "Ringo" Streeto has been leader of the tribute act, following his stint with the Las Vegas "Legends" show which appeared at Foxwoods Casino. He had previously performed with such national touring acts as Beatlemania, Yesterday The Tribute, Fab Four ever and also recently played drums in the Creedence Clearwater Revival tribute show "Hey Tonight". Bassist Jerry Clapis and guitarist Tim Root are former members of "The Neatles," veterans of Beatles Conventions in New England and one of the few Beatles tribute bands to have toured Japan.

Admission to the "It Was Fifty Years Ago Today: Twist & Shout Dinner Dance Party" on Friday, February 7 includes Aldarios all-you-can-eat buffet, open bar, the concert, door prizes and all the Fab fun festivities for \$40 per person. Reservations (203) 874-6096. Info (not reservations) (203) 795-4737.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



SOME OLD FRIENDS AND SOME NEW ONES

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Look for the grand re-opening of this great retail store!

Right across the street at 285 Boston Post Road in Orange is the Redfish Grill which is a relatively new restaurant that has been open for about a month. The restaurant manager is Robert Thornton. It has developed a full service restaurant with a great menu. The menu includes great appetizers, specialty salads, grilled Fish, great beef dishes, fried fish dinners and lots of "Hand Helds" which include lobster rolls, Kobi Burgers, Fish Tacos, fish and chips and more. Prices are moderate.



Restocking the shelves at Discount Wine & Liquor



1981 Amity Grad Steve Hart is choosing some Wine & Liquor good wines. Steve has worked for Brescome. Joe Tomczyk, who is a great wine Barton for the past 24 years and is a wine merchandiser for Hartley & Parker expert and top sales rep. He will be putting beverage wholesalers in some of the good stuff at DW&L.

I am very impressed with the wine list which features 21 white wines, seven of which you purchase by the glass. Eight of the whites are in the \$20.00 bottle range. They include a Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc, a Sonoma Chard, an Albarino from Spain and a German Riesling. What surprised me the most was the selection of red wines was extensive. I would expect these reds to be featured at a steak house rather than a fish rich house. 23 reds in all that range from an Alexander Valley Cab from Silver Oak to a Tempranillo, three Malbics and

a wide range of Pinot Noir. They have a Tuscan Blend for 8 bucks a glass that I can't wait to try. The bar is extensive, the atmosphere is great and there is a coconut cake Martini I think my wife may like. Seek out our new neighbors at 285 Boston Post Road. I think you will be glad you did!



Redfish Grill at 285 Boston Post Road

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 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 Ray.Spaziani@gmail.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

Al-Anon Parents Meeting, Monday nights, 7:30pm year-round, United Church of Christ, Plymouth Building, 18 West Main Street, Milford – supporting parents of alcoholics and/or substance abusers. For more information, go to www.ct-al-anon.org or call Margaret at (203) 877-4313.

Vinyasa Yoga for the Family, Mondays @ 5:15- 6:15 pm, Saturdays 9:00- 10:00 am, in the Parish hall, Church of the Good Shepherd 680 Racebrook Road, designed to help children and adults strengthen both physically and mentally, participants practice at their own level, teacher is certified and member RYT. Please bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them.

Nicotine Anonymous Meetings, Mondays, 6:30 – 7:30pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 21 Robert Treat Parkway, Milford, open to all, no dues or fees, only requirement is the desire to be free of nicotine. For more information, call Bridges, 203-878-6365.

Zumba Gold Classes At Congregation Or Shalom, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, simple and easy routines to follow, designed for people of all ages and no experience is needed. If interested, call Robin at 203.314.8176 or temple office at 203.799.2341.

Clean Energy Task Force of Orange, meets on the third Tuesday of every month at HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, conference room, 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Orange Arts & Culture Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. The public is invited.

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday except for January, July & August, 7pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com.

Blood Pressure Clinic presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange (formerly Laurel Estates), 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-2:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

The Rotary Club Of Orange meets every Friday, 12:15pm at the Racebrook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue; prospective new members may contact Diane Eger at 203-530-4526 or visit www.orangectrotary.org for information about the club.

Orange Historical Society Academy Antique & Gift Shop Museum, open Saturdays, 10:00am-3:00pm. For information call 203-795-3106.

Constellation Hospice Bereavement Group Meetings, January 7, 2014 for 8 weeks, 5:30 – 7:00pm, Constellation Orange Office, 240 Indian River Road, Orange, AND First and Third Tuesday of every month, 10 – 11:30am, Orange Senior Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange Program is Free, sign up is required. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Jan Cowles, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator at 203.497.3872 or jcowles@constellationhs.com.

Milford Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, January 15, 2014, 5:00-7:00pm, Plan B Burger Bar, 1638 Boston Post Road, Milford, \$14 advance/\$20 door/\$25 prospective member. To register, call 203-878-0681 or email chamber@milfordct.com.

Milford Knights of Columbus Ziti Dinner, Saturday, January 18, 2014, 5:00 – 7:30pm, 625 Bridgeport Ave Milford, CT, \$10/Adults & \$5/children. Call Jim Lambert at 203-878-4598 or can be purchased at the door.

Bridgeport Art League January Program, Sabine Bonnar -award winning artist - snow scene in water color demonstration, Monday, January 20, 2014, 11:45am, coffee and dessert followed by Sabine, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Center, 25 Church Street, Huntington, CT. New members may inquire about our painting classes. All are welcome to attend. This event is free.

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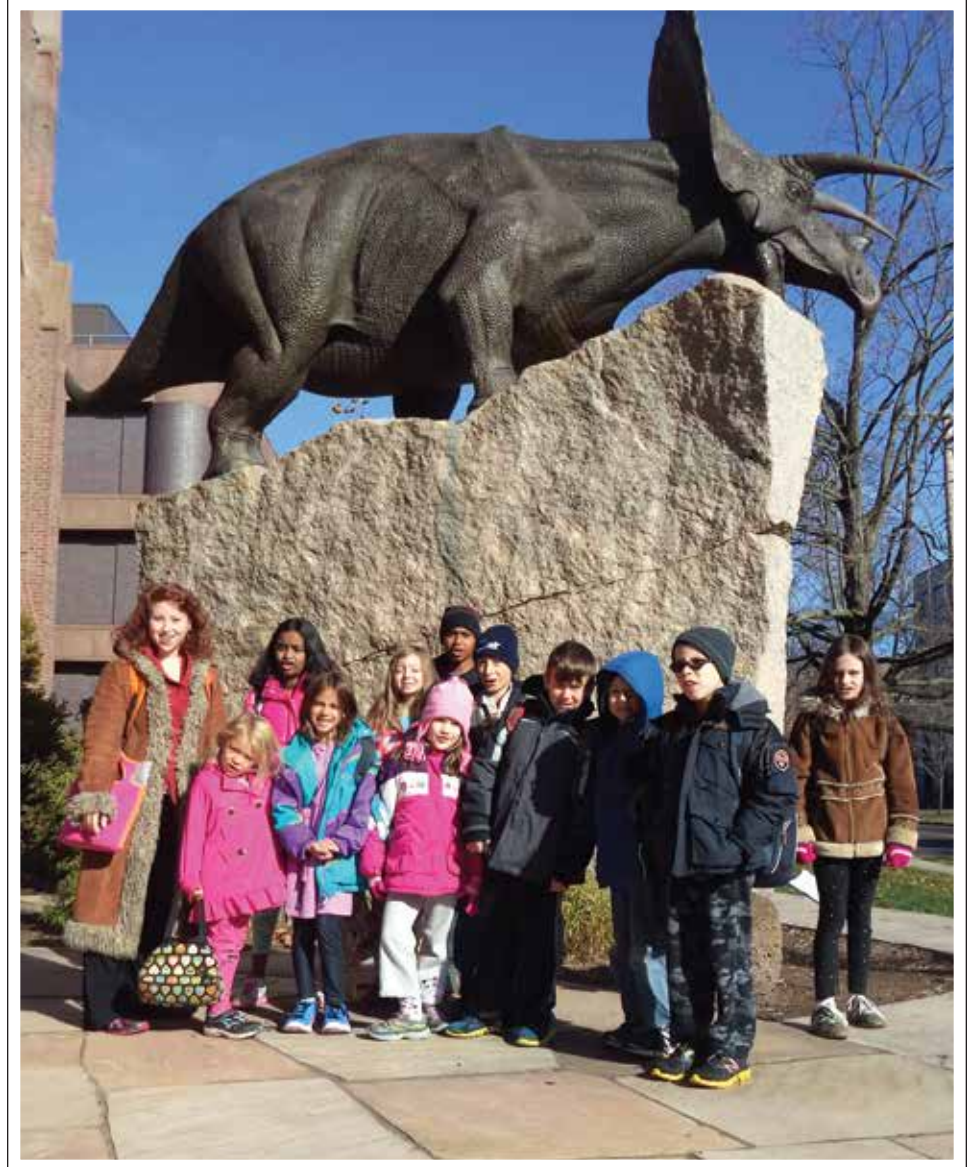
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The preschoolers at Holy Infant Preschool in Orange received a special visit from Santa at their annual Lunch with Santa Fundraiser. Children and their families enjoyed musical entertainment, crafts, games, pictures with Santa and a delicious lunch. A great time was had by all!



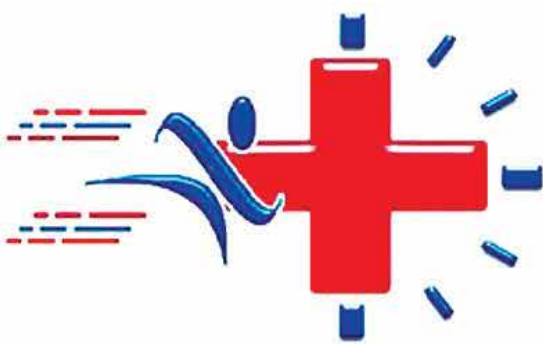
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CHANGES IN 2014

By Roberta L Nestor

While there are many potential changes for investors in 2014, there are just a few changes that are set in stone. Each year the Treasury Department publishes the new contribution levels for retirement savings accounts. While this year, retirees did receive a 1.50% cost of living increase in their social security checks— there were no inflation adjusted changes for contribution levels to retirement plans.

For those of you contributing to a 401(k), single K, 403(b) or 457 plan, the levels remain status quo. Employees can contribute a maximum of \$17,500 and employees over age 50 can contribute an additional \$5,500 catch up. ROTHs as well as traditional IRAs are also the same with a maximum (subject to income levels) of \$5,500 and an additional \$1,000 for those over age 50. SIMPLE plans still have maximum contributions of \$12,000 with the same \$2,500 catch up provision. Just because the Treasury didn't change contribution levels doesn't mean yours has to stay the same.

When was the last time you increased your retirement plan contribution? Most of us can get a bit complacent and may still be contributing the same amount year after year. See if your employer offers automatic annual increases that will increase your contribution each year by a percentage that you determine. For example, if you are contributing 5% of your pay now and you elect an automatic 1%, then in January of each year your contribution would automatically increase to 6%, then 7% and so on.

The annual gift tax exclusion also remains the same at \$14,000 for a single individual and \$28,000 for a married couple. While you may gift any amount you want to family members, the exclusion represents the maximum gift without having to file a federal gift tax return. Gifting is one of the most misunderstood tax topics. There are no tax advantages for the person giving the gift (the grantor) nor are there any tax liabilities for the recipient of gift.

What has changed? As in the past, only taxpayers with an income level below the declared threshold can contribute to a ROTH IRA. The "phase-out" income range for ROTH contributions in 2014 is \$181,000 - \$191,000 for married couples (up from \$178,000 - \$188,000 in 2013). ROTHs can be very powerful during retirement. Think about it, if you have done a good job of saving for retirement, you are likely to be in the same or slightly lower tax bracket in the future. Withdrawals from 401ks, traditional IRAs and pensions are all taxable as ordinary income – as is social security for most retirees. Wouldn't it be nice to have some tax-free income during retirement?

If you are unable to contribute to a ROTH because you exceed the income threshold, there may still be an opportunity with your 401k plan. Find out if your employer has a ROTH 401k available. These 401k plans allow the employee to designate a percentage of each contribution to go in as a traditional tax deferred (pre-tax) contribution or as a ROTH (after-tax) contribution. There are no income limits for contributions into a ROTH 401k plan. If you are considering making a major change to redirect to the ROTH, it is advisable to discuss this with your tax preparer to see how much impact it will have on your bottom line. It's that same question, is it better for you to pay taxes now or pay later?

There are some notable changes with Long Term Care (LTC) insurance plans. Each year the Treasury adjusts the amount of any LTC premium that can be deducted from your taxes (and only if you itemize). For 61 – 70 year olds, LTC deduction limits have increased from \$3,500 to \$3,640 and for those over age 70, the new limit is \$4,550 (up from \$4,370 in 2013). Several LTC policyholders have recently experienced a sharp increase in their premiums – be sure to make your tax preparer aware if you had a change in your premium.

If the price tag of a traditional LTC policy has kept you away, maybe it's time to learn more about new offerings from the insurance industry. In the past year we have seen combination or hybrid insurance products that combine a life insurance policy with long term care benefits. These plans are certainly worth a look. Several well-known companies such as Nationwide, Pacific Life and Lincoln Benefit Life offer these plans and it looks like several more will join the array in 2014. These combination products are the answer to "what if I never need long term care" or "what if the premiums go up".

Those are just a few areas of change we know about for the coming year. Instinctively, there will be more to come over the course of the next 12 months. Change in our markets, interest rates, tax laws are all in the forecast for 2014.

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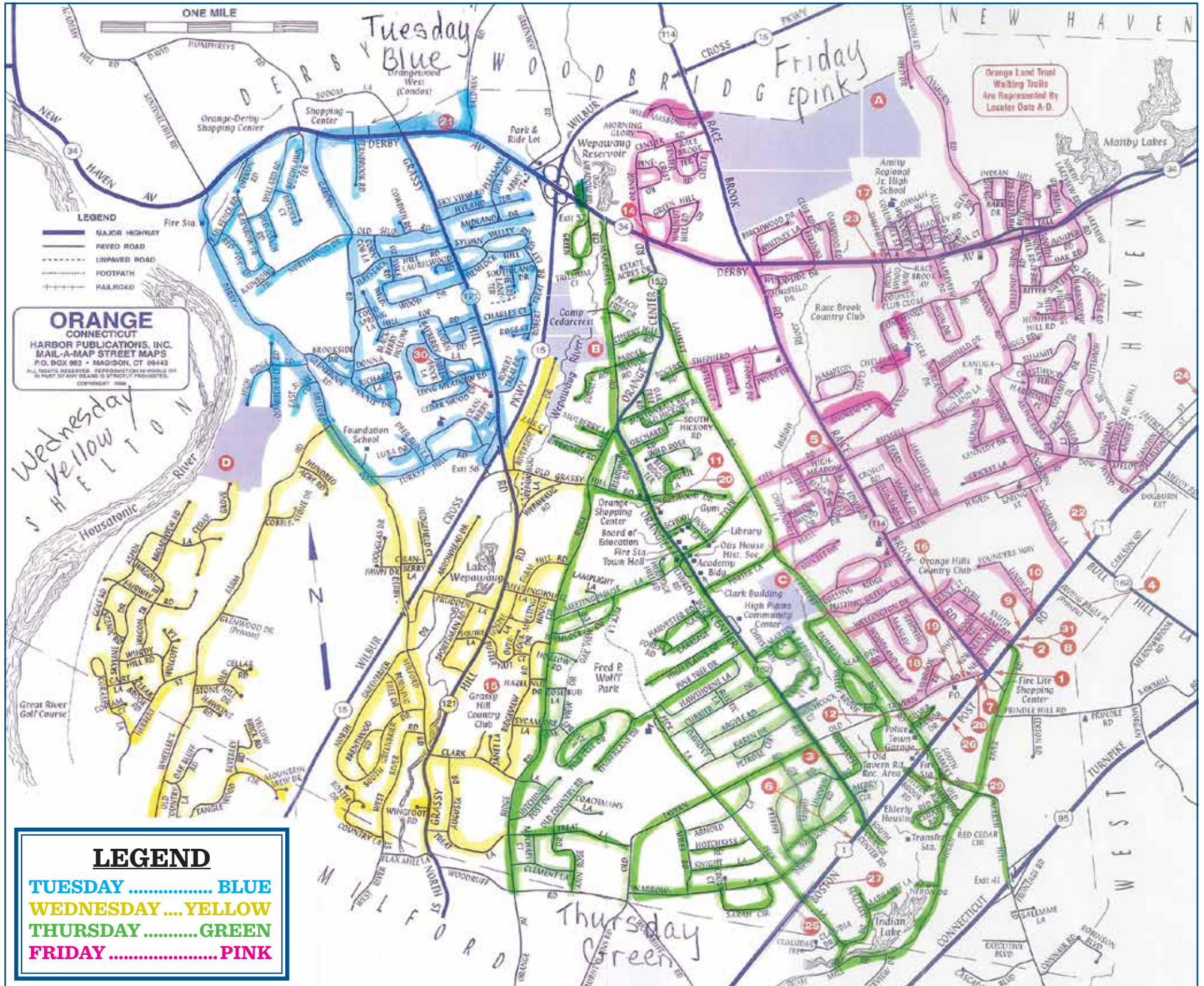
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Helen, originally from Old Lyme and Joe resided in New Haven before moving to Orange in 1982. Joe and Helen enjoy family gatherings, vacationing in Florida, and are avid readers. Joe enjoys regaling family and friends with personal accounts of the last hundred years, and Helen spends her personal time online and winning at the many computer games she plays! They also derive great pleasure from swimming at the Orange Town Pool. They are particularly grateful for, and thoroughly enjoy, the strong friendships they have formed with other pool and exercise-center participants at the High Plains Facility.

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The Connecticut based Certified Public Accounting firm of Greenhaus Riordan & Co. LLP is pleased to announce the admission of Mario Vincent Lucibello, CPA as partner. Mr. Lucibello began his career with the international accounting firm of Ernst & Young, LLP before joining Greenhaus Riordan & Co. in 2008. Mr. Lucibello's experience in accounting, auditing and taxation provides him with the background to consult with clients on a wide range of financial matters.

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Mario graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS degree in accounting and went on to pursue a Masters degree in taxation from the University of New Haven. He is actively involved in the community, sitting on the boards of local non-profit organizations. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants and the University of Connecticut Alumni Association. He is a lifelong resident of West Haven where he currently resides with his wife Emily Lucibello. Mr. Lucibello can be reached at the firm website www.greenhausriordan.com.



REDFISH GRILL RIBBON CUTTING

On Monday, January 6th, Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli, Orange Chamber of Commerce President Rocky Salperio and members of the Chamber Board of Directors held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to welcome Orange's newest business, the Red Fish Grill; located at 285 Boston Post Road (formerly Lushe's Dinner). Brothers Tony & Spyro, (former owners of the Red River Grill at the same location) expressed their excitement at once again having the opportunity to offer area residents fresh, quality food at reasonable prices. Red Fish Grill specializes in seafood and is open daily for lunch and dinner. Stop in and say hello!

HOUSES OF WORSHIP



BRYAN CAMPBELL SLATED FOR MUSIC ON THE GREEN

The Orange Congregational Church will present the next performance in its "Music on the Green" Concert Series on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 4:00 pm. Bryan Campbell, organist, will play the newly installed Odell pipe organ in a concert "Keys to the Alphabet" featuring the works of J. S. Bach, Couperin, Franck, and others. The program will highlight the registers and timbres of the organ which graces the historic meetinghouse. Mr. Campbell, a graduate of Yale University and the church's Music Director, has performed solo engagements at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and at Trinity Church in Boston's Copley Square. The suggested donation is \$10. The church is located on the town green on Orange Center Road at Meeting House Lane. For more information, please call (203) 795-9749.

TASHLEIN RECIEVES "FIVE STAR WEALTH MANAGER" AWARD

Eric Tashlein, an Orange resident and Milford business owner (Connecticut Capital Management Group, LLC), was recently named a recipient of the prestigious Five Star Wealth Manager award for 2013 as stated in Connecticut Magazine December 2013 issue.



CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 21. Registration is highly recommended for all Library programs.

Weekly Storytimes

Come to our weekly storytimes to have fun, meet new friends, and set your child on the path to lifelong learning!

Mother Goose is on the Loose! Lapsit Storytime

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months. Our lapsit storytimes feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Tuesday, January 21, 28, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Two-Year-Old Storytime

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. Thursday, January 16, 23, 30, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and finger plays. Monday, January 27, 4-5 p.m.

Events for Children

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 1

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by stopping at the Library and checking out all the wonderful things we have to offer. Come for a fun-filled day including two special programs for children of all ages:

One Heart/One World

Saturday, February 1, 11 a.m.

A multicultural and international drum and dance program presented by Playtivity for children of all ages. Learn about cultural diversity in a fun way as we sing, dance, and play African, Latin, and Native American songs and rhythms. Each child will get to play their own special instrument! Please pre-register beginning January 18.

Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.

Join us for a scavenger hunt in the Children's Room. Prizes will be awarded!

Winter Craft and Stories

Saturday, February 15, 10:30-11:30

Join us for this fun winter storytime and glittery snowflake craft! For children ages 4-8. Conducted by the Girl Scout Cadets Troop #60239.

Winter Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, February 24, 6:30 p.m.

Wear pajamas and bring your bear! For children ages 2-5.

Events for Teens & Tweens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, February 11, 2:15 p.m.

Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

Events for Adults

Drop-In Tech Help

Tuesday, January 28; February 11, 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, February 3, 5-6 p.m.

Thursday, January 23, February 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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Oscar Ballot Contest

Saturday, January 18-Saturday, March 1

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winners will receive an Oscar DVD of their choice.

- January 18: Ballots available at the Library
- March 1: Last day to submit a ballot
- March 2: 2014 Academy Awards

Books & Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.

Cookbook Club

Monday, January 27, 7 p.m.

Come to the cookbook club for great food and great discussion about the featured cookbook: *The Food52 Cookbook: 140 Winning Recipes from Exceptional Home Cooks* by Amanda Hesser & Merrill Stubbs. Come ready to share your dish and your experiences with the group. Copies are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 6, 7:30 p.m.

Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of *11/22/63* by Stephen King. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk in January.

Oscar Films

Monday, February 24, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26, 1 p.m. with subtitles

Film to be announced on Thursday, January 16. Registration is highly recommended and begins on February 3.

Monday, March 3, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 1 p.m. with subtitles

Film to be announced on Thursday, January 16. Registration is highly recommended and begins on February 10.

Monday, March 17, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19, 1 p.m. with subtitles

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Film Buffs: Twenty Feet from Stardom

Thursday, February 27, 7 p.m.

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DEATH NOTICES

Edwin Eugene Pike Sr.

Edwin E. Pike, Sr., age 83 of Milford, beloved husband of Esther Pike passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at Connecticut Hospice in Branford, CT. Born in Mystic, CT on June 10, 1930 he was the son of the late Alice Pike. Edwin served with pride and honor in the United States Air Force and was employed by the FAA for many years until his retirement. He was a very caring "family man" with great character and integrity; kind and gentle.



Edwin E. Pike, Sr.

In addition to his wife Esther of 62 years, he is survived by his children Edwin Jr. and wife Robin of Wallingford, Linda Sadick and husband Greg of Lake Forest CA, David Pike of Finleyville, PA, Cynthia Ruggeri and husband Paul of Orange, CT and Brian Pike and wife Janice of Wallingford, CT. He loved his grandchildren Jillian, Kevin, Alicia, Sara, Jacob, Kyle, Corey, Matthew, Anneliese and Emily. He is also survived by his brother Earl Pike and his wife Pat of Rye, NY and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, December 27, 2013 at St. Agnes Church, 400 Merwin Avenue, Milford. Interment followed at Saint John Cemetery, Wallingford, CT. Contributions may be made in Edwin's name to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38150 or www.stjude.org.

Anne Carmel Palkowski

Anne Carmel Palkowski, 93, of Orange, CT entered into eternal rest on December 25th, 2013 after a brief illness. She was a modern woman, years ahead of her time, who enjoyed both loving family life and a fulfilling career. Anne was a Nursing Pioneer in New Haven during the 1940s and 1950s.



Anne Palkowski

The daughter of Rocco and Carmella Simeone Petrillo, Anne was born in New Haven, CT on August 3rd, 1920. She graduated from Hill House High School, and was the Class Secretary & Treasurer for the Class of 1938. Anne attended the Hartford Hospital School of Nursing on a full academic scholarship and became a Registered Nurse in 1940. After completing her Nursing degree, Anne attended Columbia University in New York City on full academic scholarship and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree from the Columbia Teacher's College in 1943.

After college, Anne resumed her Nursing career at Hartford Hospital for several years, and then returned to New Haven and worked at Yale New Haven Hospital. Anne became a pioneer for modern Nursing changes at Yale New Haven and several other area hospitals. She was instrumental in developing and implementing new Nursing techniques for Surgical Recovery rooms, and Labor and Delivery Suites while at Yale. She rose through the ranks to become Surgical Head Nurse, and culminated her career as the Nursing Director of the Yale New Haven Emergency Department in the late 1950s.

While working at the Yale Emergency Room, Anne met the love of her life, her future husband, Walter H. Palkowski. They were married for 33 years at the time of his passing. After taking time to raise her family, Anne returned to her beloved nursing profession in the 1970s and worked for Surgical Associates of New Haven until her retirement in 1997.

Anne was one of 10 children and was predeceased by siblings Stephen Petrillo, Salvatore Petrillo, Edward Petrillo, Connie Miller, Albert Petrillo, Josephine Santo, Rudy Petrillo, Doris Iadonisi, and Lucille Zito. She is survived by her son, Walter E. Palkowski of Orange, his wife, Cathleen and her two grandsons, Matthew Palkowski and Alex Palkowski and her daughter, Dr. Marilyn Smith of Easton, CT, and her husband Ken Smith and her grandson Taylor Smith and granddaughter Kelley Smith.

Anne lived in Orange for 51 years and was a loyal Parishioner of Holy Infant Church. She was a member of the Holy Infant Church Woman's Guild; the Holy Infant Holy Name Society, and the Orange Land Trust.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Infant Church, 450 Race Brook Road, Orange with burial at Orange Center Cemetery. All arrangements were made through Maresca & Sons Funeral Home, 592 Chapel Street, New Haven. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut (www.alz.org) Offer condolences at www.marescafuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Larson Shaffer

Dorothy Larson Shaffer formerly of Orange, entered Heaven November 19, 2013. She was predeceased by her loving husband, William B. Shaffer Jr. and her daughter Pamela. She is survived by her son William A. Shaffer, daughters Patricia Nash (Ron), Eileen Miller (Joey), brother, Arthur Larson (Frances), brother-in-law Robert A. Shaffer (Irene) and three grandchildren, Sloan, Luke and Noah.

Dorothy had an unwavering faith in God. She was a longtime parishioner of Holy Infant Church in Orange, CT and a proud Korean War Navy Veteran, Republican who loved her family and country.

Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Infant Church on Friday, Dec. 6th at 12 noon. Burial will follow in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "The Wm. B. Shaffer, Jr. Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Perfusion" and sent to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, Quinnipiac University, 275 Mount Carmel Ave., Hamden, CT 06518, Attn. Gina Falcigno. MARESCA & SONS FUNERAL HOME 592 Chapel St. is in charge of arrangements. Offer condolences at www.marescafuneralhome.com

BOOKS AS BRAIN FOOD

Now here's a "novel" way to increase our brain function. It doesn't involve getting more exercise or eating certain foods. It doesn't include doing puzzles. We only need to grab a book and start flipping pages.

Emory University did a study that showed how there are "quantifiable changes" in brain activity when participants read a book. Granted it was a bit more regimented than just grabbing your favorite author's latest bestseller.

In the study, participants were given a baseline brain scan each day for a few days. Then they were given the thriller "Pompeii" by Robert Harris with instructions to read 30 pages a night. Each morning they were given another brain scan. After the book was finished (about nine days), they were given more scans to see how the brain reacted. Researchers were able to track which portions of the book the participants were reading and correlate them to the brain scan images.

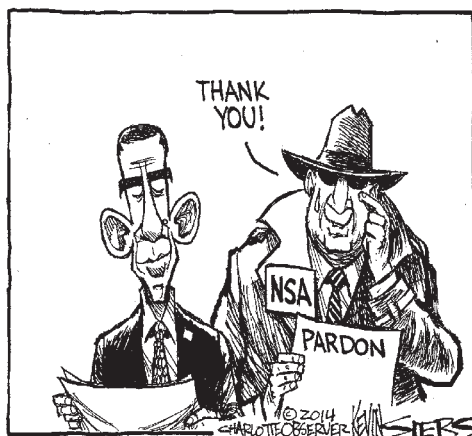
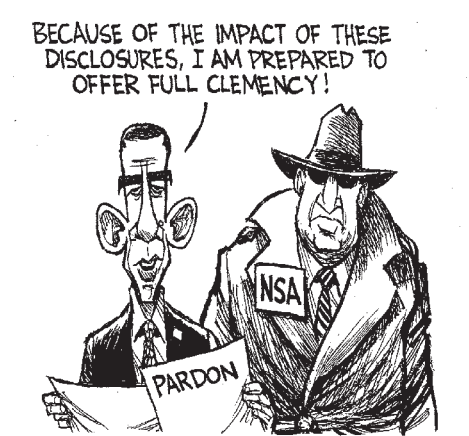
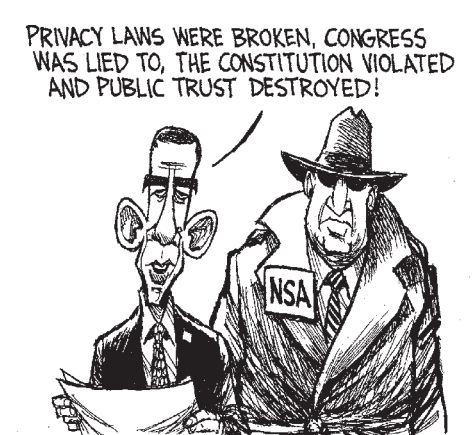
Here's what they learned: During reading, and for days afterward, there were significant activity increases in the parts of the brain associated with story comprehension, as well as processing language.

According to the study, the reading has to be fiction to get these brain connectivity changes, something with a narrative that describes events unfolding, a story we can identify with.

Here's my thinking: While researchers don't know yet how long these brain changes last after reading a novel, it's at least five days. Perhaps we should spend some time in 2014 re-reading the novels that had an impact on us, as well as new narrative fiction and a few of the old classics. The reference librarian is sure to be a good source for book suggestions.



by Matilda Charles



DEATH NOTICES

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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG-13)**
Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman
- 2. Frozen (PG)**
animated
- 3. Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG-13)**
Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate
- 4. American Hustle (R)**
Christian Bale, Amy Adams
- 5. The Wolf of Wall Street (R)**
Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill
- 6. Saving Mr. Banks (PG-13)**
Emma Thompson, Tom Hanks
- 7. The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG)**
Ben Stiller, Kristen Wiig
- 8. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
- 9. 47 Ronin (PG-13)**
Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada
- 10. Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas (PG-13)**
Tyler Perry, Chad Michael Murray

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Elysium (R)**
Matt Damon
- 2. We're the Millers (R)**
Jennifer Aniston
- 3. Man of Steel (PG-13)**
Henry Cavill
- 4. 2 Guns (R)**
Mark Wahlberg
- 5. Red 2 (PG-13)**
Bruce Willis
- 6. The Heat (R)**
Sandra Bullock
- 7. The Internship (PG-13)**
Vince Vaughn
- 8. Turbo (PG)**
animated
- 9. R.I.P.D (PG-13)**
Jeff Bridges
- 10. White House Down (PG-13)**
Channing Tatum

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Eminem feat. Rihanna**
"The Monster"
- 2. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha**
"Timber"
- 3. One Republic**
"Counting Stars"
- 4. A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera**
"Say Something"
- 5. Lorde**
"Royals"
- 6. Imagine Dragons**
"Demons"
- 7. Passenger**
"Let Her Go"
- 8. Avicii**
"Wake Me Up!"
- 9. Miley Cyrus**
"Wrecking Ball"
- 10. One Direction**
"Story of My Life"



Pitbull

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Florida Georgia Line**
"Stay"
- 2. Luke Bryan**
"Drink a Beer"
- 3. David Nail**
"Whatever She's Got"
- 4. Eli Young Band**
"Drunk Last Night"
- 5. Cassadee Pope**
"Wasting All These Tears"
- 6. Parmalee**
"Carolina"
- 7. Zac Brown Band**
"Sweet Annie"
- 8. Cole Swindell**
"Chillin' It"
- 9. Luke Bryan**
"That's My Kind of Night"
- 10. Jason Aldean**
"When She Says Baby"

- Who wrote and released "Suzanne"?
- Name the musical number released in the same year by Carol Channing, Petula Clark, Bobby Darin, Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong.
- Which New Kids on the Block song was released in two very different versions -- keyboard solo and guitar solo?
- Who released "No Matter What"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Baby, is he looking after you? Is he showing you the same love, the warm love, just like we knew?"



1. Leonard Cohen. The words originally came to life as a poem Cohen wrote in 1966, "Suzanne Takes You Down."
2. "Hello, Dolly!" from the musical of the same name. Armstrong received a Grammy for his version in 1965.
3. "Hangin' Tough," 1989. Of the two, the guitar solo version is more widely recognized.
4. Badfinger, in 1970.
5. "Things I'd Like to Say," by New Colony Six in 1968. Between 1966 and 1971, the group saw 10 of their releases hit the Hot 100 list. The group wore Colonial costumes on stage at the same time as Paul Revere and the Raiders, and once showed up at the same audition as the Raiders, all of them wearing the same outfits.



Tom Hanks in "Captain Phillips"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Jan. 20, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Captain Phillips" (PG-13) -- When Somali pirates hijacked an American commercial ship in 2009, a gripping story played out for five days over the worldwide news. In this dramatic retelling of the events, the real-life action becomes a powerful thriller fuelled by bigger ideas. Tom Hanks stars as the titular captain, a hardworking everyman who must face off with the pirate captain (Barkhad Abdi).

Even though you know how the story ends, director Paul Greengrass delivers forceful suspense on top of social commentary that doesn't feel forced. Tom Hanks is at his stoic best, matched only by his foil -- the desperate, emaciated pirate captain who wears a thin mask of thunder and bravado. Out there on the ocean, both men struggle with forces beyond their control.

"Blue Jasmine" (PG-13) -- Jasmine (Cate Blanchett) is a shiny member of the Manhattan elite who moves into her sister's house (and the real world) after the financial collapse. Jasmine's sister, Ginger (Sally Hawkins), is down-to-earth, but suffers from a chronic lack of judgment with men. Still, it's Jasmine who is truly a mess -- in the same breath, she gripes about her first-class flight from New York and then moans about how penniless she is.

This is easily among the best work Woody Allen has produced in the past decade or so. The movie cuts in flashbacks to Jasmine's old life while showing the present-day turning point of her moving into her sister's working-class San Francisco apartment. You're never entirely sure which way the story is going, who is right and who deserves sympathy.

"In a World ..." (R) -- First-time writer and director Lake Bell is more than a breath of fresh air, she's a new set of lungs for the dramatic comedy. Bell plays Carol, a voice coach for voice-over artists. Her ambition is to become a fixture in the world of movie-trailer voices -- a tough nut to crack, especially when the field is a boys' club governed by her father. Bell is backed by an ensemble of comedic actors on their A-games (Nick Offerman, Rob Corddry, Ken Marino and Tig Notaro).

"Instructions Not Included" (PG-13) -- Director and star Eugenio Derbez brings us a cute dramedy about growing up and sticking up for what we want. Valentin (Eugenio Derbez) lived the easy life until an old fling dropped off a baby daughter at his doorstep. Valentin learns to love and rely on the little girl as he builds a career as a Hollywood stuntman. The tone shifts to a deeper note when the mother returns six years later, and Valentin realizes he could lose the new center of his life.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

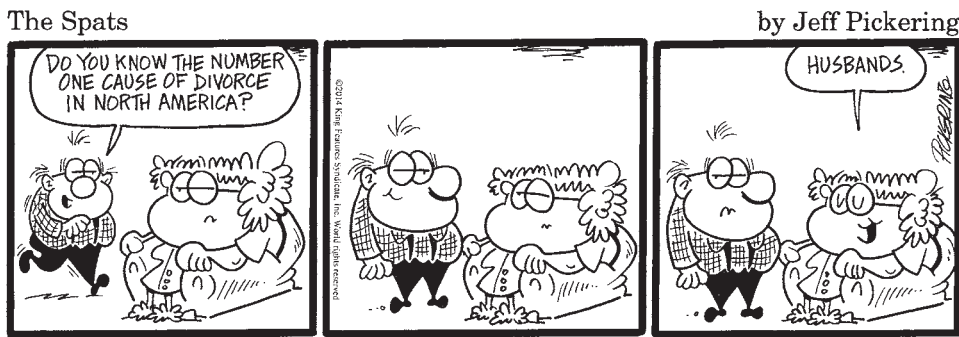
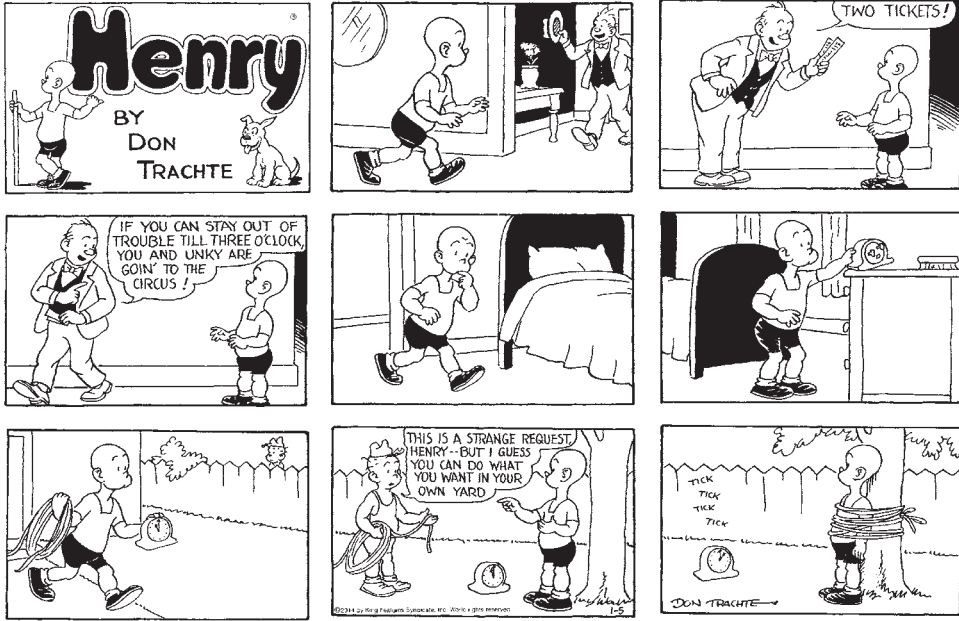
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

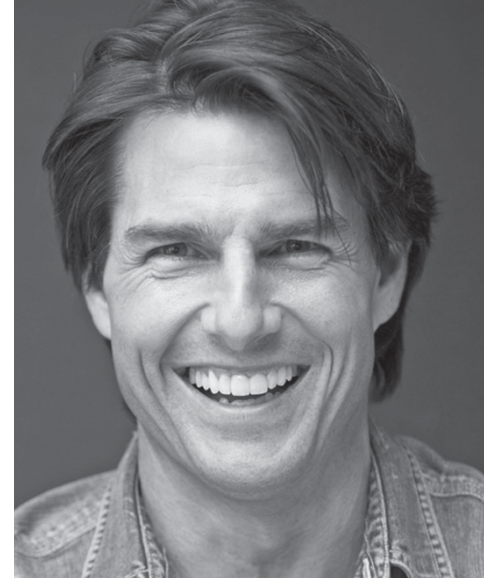
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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Tom Cruise

HOLLYWOOD -- The much-ballyhoed \$50 million lawsuit Tom Cruise dropped on The Bauer Media Group and its magazines "In Touch" and "Life & Style" is over. In cover stories, both magazines intimated that Cruise abandoned his daughter with Katie Holmes, Suri. Both Cruise and Bauer were prepared to fling dirt from TMZ to The Wall Street Journal. Their Mexican stand-off ended because they realized they could tarnish their reputations forever, so the lawsuit was dropped.

Cruise was prepared to accuse Bauer Media of having un-American ties, while Bauer was prepared to rake Scientology over the coals. For instance, Tom involved his three wives -- Mimi Rogers, Nicole Kidman and Katie Holmes -- in the religion, but all three left the church soon after cutting ties with him.

Scientology has had some major defections to worry about. Jason Beghe, best known for the films "Thelma & Louise" and "X-Men: First Class" and who will star in the upcoming NBC series "Chicago PD," premiering Jan. 8, left the church in 2007. In 2009, "Crash" director Paul Haggis, a 35-year member, left. In 2012, Lisa Marie Presley exited quietly, for fear she would alienate her mother, Priscilla Presley, still a Scientologist. And most recently, "King of Queens" star Leah Remini announced on "Dancing With the Stars" that she'd left the church. Luckily for the religion, its board of directors is made up of many lawyers, who can resolve most of their legal problems swiftly and quietly.

CBS thinks we're ready for a reboot of Neil Simon's classic "The Odd Couple" and has chosen "Friend's" star Matthew

Perry to play the messy Oscar Madison ... now that is odd!

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber may have lost his way with his latest musical effort. The musical genius who gave us such megahits as "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Evita," "Cats," "Starlight Express," "Phantom of the Opera," "Sunset Boulevard" and recently "The Wizard of Oz," has chosen "Stephen Ward" as his latest project. Who is Stephen Ward, you ask?

In 1961, Dr. Stephen Ward was at the center of the infamous Profumo scandal in which the very-married John Profumo, secretary of state for war for the British government, began an affair with a call girl named Christine Keeler, who also was having an affair with a naval attache at the Soviet Embassy in London. The affair lasted only two weeks, and the story didn't break until 1962. Variety's British theater critic described the show by saying, "How could the fallout from Britain's most notorious real-life sex-and-politics scandal have been turned into something so flaccid?" Well, that certainly is a stiff review!

King Crossword

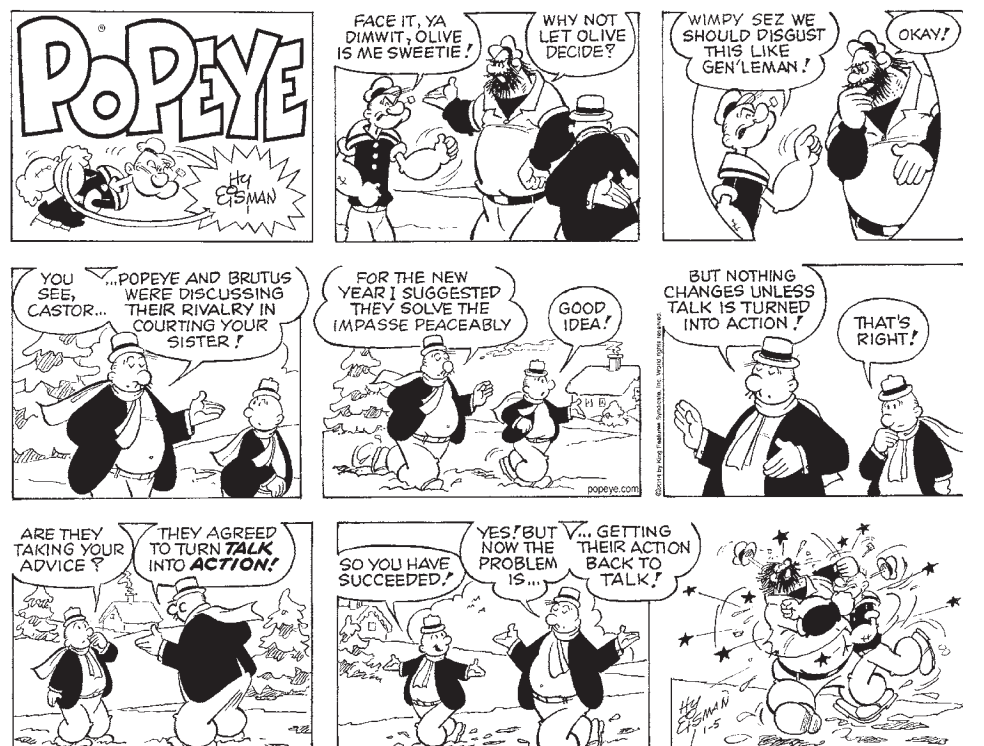
ACROSS

- 1 Paddock parents
- 6 Two-timer
- 9 Illustrations
- 12 Tolerate
- 13 "The ___ Daba Honey-moon"
- 14 Fresh
- 15 Earth tone
- 16 "Halo" singer
- 18 Beast
- 20 TV remote button
- 21 Have
- 23 Enthusiast
- 24 Dud
- 25 Indian royal
- 27 Ship of the desert
- 29 "The Godfather" star
- 31 Christmas carol starter
- 35 Someone in the kitchen?
- 37 Therefore
- 38 Eagle's nest
- 41 Toothpaste type
- 43 Current measure, for short
- 44 Pharmaceutical
- 45 Psychiatrist
- 47 "Material Girl" singer
- 49 Idaho's capital

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- 52 Chowed down
 - 53 ___-relief
 - 54 Showed again
 - 55 Neither mate
 - 56 Suitable
 - 57 Cheer up
- DOWN**
- 1 Long March leader
 - 2 Easy as ___
 - 3 "Take a Bow" singer
 - 4 First place
 - 5 Letter line
 - 6 Poolside structure
 - 7 Explorer Tasman
 - 8 Desk-calen-
 - 9 Per ___ (yearly)
 - 10 Right-hand page
 - 11 Seventh-grader, usually
 - 17 Brunch entree
 - 19 Georgia city
 - 21 Sphere of skirmishes
 - 22 Series of
 - 24 Started
 - 26 Rainbow component
 - 28 "Real Time With Bill ___"
 - 30 Gaming cube
 - 32 "Hips Don't Lie" singer
 - 33 Belly
 - 34 Mindreader's claim
 - 36 Shocked
 - 38 Madison Avenue employee
 - 39 Lyric poet's Muse
 - 40 Less courteous
 - 42 Cuba ___ (cocktail)
 - 45 Child's play
 - 46 Yule refrain
 - 48 Cagers' org.
 - 50 Perched
 - 51 Away from WSW

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WANTED - Art, Clocks, Coins, Dolls, Estate Jewelry, Military, Silverware, Trains, Gold, Silver, etc. Call Joseph & Carol Ferry Antiques at 203-795-4644.

DONATIONS WANTED - Helping Hands Community Thrift Store raises money for over 175 local non-profits. Donate your furniture, housewares, clothing etc. and make a difference! Call 203-782-4800 for Furniture Pick-Up. Two Locations for donation drop-offs and shopping: 334 Boston Post Rd, Orange and 77 State Street, North Haven; www.helpinghandsctfb.com.

HELP WANTED

MUNSON'S CHOCOLATE - 109 Boston Post Rd., Orange is currently hiring PART TIME Retail Sales Associates. Day, Evening, and Weekend positions available. Applications available within store or call 203-799-0666.

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King Crossword — Weekly SUDOKU

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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ARTS & LEISURE



"Olé," shouted seventh grade Amity Middle School (Orange Campus) students as they watched flamenco artists Melinda Marquez, Dalia Medovnikoff, Rachel Holmes, José Moreno, and Val Ramos' intense performance. Since students researched the culture of Spain and took a flamenco lesson with Marquez prior to watching the show, they exhibited a greater appreciation for the art form. After all, they experienced how complex the steps are and felt the potency of the music as they did golpes (hits with their feet). This opportunity was made possible by a grant Spanish teacher and Spanish Honor Society Advisor Elaine Hashemian received from the Jaime Hulley Foundation, as well as monetary contributions from Team X and Alas, The Spanish Honor Society Chapter.

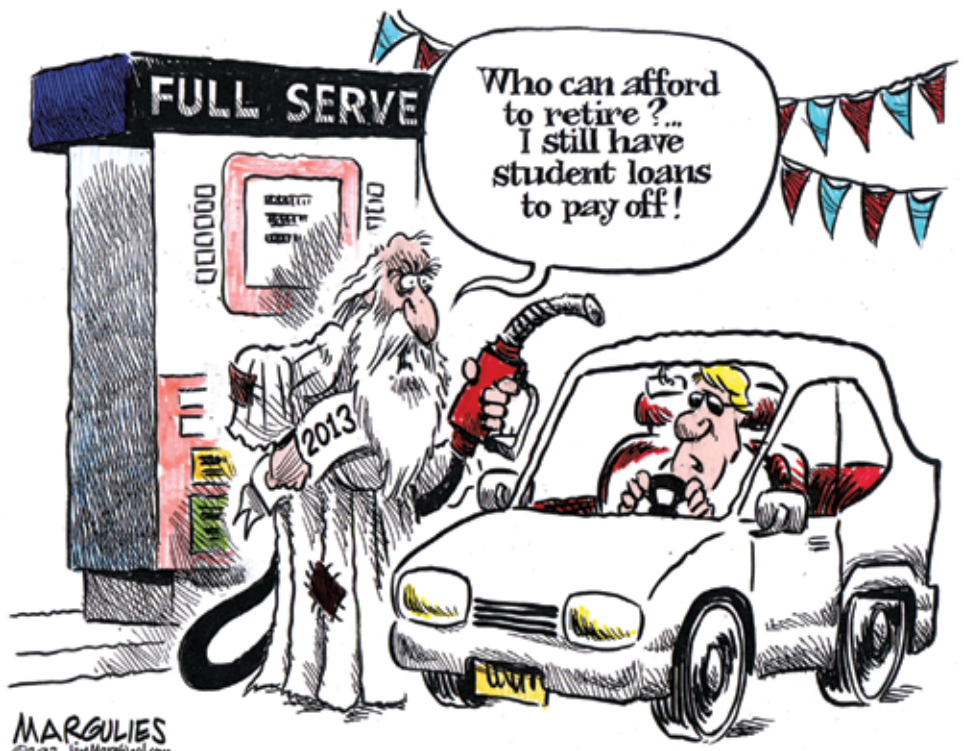


Pictured above are photos of the Youth Services' December Artist Colony watercolor class. Audrey Galer was the instructor.



AHS NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY ART EXHIBITION

The Amity High School National Art Honor Society has mounted an art exhibition in the Orange Town Hall Gallery for the month of January. Four Amity students are represented among the 15 works in the show: seniors Elizabeth Pallman, Aliyah Oestreicher, and Jeremy Wolin and junior Sarah Stein. The artworks span a range of media, from drawings and prints to collage and photography. The show demonstrates the many achievements of Amity's art students and reflects the National Art Honor Society's mission to expose the community to art at Amity. The exhibition will open from January through the month of February. Stop by the second floor of the Orange Town Hall to see some great student artwork.



ARTS & LEISURE



AMITY STRINGS ENSEMBLE WELCOMES GRAMMY WINNER

The Amity Strings Ensemble members welcomed Grammy award winning fiddler and dobro player Stacy Phillips to Amity High School on Thursday, December 19 for a demonstration and performance.

Phillips specializes in bluegrass, Irish jigs and reels, Scottish, and Balkan (Eastern European) fiddle music. He has written instructional books with fiddle techniques and has made numerous CD's performing on both fiddle and dobro (slide guitar). He taught the students a well-known fiddle tune, "Harvest Home Hornpipe," and they performed it slowly at first and then eased into a faster tempo. Appealing to the high school students' young taste in music, he also explained that the underlying roots of many modern songs—including rap—began with fiddle techniques.

Phillips is an internationally acclaimed resonator guitarist and violin player. He has performed with the top acoustic musicians over the world. He has three solo albums and is featured artist on the Grammy award-winning album *The Great Dobro Sessions*. Phillips is the author of over 25 books and DVDs on various aspects of his chosen instruments. He plays with seven different musical groups including The AfroSemitic Experience, the Paul Howard Duet and Heroes of Tradition.

His visit was made possible through a generous grant by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation which sponsors visits from local artists for the art, music and drama departments within the Amity Regional School District.

WORK OF HOVERCAMP AND MAIORANO AT CASE LIBRARY

Art in the Library announces that the January Art Show will be the work of watercolorist Jeanne Maiorano and of photographer Ellen Hovercamp.

Jeanne Maiorano has lived in Orange for 46 years and is employed at Orange Center Dentistry. She has studied watercolor with Miriam Mills in Milford for ten years. She has exhibited at the Orange Country Fair and in Milford. In 2013 she won best in show at the Orange Country Fair.

Ellen Hovercamp has used a flatbed scanner as a camera since 1997 for digital imaging to document nature's beauty. She has exhibited in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York City. Hovercamp recently won the garden association's media awards gold medal for photography for her collaboration with Ken Druse on the book "Natural Companions: The Garden Lover's Guide to Plant Combinations". Her website is myneighborsgarden.com.



KYLE GREEN TO BE SHOWCASED AT THE DAVIS GALLERY

The Davis Gallery, located at 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab), Orange presents "things" – an exhibition of Kyle Green's acrylic paintings of fantastical creatures from January 18th - February 21st, 2014. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 10am-6pm and Saturdays 10am-4pm. Please join us for the Opening Reception on Saturday, January 18th, 1-4pm. Free and Open to the Public. For more information, call (203) 795-4705 or visit www.DavisGalleryCT.com.

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing so.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could

prevent a stalemate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you still can select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voicemail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your capacity

for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"I think someone's at the door."

MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



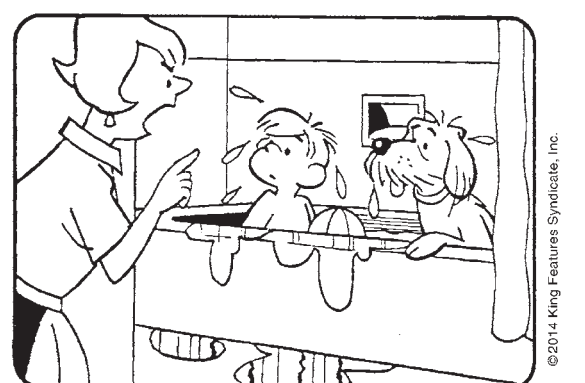
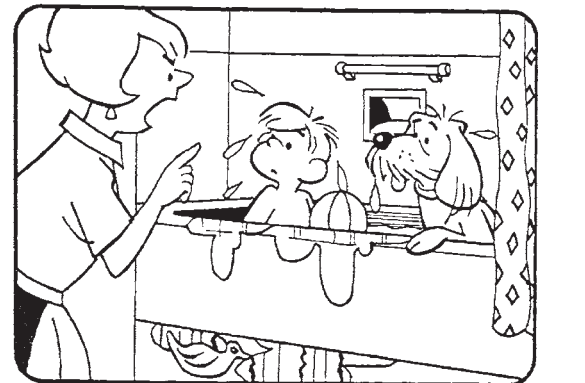
"Nine pounds, 14 ounces, Madam, and the Government would greatly appreciate your getting your OWN home scale..."

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Forgot my keys—NOW aren't you glad I didn't put the porch furniture away?"

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below. Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Bird is missing. 3. Ball is missing. 4. Towel bar is missing. 5. Dog's ear is smaller. 6. Shower curtain is different.

top ten

Best Fashion Trends of Past 50 Years

1. The bikini
2. The mini-skirt
3. Skinny jeans
4. Bell-bottoms
5. Leisure suits
6. Track suits
7. Tie-dye clothing
8. Leg warmers
9. "Members Only" jackets
10. Platform shoes

Source: Harris Poll

CATS' BAD HABITS ARE HARD TO BREAK

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My boyfriend regularly allowed my cat to jump onto the table during dinner and would feed "Baxter" right from his plate. We're no longer a couple, but Baxter is still with me, and he insists on jumping onto the table and begging food. How can I break him of this habit? -- Janine in Reno, Nev.

DEAR JANINE: It can be tough to break a bad habit in a cat, especially one that was allowed to persist for so long. You may never be able to completely train Baxter to stay off the table or to not beg for food, but you can discourage such behavior.

Don't feel guilty about doing it, either. Baxter likely will yowl pitifully at you as you eat dinner without him. But don't allow him on the table at all.

How do you do that? Easy. When Baxter moves to jump onto the table, either hiss at him or shake something at him that will frighten him slightly. Many owners use a can of pennies, which rattles loudly when shaken. Others simply wave a rolled-up newspaper at their cat, and that's enough to make their pet stop the aberrant behavior.

Repeat this hiss or penny-can shake each and every time he tries to climb onto the table. And, whenever Baxter stays down through the whole meal, or immediately after you finish eating, shower him with praise.

To make this even easier, try feeding Baxter shortly before your dinnertime. If you're unable to do that, insist that he stays off the table and doesn't get away with that behavior either with you or with guests.

Send your questions or advice to ask@pawscorner.com.

The Garden Bug

Snow protects

Freshly fallen, un-compacted snow is full of trapped air. Because this air barely moves, heat transfer is greatly reduced, thus slowing heat-flow from the warmer ground to the colder air above. This makes snow an excellent insulator for gardens and landscapes, protecting natural areas and their animal inhabitants against freezing temperatures and damaging winds. Snow also lessens extreme temperature fluctuations of the soil; if soil freezes too hard for an extended time, plants can die of thirst.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.udel.edu

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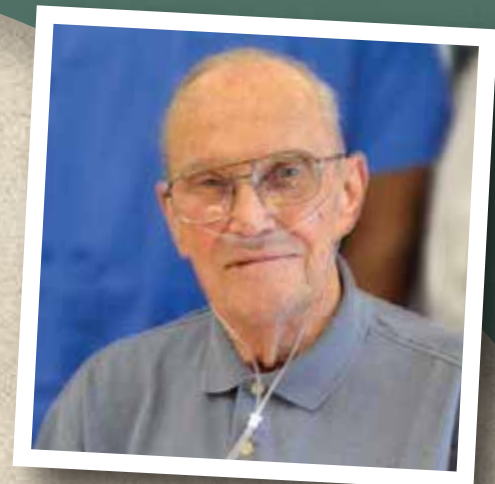
My Golden Hill Story

By Bob Reid, Orange CT.

Following a week of hospitalization with pneumonia, my Pulmonologist, Dr. Jasdeep Sidana, directed me to Golden Hill Health Care Center in Milford for short term pulmonary and physical rehabilitation. My COPD, topped by pneumonia, made this imperative if my recovery was to be successful.

My two week experience at Golden Hill was both impressive and practical. From the nursing and medical staff to the professional physical, occupational and respiratory therapists, personalized daily rehabilitation was tailored to my individualized needs. I can't say enough about the therapy staff. Exercise sessions were carefully planned to provide strength and breathing improvement, which was accomplished without stress or strain on my 87 year old body.

In addition to the rehabilitation process, there were recreational programs, well balanced and varied meals, bright and airy homelike surroundings, and a 24/7 caring staff checking on your daily needs and progress. Most important is Golden Hill's commitment to providing ongoing health improvement to all those in their care. It surely worked for me. I recommend Golden Hill to anyone needing rehabilitation and pulmonary services to restore optimal level of functioning, a high degree of independence, and the greatest quality of life possible. And I assure you that the recovery program outlined at Golden Hill provides continuation at home which I am following faithfully with daily improvement."



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