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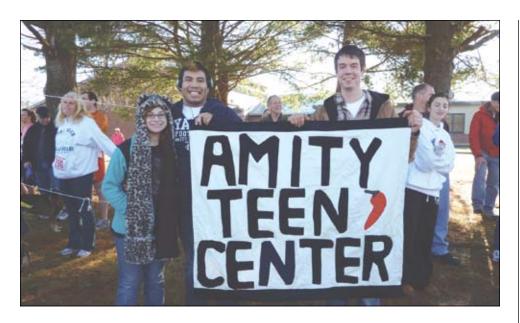
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2012 Chilly Chili Run Was Anything But Chilly

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

This year's 5K Chilly Chili Run was anything but chilly as a record number of participants turned out to race in temperatures more common in May than on the first day of 2012. In all, 570 registered runners, 117 walkers, and hundreds of supporters and well-wishers attended the town's annual event to benefit the Amity Teen Center.

Last year's race attracted statewide publicity when three nonagenarians participated in the event, making it the first time in road race history three runners over the age of 90 competed in a 5K event. In keeping with this re-



cord-breaking distinction, this year 91-year-old Betty Hutchinson from New Hampshire became the first female nonagenarian to participate in the race, joining George "Doc" Whitney, 93; Bill Tribou, 91; and Don Osborne, 90; in the over-90 class. And, if Race Director Joe Riccio has his way, the Chilly Run will continue to make history every year as more and more senior seniors take part in the event.

While Riccio always gets pleasure from seeing the hundreds of men, women and children -- even one as young as six years old --- who turn out for this event, it is the oldest among them who hold a special place in his heart. "I have an elite group of seniors – I call them legends. Each

one has a story," he said. In fact, Riccio has made it his mission to personally recruit these senior runners from up and down the East Coast and lure them to the Chilly Run with the promise of a free New Year's Eve dinner and hotel stay and some good old fashioned competition among their peers. "They are ("Chili Run" continued on page 39)

Gibbons Named 2012 Assistant Principal of the Year

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

For Vicenta (Vi) Gibbons, one of the best parts about being named 2012 Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year was hearing how many of her peers nominated her for the award.

The national honor is presented by the Connecticut Association of Schools to recognize outstanding school leaders who exhibit excellence in areas that range from leadership, curriculum, instruction, personal growth, to main-

taining a positive school environment. "I was truly surprised," said Gibbons, assistant principal at the Amity Middle School. "When they called to tell me I'd been nominated, I was told the awards committee had been swamped with letters from the Amity staff. Winning the award was just the cherry on the cake after that!"

Gibbons, who was born in Cuba, has been in the Amity regional school system since 1978 when she came to the Senior High School as a Spanish teacher. For the past 13 years she has been the assistant principal at the junior high. "I like this age group; it's an important age and a difficult one. It's a turbulent time in a child's life -- I don't think there is any adult that wishes they could go back to being in junior high again. I believe I can make a difference helping students mold themselves into the people they should be-



Vincenta (Vi) Gibbons

come," Gibbons said. An important task, given the students Gibbons comes to know best are usually the ones that visit her office most frequently for discipline issues. "I tend to form bonds with the troublemakers, I spend a lot more time with them!" she said. "But I also get to know other students as well -- I'm like a streetwalker, my beat is the hallways and the cafeteria -- the cafeteria is where I do my best 'p.r.'!" Much of her time is spent being proactive, trying to deal with issues that arise before they become problems. "We try to attack issues as positively as possible. Kids do what they do, it's human nature," she said. The age of electronics has led to a slew of new scenarios that were nonexistent when she first took the job in early 2000. Gibbons works closely with Amity Middle School Principal Cathy Cutler and the two typically do "Monday morning clean-up" dealing with social circumstances that arose between students over the weekend. "It might be a phone call or a parent waiting on my doorstep," she said. According to Gibbons, the school's staff takes fostering a positive school climate seriously. "If it causes a disruption in learning I get involved," she said. Despite her role as the enforcer, Gibbons' troublemakers are fiercely loyal to her and often continue to visit her years after leaving the school. As one former student who asked to remain anonymous put it, "Mrs. Gibbons is the kind of person that made you

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Pearson Charged After Election Night Incident

Former Orange Board of Education Chairman Glen Pearson was charged with creating a public disturbance on January 4th for his actions at democratic campaign headquarters on election night last November. Pearson, 59, of 281 Bittersweet Road is the husband of former Selectwoman and current Democratic Town Committee chairwoman Patricia "Trish" Pearson. The charge is a result of a complaint filed with the Orange police by Amity Teen Center president Jane Opper, also of Orange.

According to Ms. Opper, on the night of November 8th, she joined other democrats at campaign headquarters, which was located at 200 Boston Post Road. Shortly after 7:30 pm, Ms. Pearson approached her and asked her to leave the headquarters. Opper states that "Trish came over and said, 'You have some nerve.' I asked why, and she said that I had a Jim Zeoli lawn sign on my corner. I told her that I am not the only person who lives at that house. Then she said 'Why are you here? Nobody wants you here. You have to leave."

According to Opper, after the election results started coming in, which indicated that Ms. Pearson had again lost her seat as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Glen Pearson then approached her yelling at her 'you have to leave' and 'squeezed her arm so hard that it bruised".

Police investigation and interviews after the incident led to the charge against Pearson (Glenn) for causing a public disturbance in which he has a court answer date of January 18th.

Finance Chairman Charged with DUI

Orange Board of Finance Chairman Robert (Kevin) Houlihan, 46, of 448 Barton Drive, Orange surrendered to Orange police after learning of a warrant for his arrest on January 10, 2012. The arrest stemmed from an auto crash that occurred in November of last year.

According to reports, Houlihan was driving south on Orange Center Road just after 12:00 am on November 12th when his car struck a utility pole causing the pole to fall into the road.

Houlihan was given an infraction ticket for failure to drive in the proper lane and reportedly had two handguns in the vehicle, which were secured by police. Upon investigation, police then obtained a search warrant for blood tests, the results of which led to the added DUI charge. He was taken to Yale-New Haven Hospital with minor injuries. Houlihan was released on a promise to appear in court on January 24th.

Dr. Brady to Present 2.1% Amity Budget Increase

Outgoing Amity Superintendent Dr. John Brady is expected to present the 2012-2013 regional school budget on January 23rd at the board's finance committee meeting, as well as to the full board on January 30th.

Dr. Brady has stated that the district is looking at a potential 2.1 % increase for the 2012-2013 budget. The close to \$1 million shortfall is due to surplus funds used in the 2011-12 budget which are not available this year, decreased federal grants, and over \$300,000 needed for capital improvements.

Brady will retire at the end of the school year after serving the community

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almost want to get in trouble so you could spend time with her!"

Gibbons loves her job so much that it was hard for to her to say what her least favorite responsibility was. But after some thought she said, "My heart breaks when I have to call a parent and tell them about their child's bad behavior."

In her free time, Gibbons enjoys walking the beach near her West Haven home with her husband John, taking ZUMBA classes and reading. She has two grown children, son John who just completed his doctorate degree in genomics from Vanderbilt University, and daughter, Elena Serapiglia, who is a Spanish teacher at Amity High School. She is also the proud grandmother of two-year-old twins who she babysits for every chance she gets.

Gibbons will be honored for the award at an awards reception at Saint Clements Castle in Portland in October.

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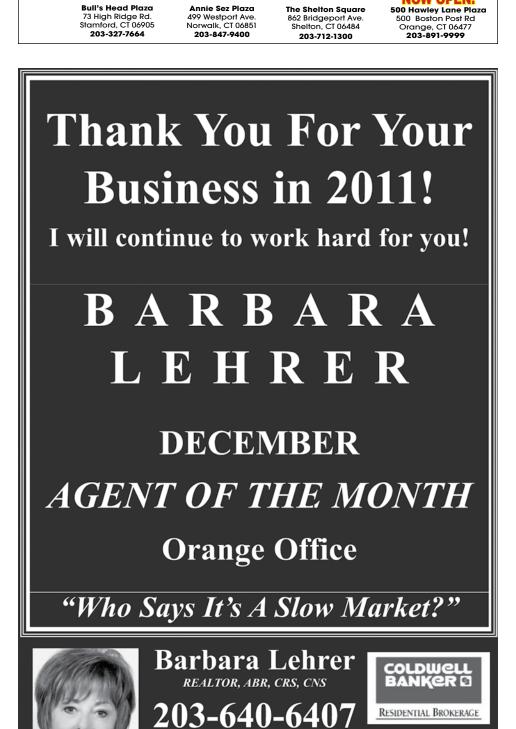


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Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop 60095 held their fifth annual Christmas carol sing with residents of Orange Health Care Center. The scouts are 6th, 7th and 8th graders from Peck Place School and Amity Middle School in Orange.



MLT Hosts Annual Children's Fair Fundraiser

An afternoon of fun is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 4, as the Mary L. Tracy School hosts its annual Children's Fair Fundraiser. The Fair is the biggest school fund-raiser of the year, with profits going toward programs like field trips, Art Goes to School, guest speakers, supplies for the classrooms and more. The event will take place at the school, 650 Schoolhouse Lane, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many activities are planned including a Silent Auction, a raffle drawing, bake sale, and book sale, face painting, temporary tattoos, and fingernail painting. We will also have 'decorate a cupcake', sand art and other crafts, and pizza and drinks will be available to purchase.

Pre-event wristbands are available at a discounted price of \$15 until Friday, Feb. 3. Wristbands will be \$18 the day of the event. Wristbands allow children to participate in all activities except the Silent Auction, raffle baskets, the book sale and the bake sale, and pizza, all of which are cash sales. Individual pre-sale tickets are \$.50 each: tattoos and games are one ticket, crafts, face painting, nails and decorate a cupcake are two tickets. Tickets will be \$1 each the day of the fair. For information on how to purchase presale wristbands and tickets, or to volunteer please e-mail Jen Antalik at jcantalik@sbcglobal.net.



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for seven years in the position. The Amity Board of Education is in the midst of a search process and hope to have a new superintendent in place by July 1st. The school board has selected the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Search Services, an educational recruitment firm, to lead the search.

2012 Looks Promising for **Continued Business Growth**

Economic and business growth in the Orange Commercial and Industrial Zones was very strong in 2011 and there doesn't look to be any slow down for 2012. The Town of Orange's vacancy rates in the retail, office and industrial sectors have all decreased in 2011. Of specific note is the industrial vacancy rate which fell from 15.54% on January 1, 2011 to 6.90% on January 1, 2012. Paul Grimmer, Executive Director of the Orange Economic Development Corporation said, "There were several sales/lease transactions, as well as company expansions which led to this significant decline".

Some significant transactions included:

- 1. Acquisition of a 90,478 square foot building at 205 Edison Road by Aurora Products.
- Lease of a 102,610 square foot building at 269 Lambert Road to Colony
- 3. Development of the PEZ Candy Visitor Center at 35 Prindle Hill Road.

"We have yet to factor in the construction of The United Illuminating Company's Corporate Headquarters and Operations Center into our equations", said Grimmer. By adding The United Illuminating Company's development projects into the Town's records, the industrial vacancy rate falls to 5.93% and the Total Vacancy Rate drops to 7.12%.

At the end of 2011, the town's retail vacancy fell to a low of 8.07 %. "Compare that number to the 10.94% vacancy rate of June 2009 and you can see how well Orange has fared over the last few years." Paul Grimmer said, "The town welcomed 23 new businesses to the community in 2011 and had only lost 10 for a net increase of 13 businesses this past year. While it is always disheartening to see any business leave the community, it is necessary in order to make way for newer, more profitable businesses."

Some examples of new business openings include: Absolute Tan, Constellation Healthcare, Harbor Freight Tools, Hawley Lane Shoes, Jake's Wayback Burgers, Jamba Juice and Puerto Vallarta.

First Selectman James Zeoli said, "Although last year was an exciting year for economic development, some of the news that we have received over the past 30 days leads us to believe that 2012 may be even better".

On December 24th the Town was notified that it had received a \$500,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Grant in order to help complete the construction of Edison Road. Edison Road, which now begins on Prindle Hill Road, will be extended all the way to Marsh Hill Road across from the main entrance of the United Illuminating Company's corporate headquarters. The town recently went out to bid and hired Cherry Hill Construction to undertake the clearing and grubbing of the roadway. The work should be concluded within the next 2 months. This road will ensure even further economic development growth in the town's industrial zone and will have an immediate positive impact on area businesses.

Consiglio Re-Elected Elementary Board Chairman

Following the November election cycle, the Orange Board of Education elected its leadership for the next year at last November's board meeting. The board which is now made up of six republicans and four democrats reelected Jeanne Consiglio (D) as its chairperson. Consiglio will be serving her third term as chairperson. The board also selected Keith Marquis (R) as vicechairman and Attorney Debra Marino Esq. (R) as treasurer.

Ms. Consiglio outlined the board's goals for the next year.

"In keeping with our District's vision, the Board's priorities for the new year will be curriculum revisions, fine tuning and funding a long term technology plan that will support educational objectives, and working with the Town to fund necessary capital projects to our school buildings."

Ms. Consiglio went on to say "the board is also committed to communication and outreach with our students, parents and the community. We are thrilled to have the exemplary leadership of our new Superintendent, Lynn McMullin to guide the District towards achieving these objectives."

The Board of Education meets regularly on the second Monday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the upper level of the Board of Education offices at the Mary L. Tracy Building.



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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Education Round-Up

Nolan Roche Receives Second Honors

Nolan Roche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roche, of Orange, CT, received second honors for the fall semester at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT. Second honors students achieved an overall average of A-minus.

Madeline Depetto Makes Dean's List

Madeline DePetto has finished the Fall semester with a 3.86 GPA and has been named to the Dean's List for three consecutive semesters. She is a sophomore at Columbia College in Chicago and is pursuing a career in Broadcast Journalism. In addition, at an Honor's Convocation last October, Madeline was inducted into the Columbia Chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

Madeline is a 2010 graduate of Amity High School. Her parents, Joe and Ann Marie of Orange, her grandmother Mary Colonese of West Haven, and her godparents Angela and Richard Gurczynski of Meriden are extremely proud of all her accomplishments.

Aaron R. DeMaio Makes Dean's List

Aaron R. DeMaio, Orange, Bachelor of Science, Residential Construction Technology and Management: Building Construction Technology Concentration, was named to The Penn College Dean's List. The Dean's List includes all full-time students who have a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better. Part-time, degree-seeking students who have earned 12 credits and have a graduation grade-point average of 3.5 will receive initial Dean's List recognition.

Bucknell Announces Dean's List

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Kaitlyn M. Smith, Orange, CT 06477, daughter of Charles and Karen Smith of Orange, CT, and a 2008 graduate of Amity Regional H S, Woodbridge, CT was named to the Dean's List.

Claire Schectman Makes President's List

Claire Schectman, formerly of Orange, has achieved Bentley University (Waltham, MA) President's List for the 5th semester in a row. Clarie is studying Accounting, is Vice President of Delta Sigma Pi, a faculty assistant, math tutor and is currently in Chile to help families who were affected by the earthquake and to be introduced to alternative methods of accounting and banking.

Zachary Liebnick Makes Dean's List

Zachary Liebnick, son of Rose and Alan Liebnick of Orange recently made the dean's list at Muhlenberg College. Zachary is a sophomore, majoring in Political Economics/Public Policy with a minor in Economics. He is a member of Muhlenberg's Cardinal Key Society and the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.



Orange Scholarship Fund

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Orange Town News

Below are the next three Orange Town News issue dates and deadlines in 2012. Thank you all for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

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<u>Upcoming Issue Deadline</u>	<u>Upcoming Issue Dates</u>
February 3rd	February 10th
February 24th	March 2nd
March 16th	March 23rd

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

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the staff and Commissioners, I would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to all the individuals, families, businesses, churches and organizations who contributed to our holiday programs, and to our Community Assistance Fund. As always, your generosity is overwhelming and humbling. Best wishes to you and yours for a healthy, happy, and abundant 2012.

Very truly yours,

Carol Nardini, Director Orange Community Services

Orange friends and neighbors,

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. The Nativity display was erected on the Orange Community Center Grounds on December 20 and was taken down on December 29, 2011 in agreement with the rules set by the Orange Park and Recreation Department. The display was beautiful both in the daytime and when illuminated at night.

We are grateful for all of the support, financial and otherwise, that we received from the Orange community and from our neighbors in Branford, Derby, Milford, Shelton and West Haven. The response from our local churches and organizations was marvelous. We are very grateful.



We are also grateful

to Terri Miles of the Orange Patch, and to the Orange Town News for helping us to "spread the word" about our very special project.

We thank our Co-chairmen Marianne Bauer and George Guiliotis and the crew that they gathered to construct and disassemble the display. It was wonderful to see the excitement and joy of this very diverse group as they performed this labor of love. They were: John Agapiou, Lisa and Rich Altorelli, Roy Arbour, Bill Bratz, Phil Grande, Harriet Krai, Lee and Trisha Lasto, Lorraine Liebel and the Orange Fence Company.

The excitement on Orange Center Road was heartwarming as drivers beeped their horns, waved their hands and shouted their approval. A gift of home baked pastries and cups of coffee, tea and hot chocolate also expressed the approval of the joyous travelers. Our hearts were filled with happiness.

In conclusion, a very special thank you to all the individuals and organizations who helped us to make this project possible. A Happy New Year to all of you.

Dorothy K. Guiliotis



OTN Letters Policy

Submit your letters for our "From Our Readers" section to Orange Town News, P.O. Box 1126, Orange, CT 06477 or email: letters@orangetownnews.com.

Please limit letters to 500 words and include a daytime phone number in case we have any questions. Letters must be exclusive to the Orange Town News for publication. We reserve the right to reject any letter.



Lions Club Hosts Wine-Tasting Charity Event

The Orange Lions Club announced it will be hosting its eighth annual winter wine and beer tasting charity event at the High Plains Community Center at 525 Orange Center Road in Orange between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012. This year's event will again be sponsored by Forest Package Store of West Haven, and will feature a wide variety of select wines and craft beers from several area distributors, soft drinks, and entertainment by local musician, Craig Calistro. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a raffle will take place. Tickets are \$20.00 per person in advance, available from any Orange Lions Club member, from Forest Package Store at 444 Forest Road, West Haven or by calling chairperson Marianne

Miller at 203-795-3906 and should be purchased in advance, as the price at the door will be \$25.

During the event guests may sample any or all of the wines and beers, and may place beverage orders at special prices. Proceeds go to Lions' charities that support the Orange community, and national and international service programs. These include the Wounded Warrior Project, Connecticut Eye Research Foundation, Camp Hemlocks, Connecticut Diabetes Association, Low Vision Centers, Orange community grants, scholarships for Amity High School graduates, Case Memorial Library, Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, the Orange Senior Center, the Leo Club at the Foundation School, the annual Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors and the annual Easter Egg Hunt for local children, to name a few of its many charitable activities.

Lions Clubs is the world's largest service organization, and is recognized for its work in eradicating blindness and service to the blind and visually impaired. Its motto is "WE SERVE". The Lions Club is open for membership by men and women interested in serving others.

3M Provides Grant to the Garden Club of Orange

The 3M Foundation has donated \$250 to the Garden Club of Orange in recognition of Patricia Dray's commitment to the community. As a volunteer, Dray serves as Chairperson of the Publicity Committee and has worked on many of the Club projects including maintaining and planting of the Town green and public spaces. The purpose of the Garden Club is to promote and encourage garden skills and knowledge, environmental awareness and conservation and is a member of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. "3M employees and retirees generously give their time and skills to help others," said Robin Torgerson, Vice President, 3M Community Affairs. "We are pleased to recognize their commitment to their communities."

If you are interested in learning more about the Garden Club of Orange, please visit its website at www.orangect.gov/gardenclub.html or call membership Chairperson Nettie Bartocetti at 203-795-3692.

Sons & Daughters of Italy

The West Shore Lodge #2832 of the order of Sons and Daughters of Italy invite you to visit us at our next meeting, which is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month, February 1st.

We represent men and women from all over the Milford, Orange and West Haven areas who are Italian American or have a family member who boasts this background. Our mission is to protect and preserve our heritage and we encourage all within our reading area to join us in this effort. This year we begin with a new President and some new and exciting plans, and we are inviting all our Orange neighbors to visit us, have refreshments, and meet our members.

Please contact Al Errato at 203-932-3471 or Barb Santoro at 203-934-6702 for more information.

Camera Club to Meet

The Milford Camera Club will be holding a meeting on January 25th and will be an Open Competition for paid members. The assigned subject is "Opnosites"

Meetings are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome. You do have to be a paid member to be part of our competitions. For more information, email www.milfordcameraclub.org or call Chuck Fleischman, co-president at (203) 874-2787.



The Woman's Republican Club of Orange contributed a food basket and gift certificate to a family in Orange at Christmas time. Shown in the photo (l-r): Pat Zeoli, WRCO president ex-officio; Kim Callahan, Community Services; Dolores Nastri, president; Mary DeVito, first vice-president.



The Orangewood Woman's Club donated four \$50 food gift certificates to four individual families in Orange. Shown giving the certificates is Mary DeVito, treasurer of Orangewood to Kim Callahan of Orange Community Services.

Orange Imaging Club Seeks New Members

The newly organized Orange Imaging Club provides opportunities for every level of photographer/videographer to improve

their craft. Whether you are a beginner or seasoned professional you will become part of an enthusiastic group that provides a wide variety of indoor and outdoor educational opportunities. Our current membership includes photographers with as little as a few years' experience up to members with over forty years experience. You may email: boemmels@optimum.net or just show-up at one of our meetings (7pm.



or just show-up at one of our meetings (7pm, February 9th); Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

Call for Nominations for Living Treasure Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 9, 2012 for the 2012 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, at Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website at www.orange-ct.gov, http://orangeseniors.org/, or Facebook/Orange Senior Center.

Three individuals will be selected by a review committee made up of town representatives. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 18, 2012. Nominees must be current residents of Orange and at least 65 years of age. As a volunteer, they must have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for individual residents or enhanced the Orange community. Each Living Treasure selected receives a plaque engraved with his or her name and all names are added to the plaque hanging in the High Plains Community Center containing the names of previous recipients.

Lunch and Learn

January 5, 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Anita Taylor, from Anita & Company, will present her discussion Clutter, Clutter Everywhere. Do You have a Place to Put It? Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be served. Call the center to register for this event. All are welcome!

Friday at the Movies! - ***Beware Subtitles***

January 20, at 1:00 pm, "Sarah's Key" starring Kristin Scott Thomas and Mélusine Mayance. Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten-year-old girl, is taken with her parents by the French police in the middle of the night as they go door-to-door arresting Jewish families. To protect her younger brother, Sarah locks him in a bedroom cupboard. Call the center to let us know you are coming. We'll supply the popcorn!

Lunch Program

The Orange Senior Center hosts a congregate meal program Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. No meals on Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday. A \$2.00 donation is encouraged. Call Ellen in the kitchen by noon the day before to register, 203-891-4765.

Trips

The Orange Senior Center is proud to announce its schedule for overnight and theater trips for 2012. We are sure you will enjoy them. To sign up or for more information, call the Orange Senior Center at (203) 891-4784.

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM at SYRACUSE with an overnight at the TURNNG STONE CASINO – January 25-26, 2012. This two-day trip includes tickets for the UCONN Women's Basketball Team vs. Syracuse at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York. Accommodations are at the nearby Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY. You will receive a \$40 Free Play Coupon for Day 1 and Day 2 \$25 Freeplay or \$20 Bingo Bonus (must be chosen at sign-up). In addition you will receive a \$15 meal voucher for day one. Cost: \$192 pp double, \$257 pp single, and \$187 pp triple. Price includes transportation, hotel accommodations, meal voucher, two bonus packages, breakfast buffet, driver & guide gratuities and admission to the game. Cancellation insurance is available. Checks payable to Getaway Tours. Full payment is due with reservation. Check for availability.

Last Chance MOHEGAN SUN OVERNIGHT—February 9-10, 2012. Psst, last chance as they are ending this program. Enjoy a more leisurely stay at Mohegan Sun without rushing to catch the motor coach back to the center. Receive a bonus package (Food Coupon or 2-Buffets and a free bet) and enjoy a hotel which is nothing less than extraordinary. You will be able to treat yourself to a mini-vacation because of the low cost of the trip. On the second day enjoy breakfast and another day of gambling or shopping. Cost: \$113 pp double; \$173 pp single and \$108 pp triple. Trip cancellation insurance is available. Checks payable to Getaway Tours. Full payment is due at registration. Check for availability.

BELL, BOOK, AND CANDLE at Long Wharf Theater – Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Gillian Holroyd is unlucky in love and restless in life. She also happens to be a witch. She watches as her long time love gets engaged

to her college rival and she uses every magical trick up her sleeve to stop the wedding. Gillian learns that love is the strongest magic of all in this charming romantic comedy. Cost: \$72 pp with transportation or \$62 without transportation. Both prices include lunch at Brazi's, and show ticket. Transportation limited availability, first come first served. Full payment due at registration.

SAN ANTONIO GETAWAY – April 16-20, 2012. Enjoy a 5-day getaway that will take you to "America's Venice", San Antonio, Texas. It is easy to see why they call it that when you visit Historic Missions and see the Spanish architecture that is part of this truly remarkable city. You will visit the Alamo, LBJ Ranch, and cruise the Paso del Rio (the River Walk), one of Texas's prized attractions. Check for availability, final payment due February 16.

SISTER ACT ON BROADWAY – Wednesday, April 25, 2012. Come see the show that is all the rage on Broadway! When disco singer Deloris Van Cartier walks in on a "hit" of a different kind, the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look - a convent! Cost: \$183 pp includes transportation, lunch at Carmine's, show ticket, driver and tour director gratuities. Reservations for this trip began October 1 with a \$100 deposit. Final payment due by March 16.

JONAH at the Millennium Theater – Wednesday, June 5-7, 2012. Enjoy a 3-day getaway in Amish country. See the show and step into the world of the Pennsylvania Amish. From the moment you walk into the theatre you will set sail on a fantastic journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets and experience incredible sets, costumes, lighting, seamless transitions, immersive scenes, and special effects. Besides the show you will explore Longwood Gardens – du Pont Estate with over 40 indoor/outdoor gardens, conservatory, and dancing fountains. Spend 2 nights at the Heritage Hotel, have a welcome dinner at Millers Smorgasbord, and enjoy a guided Amish Countryside tour. You will visit an Amish Farm, and dine with an Amish family at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. Cost: \$381 pp double, includes transportation, 2 nights hotel, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, admissions per itinerary, and driver & escort gratuity. \$150 pp deposit due at registration beginning January 3. Final Payment due April 17. Space is limited – don't wait!

WESTCHESTER THEATER – GEORGE M! – Wednesday, June 20, 2012. Join us for this musical, celebrating the rags to riches story of George M. Cohan, including his life and career as a performer, writer, and composer. His style dominated the first 20 years of the 20th century with well known hits such as: "Yankee Doodle Dandy", "Over There", and "You're a Grand old Flag". Cost: \$90 pp includes show, transportation, lunch, and driver gratuity. Full payment due at registration beginning January 3.

QUEBEC CITY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of MILTARY BANDS – Tuesday, August 21-24, 2012. No other city in North America reflects the charm of Europe the way Quebec does. Tour the city, shop in boutiques, enjoy a carriage ride, visit St. Anne De Deaupre, and enjoy the Quebec City Military Tattoo. Cost: \$595 double pp includes transportation, hotel accommodations, admissions, tickets to Quebec City Military Tattoo, 5 meals, driver and tour guide gratuities. A passport is required. Cancellation insurance is recommended. \$100 pp deposit due with registration beginning February 1. Final payment due July 13.

BRITISH LANDSCAPE – September 6 – 15, 2012. Enjoy 10 days traveling through vibrant England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders. See a London Theater Performance, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Cambridge, York, Stonehenge, Edinburgh Castle – even stay overnight in a castle located in the north of Wales. Cost: \$3,299 pp double, \$3,699 pp single, \$3,269 pp triple. Pricing includes \$100 early booking discount by March 6, 2012. Cancellation Insurance available for \$220.

CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH, & JEKYLL ISLAND – 36th Annual Home & Garden Tour October 17-22, 2012 6 Days/5 Nights. This is a special time to visit, as we will be attending a once a year event, the 36th Annual Charleston Home & Garden Tour. We will have access to some of the most exclusive homes & gardens in downtown Charleston. We will also visit the wonderful cities of Savannah & Jekyll Island, and enjoy great meals at Paula Deen's & the Pirates' house! \$1,838 pp dbl inclusive of air, taxes, transfers, hotel stays, all sights/inclusions as listed on itinerary and gratuities. Cancellation insurance is available. Trip presentation scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 4pm in the Senior Lounge.

Orange to Receive \$500K STEAP Grant

HARTFORD, CT - Governor Dannel P. Malloy has announced that the towns of Guilford, Madison, Orange, Wallingford and Woodbridge have each been awarded Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grants for capital improvement projects. "STEAP Grants help towns improve quality of life, spur economic development and stimulate the local economy," Governor Malloy said. "Especially during times when municipal budgets are stretched thin, these grants help make needed projects become a reality."

Orange: \$500,000 to complete Edison Road Extension

The Town of Orange will receive a \$500,000 grant to aid in the extension of Edison Road to Marsh Hill Road. The project will open the road to a major thoroughfare opposite United Illuminating's new corporate headquarters, will open up over 60 acres for productive economic use, and will enhance the town's ability to attract additional private investments and create new employment opportunities. In addition, the extension will provide traffic relief to local roadways.

"This half-million dollar STEAP grant provides a well-timed financial boost for the Town of Orange and its residents. I'm grateful to Governor Malloy and the Office of Policy and Management for their favorable consideration of our application," State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Milford) said. "That part of town has become increasingly busy in recent years with considerable retail expansion, as an alternative to the Boston Post Road, and now with the Yale University West Campus on the former Bayer property, the extension of Edison Road will improve circulation throughout the neighborhood to the benefit of residents, commuters, shoppers, and public safety personnel."

"This grant could not have come at a better time and is a perfect fit for Governor Malloy's efforts to attract new businesses and stimulate job growth," State Representative Paul Davis (D-Orange, Milford, West Haven) said. "It is the final funding necessary to complete the project, which will benefit the economic development and productivity of the community by creating a frontage along two major parcels of land and opening up over 60 acres for productive economic use. In addition to the economic value, the construction of the road will provide traffic relief to local and state roadways, as well as direct access to the new PEZ Visitor Center at its U.S. Corporate Headquarters in Orange."

State Representative Themis Klarides (R-Derby, Orange, Woodbridge) said, "Local officials have identified this as a vital growth area, and this grant is an example of the positive role the state can play in economic development."

The State Bond Commission, under Governor Malloy's leadership, allocated \$20 million for STEAP grants on September 23, 2011. The awards, which will be awarded to small towns from throughout the state, were granted in part due to project readiness and their impact on overall regional economic development.





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TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

From the Desk of the Municipal Agent By Denise Stein



Given the rough economic times we are currently experiencing, I would like to remind Orange residents of the services available at Orange community Services. Primarily I want to remind everyone of our Food Bank. Any resident of Orange who fits the criteria is eligible. In order to obtain assistance, an Intake Assessment is required. At this time, you must provide proof of income, assets and residency. Also, if you qualify for energy assistance you will qualify for assistance from the Food Bank.

Please feel free to call and inquire if you can take advantage of this program. I look forward to speaking with you soon. You can reach me at 203-891-4787.



Town Hall

Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of February 2012

(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)

2nd	OGAT7:30 pm	Town Hall
6th	Country Fair Committee	HPCC Town Hall
7th	Economic Development Comm 5:30 pm Town Plan & Zoning Comm 7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
8th	OVNA Governing Board	Clark Bldg Town Hall
9th	Elderly Housing Liaison Comm 12 noon Community Services	Silverbrook Estates HPCC
13th	Tree Committee10:00 amTraffic Authority4:30 pmBoard of Police Commissioners4:30 pmAmity Board of Education6:30 pmConservation Commission7:00 pmOrange Board of Education7:30 pmInland Wetlands Commission7:30 pm	Town Hall Police Dept Police Dept Woodbridge Town Hall Mary L. Tracy Town Hall
15th	CERT	HPCC HPCC
16th	Pension Board	Town Hall Case Library
21st	GATA	Town Hall Town Hall
22nd	Safety Commission	Town Hall Town Hall
27th	Family Counseling	HPCC Town Hall HPC

Orange Volunteer Fire Department to Host Seminar On Autism

Presented by Firefighter/EMT-P Jason Dorval, Whately Fire Department, Whately, MA, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder in the United States, affecting over 1.5 million people, 85% of them under the age of 18. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports Autism is growing at a rate of 10-17% per year. The Autism Society of America estimates there will be as many as 4 million people in the US on the Autism spectrum by the end of this decade. This presentation will discuss the unique factors associated with emergency responses involving persons on the Autism spectrum. This presentation is open to all first responders, including all Fire, EMS, and Police Departments. This seminar is also open to teachers, school social workers and families living with Autism.

This program is free of charge. Please join us for this important presentation on Tuesday January 24, 2012, 7:00 pm, Amity High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT. Please RSVP to: OFD167@gmail.com.

ORANGE COMMUNITY SERVICES FUNDRAISER

Dine at Reno's Pizzeria on Thursday, January 26th for Lunch or Dinner and 20% of your check will be donated to Orange Community Services to help Orange residents in need. Valid for eat in, take out, or delivery. Must show flyer to receive credit (photo copies and e-mail/electronic copies are acceptable). Please pass this along to your friends and family to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.



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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

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Children

Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28 at 10:30 a.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Winter Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursday, January 26, February 2, 9, 16 at 10:30 a.m.; Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Monday, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27 at 4 p.m. Includes a craft.

Take Your Child to the Library Day: Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig

Saturday, February 4, 6:30, 11 a.m.: Celebrate Connecticut's First Annual "Take Your Child to the Library Day" with Farmer Minor, Daisy the Pig, and her friend Lillipug. Farmer Minor will read pig stories while Daisy enjoys her "Pig Out on Reading" day. For children of all ages. Please pre-register.

Valentine Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, February 13, 6 p.m.: Bring your bear and blankie and wear pajamas. Hearts for your bears! For children ages 2-5. Please pre-register.

Mardi Gras Craft

Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m.: Celebrate Mardi Gras by making a colorful mask. For children ages 6-10. Please pre-register. Space is limited.

King Frost and Chilly Tales and Tunes for Chilly Children

Saturday, February 25, 2 p.m.: Warm up with delightful winter stories and songs from Mary Jo Maichack, Minstrel Storyteller. Hear the crackle of ice and make it yourself in this wonderful mix of tales and tunes from Russia and elsewhere, with love. Ages 4 and up. Please pre-register.

Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, February 7, 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.

Adults

Ever Chasing Alchemy: Improv Troupe Performance

Saturday, January 21, 1 p.m.: Ever Chasing Alchemy presents comedy suitable for folks of all ages. In the tradition of Whose Line Is It Anyway? the actors will transform audience suggestions into skits, scenes, and games that will be sure to have the audience laughing with joy.

Directed by Peter Loffredo. Sponsored by ACES and the Educational Center for the Arts.

Genealogy Workshop

Monday, January 23, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will show you how to research your family history. Topic: Preserving Your Old Pictures and Documents.

Oscar Ballot Contest

The Library is holding its second annual Oscar Ballot Contest. Stop by the Circulation Desk and pick up a ballot to make your Oscar winner pre-

Celebrate "Take Your Child to the Library Day"

The first Saturday of February officially has been designated as "Take Your Child to the Library Day." The Case Memorial Library is recognizing this special day with Farmer Minor who will read stories to Daisy the Pig and her friend Lillipug on Saturday, February 4 at 11 a.m. Come see Daisy and Lillipug "pig out" on reading!

"Take Your Child to the Library Day" is an important reminder to our communities of the crucial role that libraries play in the development of our community's youngest residents. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to celebrate this important new annual event for families by bringing their children to the library to see what we have to offer in books, music, movies, and children's programs.

This special day was created by Connecticut Children's Librarians Nadine Lipman and Caitlin Augusta and will be held on the first Saturday of every February. This grassroots initiative sprang from the recent "Take Your Child to a Bookstore Day" held in December 2011. Please call or visit the library to register for this special children's event.



Case Memorial Library

dictions. The two entrants who correctly choose the most Oscar winners will receive a free Oscar DVD of their choice courtesy of the Friends of the Library! Ballots will be available on Tuesday, January 24. The 84th Academy Awards air on Sunday, February 26. Winners will be contacted on Monday, February 27.

Book Discussion: The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m.: Join Librarian Bob Knapik to discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

Oscar Films

Monday, January 30, February 13, March 5, 7 p.m. The Library's Oscar series is back! We will be showing all of the major Oscar-nominated films as they are released. The first three selections will be announced on January 25.

Film Buffs: Exporting Raymond

Thursday, February 23, 7 p.m.: A documentary on Phil Rosenthal's experiences during the making of "Voroniny," the Russian language version of "Everybody Loves Raymond." Don't miss this fun, light-hearted film! PG. 86 minutes.

Art in the Library

Works by Manjunath, Stephens, and Linsley will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of January.

Works by Ho and Jung will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of February. A reception will be held in their honor on Thursday, February 9 from 5-7 p.m.

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested for all library programs in person or by phone. Sign up to receive notification of library happenings via the e-newsletter form available in the library or online. The library's hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4.

More Offerings From Case Memorial Library

Movies on DVD

Bad Teacher, Brassed Off, Bright Star, Captain Atmerica Cave of Forgotten Dreams (759.01), Crazy Stupid Love The Earrings of Madame de ..., Incendies Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, Zookeeper

Audiobooks

Larson, Erik - In the Garden of Beasts (943.086)

Music

Apollo's Fire – Come to the River
Boyle, Susan – Someone to Watch Over Me
Feinstein, Michael – The Sinatra Project
Handel, George Frideric – Ombra Cara: Opera Arias
Hovhaness, Alan – American Mystic: Music of Alan Hovhaness
Mahler, Gustav – Symphony No. 10; Berlin Philharmonic, Simon Rattle
Miles Español: New Sketches of Spain
Ndegeocello, Me'Shell – Weather
Sibelius, Jean – Complete Symphonies; Vienna Philharmonic, Lorin Maazel
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HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

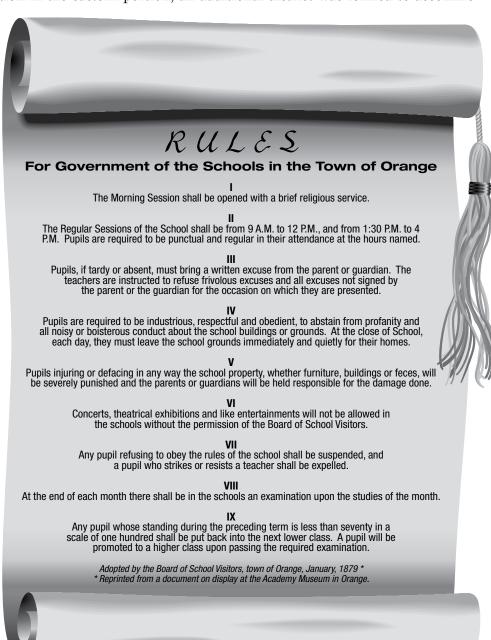
Did They Really Adopt Them?

Research is a wonderful tool to keep history straight and true but you have to analyze the data as thoroughly as possible to see if you spot any misaligned facts, especially dates. In the case of "The Rules", there is no doubt that Orange's 5 district schools were governed by these nine edicts as the date corresponds to the time the town had district schools. In 1909, they were consolidated into the Orange Center School, known as Mary L. Tracy, which was renamed in 1956. Initially there were four rooms, with 2 grades per room for the first to the eighth grade, and the district schools were abandoned.

Abandoned is not quite the right word, as they were "recycled". Stepping back in time when the school system of Orange (North Milford) is reported as being established, we have a quote from the History of Orange 1639-1949 by Mary Woodruff that in 1750, it was "voted that money should be appropriated to the inhabitants of Bryan's Farms, for the purpose of setting up a school in winter, it being so well settled that one is deemed necessary". Sadly, there is no indication of where this school was located.

As soon as the Church was organized in 1805, the members of the town established the North Milford School Society with the first meeting in 1806. At that time, there were 3 distinct districts showing that the original 208 acres that were established by Richard Bryan in 1700 had significantly increased. The southern part of the town was called the First District, located on the corner of South Main Street (Orange Center Road) and Morse Road (Old Tavern.) The Second District to the north was located at the triangle formed by Grassy Hill (now Old Grassy Hill) and Milford Road (Ridge Road today). The western end was the Third District with its location at the corner of Clark Lane and Race Road (Grassy Hill Road). A sum of \$599 from the Milford budget was allowed for the expenses of the year with a committeeman chosen for each district to make the arrangements for the teacher and secure enough firewood. School visitors were chosen with the responsibility to visit the schools and "pass judgment." Ouch. Talk about the fox in the henhouse!

It appears that no special preparation was necessary to qualify as a teacher in the beginning, but in checking the names of the various teachers, the better-known citizens were chosen. One such educator, Benjamin Clark (1814-1890) was remembered by a student as being a generous-hearted, educated man having been thought of as the best he had by far. With increased population in the eastern portion, an additional district was formed to accommo-





date what was known as the Allingtown section and by 1882, the population in Milford was moving closer to North Milford so the citizens requested to be included in the third district. The first remained to service the south, the second covered the northwestern part, the newly formed Allingtown sections was now the third and what had been the third was the fourth. After the New Haven and Derby Railroad was established in 1871, the Fifth District School (Tyler City) was established in 1873 with classes being held in one of the waiting rooms of the Tyler City Station. By 1874, Samuel Halliwell and Philander Ferry, partners of the newly formed Tyler City, donated land for a building to be constructed between what is now New Haven Ave. and Spring Street.

Today, 4 of the five district schools are still standing with interesting "new" lives. District 1 is the home of our First Selectman, District 2 is the second story of a house on Ridge Road, District 3 is on the corner of Racebrook Road and Woodside Ave., District 4 burned down and District 5 is Our Lady of Sorrows Church. There is an adjacent building on this property that was built to house the horses and carriages, as there is evidence that the schools were used for religious services. Winter school began in the middle of November running for 4 months with a male teacher and a summer school, beginning in April for 6 months with a female teacher. The teacher was supposed to be boarded around with the inhabitants of the district and anyone who refused was taxed at the rate of \$1.25 per week. The "rules" did not mention the rod but it appears that it was there, to be used. In his Orange Historical Collections, Edward Luke Clark writes that Charles Wheeler, hired for the Third District in 1837, whose only qualifications was his determination to preserve order, indeed kept a supply of rods for that purpose. Mr. Clark's uncle was the recipient of the thrashing on many occasions having "natural boyish propensities" and was disliked by Mr. Wheeler.

The subjects taught at our district schools appears to follow what we think of as the "old school" of reading, writing and arithmetic with spelling, grammar, geography and history to round out the day. Each morning started with devotional singing with at least 8 religiously based songs and there were three recess times, two of which were a "whisper recess" The afternoon singing was secular with The Old Oaken Bucket a favorite. The report card of the Orange Center School 1909-1910 shows some changes in the curriculum but not in "The Rules". Careful note of absent and tardy days as well as dismissed days topped the card with conduct next in line. A letter system was used with E 90-100, G 80-89, F 70-79 and P 0-69. The card was issued monthly with parents' signature on the back with the note saying, "If in either scholarship or deportment, a pupil fails to receive a mark as high as F or 70, he is in danger of losing his place in school."

Although history and nature study is listed, we have a report card, in the archives of the OHS, that doesn't have any grade marked for the entire year with geography only given a mark in 5 of the 9 months. Of the school year, excluding September, arithmetic, drawing, language/grammar, music, reading, spelling, writing and effort were considered requirements. The School Society itself had a myriad of responsibilities in addition to the education of its young people. In 1836 it was voted to repair the fence at the burying ground and to purchase a hearse and in 1855 voted to buy a new hearse, selling the old one. They also voted to pay Benjamin Clark \$120 to expand the cemetery but it was later rescinded and the land was bought by the town.

So goes the history of the "Little Red School" house but according to the History of Orange, the houses were always painted white.

Note: The History of Orange 1639-1949 is available at the Town Hall Town Clerk's office.

ORANGE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

The Watermark at 3030 Park Announces Hiring of New Director of Sales

The Watermark at 3030 Park is pleased to announce the recent addition of Debra Basaldua of Orange as Director of Sales of the continuing care retirement community located at 3030 Park Ave in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Basaldua brings more than 20 years of marketing and sales experience to

The Watermark at 3030 Park. She has worked in a variety of industries including senior housing, real estate and technology. Most recently, she acted as Director of Sales and Marketing for Newbury Court, a 62 and older community in Concord, Massachusetts.

"Debra has proved herself as a dedicated and knowledgeable sales leader that can deliver results," said Debra DeRolf, Managing Director for Watermark Retirement Communities. "The combination of her ability to balance both the needs of our community and the needs of potential residents, as well as her expertise in community outreach and establishing key relation-



Debra Basaldua

ships, made her the perfect fit for this position. We are thrilled to have her on board at The Watermark at 3030 Park and we are certain she will continue to thrive as an associate of our community."

Basaldua is a graduate of The California North State BIA's BUILD, a leadership program designed to create future home building industry leaders.

"After spending some time at The Watermark at 3030 Park, I knew it was the right fit for me," said Basaldua. "The community does a wonderful job listening to its residents and providing them with what they need to stay active and vital as they grow older. I'm very excited to continue my career here and utilize my experience to benefit the community and its residents."

Basaldua is a former member of The California North State BIA's Board of Directors and former Chair of its Community Outreach Council. She is a Connecticut native, having grown up in Waterford, Connecticut. Currently, Basaldua resides in Orange, Connecticut.

Richetelli Named New CID Chairman

Michael Richetelli, President of Colonial Properties, Inc. in Orange has been named the Chairman of the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors Commercial Investment Division (CID) for 2012. The New Haven CID is a group of approximately 100 area Commercial Real Estate professionals who meet monthly to exchange information and facilitate deals. Mr. Richetelli has been an active member of the group since 1997. Active in both professional and community organizations, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors and is currently serving on the Board of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, including serving as President for two terms; in 2009, he received the Director of the Year award from the Chamber. He currently serves on the Orange Economic Development Corporation. He is an active member of the Orange Rotary Club, including holding the position of President-Elect for 2011-2012 and is also director of the club's AMBER ALERT Child ID Program which includes serving on the Rotary Statewide AMBER ID Steering Committee; he is also a past recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award.



Orange Resident Named to CT Super Lawyers List

The law firm of Brody Wilkinson PC is pleased to announce that Barbara S. Miller of Orange was named to the 2011-2012 "Connecticut Super Lawyers" list in the areas of Environmental; Business/Corporate; Employment &

Labor. Ms. Miller will be featured in a special supplement of the February 2012 issue of Connecticut Magazine. She was also named to the 2011 "New England Super Lawyers" list, published in the November 2011 issue of New England Super Lawyers.

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Barbara S. Miller

in the state. For more information on the Super Lawyers selection process, visit www.superlawyers.com.

Ms. Miller is a principal of Southport-based Brody Wilkinson PC and represents businesses and individuals in contract formation and negotiation, as well as business and probate disputes. Her goal is to achieve cost-effective results that meet the specific needs of each client. Ms. Miller also counsels clients in the areas of environmental and employment law. As part of her environmental law practice, she advises clients on a wide range of transactional and regulatory matters, including due diligence, risk allocation, permitting and remediation. Ms. Miller has published articles and spoken at seminars on the subject of environmental law.

She is admitted to practice in Connecticut, the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. She is a member of the American and Connecticut Bar Associations, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Environmental Law Section of the Connecticut Bar Association.

Ms. Miller received her B.A. from Yale College in 1972 and was a member of the first class of women admitted to the college. She received her J.D., with high honors, from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1977. Ms. Miller's volunteer activities have included the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce, Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut, the Connecticut Zoological Society, and leading canoe trips for the Appalachian Mountain Club. She lives in Orange, Connecticut, with her husband, Kevin Hannon.

Orange Resident Named VP at Regional Water Authority

Jean Zanella Dyer of Orange has been appointed vice president of Service and Technology at the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority effective January 3, 2012. Dyer has a Bachelor's degree in business management from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT and attended the University of Bridgeport, School of Law. In her position, Dyer will direct the activities of the customer service call center, collections, meter reading, field service and information technology departments.

Dyer gained her utility experience at the Aquarion Water Company, one of the 10 largest investor-owned companies in the United States with operations in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Her work reflects two decades of experience working at the company's headquarters in Bridgeport, CT. Beginning in 1989, Dyer subsequently held positions of increasing responsibility in human resources, including Compensation & Benefits Analyst, manager of Human Resources and Director of Human Resources. Since 2005, Dyer has served as Director of Customer Service where she directed the activities of the Customer Service Call Center, Collections, Revenue Management, Meter Reading and Billing areas for Aquarion's three-state operations.

Active in community and industry organizations, Dyer is currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Water Companies – New England Chapter, and previously served as Chairman of the Board of Mercy Learning Center and as a member of the Board of Directors, served as Chairman of the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association and has been an officer of the Section and a Trustee serving on various committees.

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FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor,

I'm writing to update you on efforts to develop an Orange connection with East Rock Village, the nonprofit corporation created to facilitate seniors' staying in their own homes as they age. Since OTN reported on us in September, our steering committee has had two public meetings, and we're now holding smaller gatherings to explain how the aging-in-place concept works and how an Orange link with East Rock Village (ERV) might help with one's present or future needs. We want to spread the word to anyone else who might want to explore this option.

Orange offers us a lot of services, but we know the town can't be expected to provide the kind of ongoing individual attention we may eventually require. The stated goal of ERV is "to provide a village in the old-fashioned sense of the word, where needs are recognized and people help care for each other." Since its inception two years ago, the Village has been offering a variety of health, home care, transportation, and home maintenance services, as well as wide-ranging cultural and educational activities, with others added as the needs arise, all with the intention of avoiding a move to a new facility or a new community when the responsibilities of living at home become overwhelming.

As a widow with no children, I welcome an alternative to leaving my home and garden, and I'm sure there are others in town who feel the same way. Let us know who you are, or if you know of others who might also want to learn more. Phone or e-mail us to leave your name and phone number so we can tell you. Phone Libby Meyer at 203-799-2461 or e-mail Kate O'Brien at obrienstrings@optonline.net.

Elizabeth D.C. Meyer

"Twist & Shout" Dinner Dance

The Connecticut-based Beatles fan club, Liverpool Productions will present its annual "Twist & Shout Dinner Dance Party" Feb. 10 at Aldario's Restaurant in Milford. The evening will feature NY-based Beatles tribute band, "The MerseyBeat." A French group, "Les Scarabes," and former Boppers DJ and Orange resident Charles Rosenay will also perform at the event. Admission is \$40 per person and includes all you can eat buffet, open buffet and concert. For reservations call 203-874-6096. For additional information call 203-795-4737 or email, TourEvents@aol.com.







Bring your family and friends to the Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary's Annual Fire House Chili Supper. Chief Charlie's Chili will be served on Saturday, February 25 from 5 – 8 PM at Station 1, 625 Orange Center Road, Orange.

The meal includes chili, corn muffin, green salad, dessert and beverage. Meatless chili will be available.

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If all goes according to plan, a typical workday for Colby Hine will be spent somewhere in the great



Laura Fantarella

outdoors, scaling mountains and glaciers, kayaking, backpacking and canyoneering.

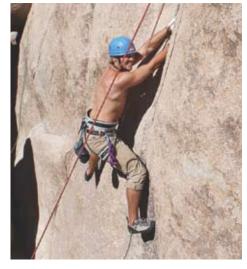
This spring Hine is planning to intern with Outward Bound, a non-profit company that orga-

nizes leadership programs designed to foster personal growth through experience and challenge in the wilderness. Hine recently returned to his Grassy Hill Road home after spending a four month adventure in the Outward Bound program, backpacking and rock climbing throughout Colorado, Utah and California before ending his trip on a farm in Ecuador. "I was in some of the wildest places I've ever seen," Hine said. "It was the first time I had ever travelled in a desert or through canyons -- it was pretty awesome." The experience was the first step in his journey to eventually work for the company as an instructor and team leader.

Hine, who played hockey at Amity High School and was captain of the school's lacrosse team, has a reputation among his peers as a risk taker and sport lover who is always up for a physical challenge. His dad, Jake, taught him to ski when he was just four years old and the two have been skiing buddies ever since, travelling out West and to Vermont most winters. They've also kayaked in the waters of the Grand Canyon, bodysurfed in giant waves in the Bahamas and windsurfed in the ocean at Cape Cod. "I'd say I get my adventurous spirit from my dad," Hine said. An avid fan of cliff-jumping, Hine has jumped from jaw-dropping heights both in and out of permitted waters from Rhode Island to Vermont, even sustaining a few battle wounds for his efforts.

After graduating from Amity in 2010, Hine started college at the University of Hartford where he played on the school's lacrosse team. But midway into his sophomore year. he decided he wanted to take a hiatus from school. "I knew I wanted to be outdoors, and that I have an affinity for adventures," Hine said. "I decided to take time off from school to figure out what I want to do with my life." After investigating several different options, he found the Outward Bound program most appealing. When his friends headed back to college in the fall, Hine packed up his gear and headed to Colorado.

The group of twelve, 18-24 year olds trained for several weeks at the Outward Bound camp in Colorado, learning the necessary "canyoneering" and rock climbing skills, like map and compass reading, rope work, and rescue techniques. They then travelled by van to Joshua Tree National Park in Southern California's Mojave Desert where they set up camp and prepared to climb mountains that reached heights of 5,000





Colby Hine

feet. The experience was so unexpectedly thrilling; Hine had difficulty describing it in words. "It was just awesome. I am not afraid of heights, but when you are all attached to the same rope and staring down at razoredged peaks and crevices with 1,000 foot falls on either side, it's pretty intimidating," he said. "If one person falls, everyone falls." The high altitude made the climb physically exhausting as well. "We were all dizzy and short of breath," he said, "And we lost our appetite."

He adjusted easily to living outdoors in tents, seldom showering, eating packaged, dried foods and lacking any of the comforts of home. "I didn't mind at all," he said. "It did make me think about the little things, like having ice and drinkable water." The campers were given iodine to sanitize the water they were drinking. "We would drink water that was literally brown!" Hine said. They celebrated Thanksgiving in Utah, feasting on rice and beans seasoned with volcanic rocks that accidently happened to make it into the water they used for cooking. Perhaps the most adventurous meal Hine had was the grilled guinea pig he sampled in Ecuador at the end of his trip.

Midway through the trip, the campers were challenged to spend three days out in the wilderness alone, with a meager food supply and an assignment to reflect on all they'd learned. Hine found the time peaceful and he passed the hours taking photos, exploring and working on his tan. "I realized how independent and self-sufficient I'd become," he said.

Hine has a few more adventures planned before he joins the internship program. After a ski trip to Utah, he plans to hike the 2,000 plus mile Appalachian Trail, applying many of the technical skills he learned in the Outward Bound program. "I'm looking forward to experiencing Outward Bound from the perspective of an instructor," he said. He's also looking forward to new adventures as Outward Bound has five different locations and a variety of wilderness programs. "I'd like to try something on a boat....or maybe dogsledding!" he said with a twinkle in his eye.



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Pictured are some of the wonderful children enrolled at Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center of Orange who generously donated stuffed animals for children at hospitals to cuddle with during the holiday.

Holly Hill's Teddy Bears With Love

In the spirit of giving, Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center of Orange and the Student Alumni Association of Fairfield University were busy this holiday season collecting teddy bears for the 12th annual "Teddy Bears With Love" drive. Thanks to the generosity of the students of Holly Hill and their parents, staff and friends, nearly 60 bears were donated and distributed to children in Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, St. Vincent's Hospital and Bridgeport Hospital over this holiday season. Since its inception twelve years ago, the "Teddy Bear With Love" drive has put smiles on the faces of more than 1,300 children in area hospitals and facilities.



Race Brook School Student Council Sponsors Holiday Bear Project

Race Brook School families from Orange sponsored children once again this year during the Student Council's annual collection of gifts for the Holiday Bear Project. The goal of the State program is to collect donated gifts for less fortunate children in Connecticut's public schools. Families chose paper candles from one of the school's bulletin's boards. Each candle had a child's first name, age, and gift wish on it. The sponsoring families bought and wrapped the gifts for the children, hoping that their gifts would bring smiles to children's faces. The gift drive was organized by the Student Council under the direction of teachers JoAnne Escandon and Pam Galatioto. The teachers appear in the photo with members of the Student Council.



Amory Lester, band instructor, (center, back row), is pictured here with the instrumental band from Turkey Hill School. The band did a fantastic job performing at the school's Winter Concert.



Depgen Celebrates Number 103

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Cecilia Depgen was the center of attention recently as she celebrated her 103rd birthday with dozens of friends and family members at Silverbrook Estates. She enjoyed cake and opening gifts with her grandchildren and great grandchildren who live locally. Depgen's great-granddaughter, Bene Cordaro of Stamford entertained the crowd with several opera renditions and Depgen gave a short speech crediting her longevity to hard work, taking care of people and enjoying a nightly glass of white wine. Unfortunately Depgen's sister, Frieda May, 97, and Depgen's two children, Betty Barry, 80, and Frank Jr., 75, all formerly of Orange and now living in Florida, were unable to attend. An accomplished chef and baker her whole life, Depgen said it is becoming harder to do the cooking and gardening she enjoyed as recently as several years ago but she still plays cards every day with her friends and manages to bake a treat now and then. And even though her eyesight and hearing are going, Depgen said her mind is sharp as ever. "There's still no fooling me!" she said. Depgen will continue to celebrate her birthday for several days. "She's really pretty amazing," said granddaughter Cathy Cordaro.



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Turkey Hill School's Second Annual 5th Grade Probability Carnival

What is the likelihood of winning the game? The 5th grade students at Turkey Hill School took part in the 2nd annual Probability Carnival on December 23rd, 2011. The students created an original probability game, either by themselves or with a partner. This was a culminating activity to a probability unit. The students were asked to create a game board that included an instruction sheet with all the rules as well as an explanation on how to play the game. In addition, the students had to explain in written form how probability was used in their game. They were asked to apply their probability vocabulary, such as chance, outcomes, likelihood, equally likely and many more within their write-ups. On December 23rd, all three fifth grade classes joined in the cafeteria for a morning of playing and learning from each other's games.





Peck Place Cub Scouts Holiday Bowling Celebration

Cub Scouts in Peck Place's Pack #922 celebrated after the holidays with a fun evening of bowling fun at AMC lanes in Milford on December 26th. The cub scouts and their families enjoyed time together, unlimited bowling, snacks and lots of fun. For more information about Cub Scouting visit: www.OrangeCTscouting.com.





The holiday spirit was very apparent in the sixth grade at Peck Place School. Instead of having a holiday grab bag, sixth graders decided to adopt K-2 students at the Hill Central Music Academy in New Haven and donate toys to them this Christmas season. The number of students who donated was overwhelming and the students were very proud to help their greater community.



Children at Gan Hayeled Early Childhood Center collected non-perishable food items and brought them to Jewish Family Services for distribution during the holiday season. Just prior to bagging the items, they used them to build a Chanukiah, a jumbo, life sized Chanukah Menorah). Gan Hayeled Early Childhood Center is a non-profit program founded in 1947 and sponsored by Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. For more information, please contact ganhayeled@ gmail.com or call 203.389.2111 ext 214.



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From left to right: Peck Place School Odyssey Team, Orange Lions Club, and Mom's Club of Orange.

Peck Place Wins the Senior Center Holiday Door Decorating Contest!

The Orange Senior Center held its 5th annual Holiday Door Decorating contest at the High Plains Community Center. Over 200 votes were cast for the seven different doors. Doors were beautifully decorated by American Legion Post 127, Mom's Club of Orange, Orange Lions Club, Peck Place Cub Scouts Tiger Den, Peck Place Cub Scouts Wolf Den, Girl Scout Troop 60403, and the Peck Place School Odyssey Team.

The first place prize goes to the Peck Place School Odyssey Team for its reindeer submission. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all the groups for participating. The first place prize was a \$50 gift certificate to Abate's Pizza. Pictured are the Peck Place School Odyssey Team, Orange Lions Club, and the Mom's Club of Orange submissions. Thank you to all for participating and we look forward to next year's submissions!



In the spirit of giving and caring for others, Peck Place School sponsored its 1st Gaudy Sweater Contest. Staff and children donated \$2 to enter the school wide contest. Prizes were awarded and all donations were given to The Fisher House in West Haven for the veterans.



Mrs. Diane Capecelatro with Mrs. Barbara Riecker



Mrs. Ronnette James with Mrs. Zoi Maniatis

OCNS Welcomes New Staff Members

Orange Community Nursery School (OCNS), located in High Plains Community Center, is extending a warm welcome to the two new teaching staff for our 3-year-old preschool program! Pictured from left to right are, teaching mentors, Mrs. Diane Capecelatro with Mrs. Barbara Riecker and incoming teachers, Mrs. Ronnette James with Mrs. Zoi Maniatis. In the Fall of 2012, each of these four teachers will be operating our preschool.

Our incoming certified lead-teacher, Mrs. James, holds her Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Master's degree in Reading. She earned her certification to teach in the State of Connecticut and did so for several years before having two children of her own. Additionally she is a state certified Reading Specialist. Mrs. Maniatis, assistant to the teacher, has been working with preschool children for several years. She has three children of her own. She is also currently teaching the Greek language at St. Barabra's.

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From the Youth Services Coordinator By John Ulatowsski





Pictured above are members of the December babysitting class.

Youth Services again to offer Orange 7th & 8th grade students a free Water Color or Drawing Artist Colony - for students who have an interest in art. There is no cost to the parent. Students will receive quality instruction from professional artists, all art materials, and lunch. A family reception for the artists is scheduled in May and a museum trip is planned. Students will also receive gift cards. Watercolor class will be held on 2 half-days on February 21st & 22nd; and Drawing class will be held on April 16th.

Youth Services Babysitting Course to be Offered in February and April

Babysitting courses will be offered to Orange youth between the ages of 12 and 14. Classes will take place on February 23rd and April 18th. All instruction, materials, lunch, and First Aid certification (upon passing a short test) will be provided. Cost is \$20.

Contact John at julatowski@orange-ct.gov for further information/sign up forms.

How Safe Are Our Neighborhoods?

Complacency Can Be a Criminal's Best Friend

With the recent burglaries reported at several homes in town, it seems a shame to realize that after an invasion, we should have done something. When a small town like Orange becomes a target, it affects everyone but there is a way that prevention can affect our neighborhoods. Even the most

diligent of neighbors can be lulled into complacency when occurrences are somewhat rare but diligence for neighborhood safety should never be neglected.

There are publications on line with checklists for neighbors to be alert to unusual activities and one must not feel that calling the police about a parked car with an occupant using their cell phone is the wrong thing to do. IF the person has stopped to use the phone instead of driving with it, that's great but looking at them....are they REALLY on the phone or are they watching the neighbors, come and go?





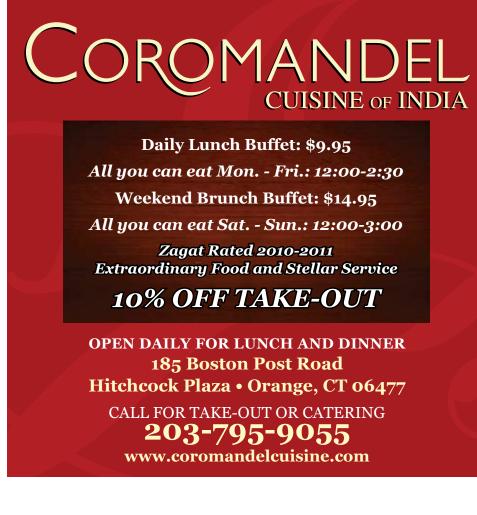
Crime doesn't "look" like it used to in cartoons and on television crime dramas....they "look" like US, drive cars, dress and smile like us. A Neighborhood Watch sign can be somewhat effective to alert passersby that the homeowners are on alert. Does it insure no invasions? Not really, but any "road" block that can be set up to at least slow down the "would be" criminals is better than not.

Personal home protection, locked doors, alarm systems activated when away, neighbors alert to changes in the neighborhood routine and keeping personal contact information of the neighbors can possibly avoid an unwanted entry to the home. Extra eyes and ears immediately reporting suspicious activities is extremely important. Even a delay of a few minutes can allow a "suspect" to leave the area or enter a home. Timing is extremely important.

If our little town gets the reputation of being alert and proactive to report the unusual, perhaps, just perhaps it won't be such a good idea to make a "hit" in Orange. Anyone wishing more information on safeguarding your neighborhood can pick up a Crime Prevention Tip sheet available at the Orange Police Department headquarters. Make a 2012 resolution to read it and as McGruff, the crime dog says, "Take A Bite Out of Crime."







"Dining with Susan"



Shanghai Gourmet China Bistro

I thought it was time to revisit another successful Orange restaurant, Shanghai Gourmet China Bistro. This special restaurant offers exotic Asian gourmet at its best and was reviewed by the New York Times in 2011. The restaurant received a "Worth It" rating and the N.Y.Times reviewer especially enjoyed the grilled lemongrass shrimp dish. This special dish offers several large shrimp seasoned with a lemongrass powder, plated with sliced mango, green beans, asparagus and sugar snap peas on a bed of Asian greens. Definitely a great honor for Winnie and Steven Guo who have owned Shanghai Gourmet for five years now.

When I was doing my original research I discovered a review on Shanghai Gourmet written by a very regular customer. He was a travel agent and posted the review on a "travel website" and had given me his permission to share

his thoughts with our readers. I thought it only fitting to again share his glowing review: "While continuing my quest for the great eateries of Connecticut, my journey led me down a path less traveled, steeped with flavor and freshness. My path, Chinese food. My destination, the Shangai Gourmet China Bistro. Located on the Boston Post Road in Orange, the Shanghai Gourmet takes conventional Chinese take-out to a much higher level of stan-



Shanghai Gourmet

dards. Although the restaurant offers takeout and delivery service, by doing so you will miss the opportunity to dine in a quaint 30 seat dining room.

Unlike most Chinese take-outs that offer small, shaky tables and uncomfortable metal chairs, Shanghai Gourmet has a more traditional dining room with rustic hardwood floors, along with beautiful cherry wood tables and chairs. The dining room is decorated with a natural, comfortable at home feeling accompanied with big bay windows allowing plenty of sunlight to illuminate your experience. There are many points of interest that separate Shanghai Gourmet from other Chinese take-outs; however the main difference is the use of fresh ingredients. The use of fresh mushrooms, tomatoes, peapods, authentic fresh herbs and a beautiful menu selection, places this restaurant miles ahead of most Chinese take-outs. The menu is a traditional separation of soups, appetizers, pork, poultry, seafood, beef, and vegetables with the addition of big bowl soups, stir fry vegetables and lovely sixteen item gourmet selection. Having ordered all the South East Asian selections, I recommend the Sambai Chicken. A perfect balance of tender chicken, fresh herbs and vegetables. Aside from the diverse menu, what really places Shanghai Gourmet on the top of my recommended list are the owners. More often than not you will find Winnie and Steven Guo working in the kitchen from morning to night. What an amazing team they make, providing an incredible dining experience with tasty fresh ingredients, a comfortable atmosphere and always service with a smile". I can't agree with him enough! Winnie and Steve are very excited about some new items on their menu: Chef's special "Ginger Scallion Prawns" cooked with fresh ginger & scallions. "Dried Sauteed Beef Szechuan Style" featuring crispy beef with a sweet & spicy flavor. "Shredded Beef with Chili Pepper". This is an extremely spicy dish perfect for winter dining. "Mapo Tofu" with Japanese soft tofu cooked with the Chef's original sauce. "Crispy Roast Duck" cooked well and full of flavor. Lunch & Dinner specials change daily.

Shanghai Gourmet also offers a great special after 6:00pm. They give a complimentary glass of red or white wine with every dish ordered or you may bring your own wine or alcoholic beverage without any extra charge.

Open 7 days a week – Luncheon special served Monday-Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm; Monday-Thursday 11:00 am – 10:00pm – Friday & Saturday 11:00 am-11:00pm – Sunday 12:00pm – 10:00pm; Reservations accepted -All major credit cards – handicapped accessible – large parking lot. Take out on all menu items – Free delivery to Orange & Milford on orders over \$25.00;

Shanghai Gourmet – 533 Boston Post Road-Peck & Post Plaza, Orange, CT 06477 www.shanghaigourmetkg.com Phone: 203-891-8788 or 203-891-8988 – Fax: 203-891-8688

Final notes: Winnie is truly a smart business woman with customer service her top priority. I admire her unbelievable energy, generosity and warm personality. Winnie & Steve definitely have many devoted and regular customers. Shanghai Gourmet has the right combination of outstanding food and service along with a sparkling clean interior! Remember to support our local family owned businesses.

If you have a favorite restaurant you would like me to profile e-mail Susan@ orangetownnews.com.



Q: When I lived in Canada, there was a show on CTV called "Flashpoint." Now that I am back in the States, I've been told I can catch it on TV here, but I haven't found it. Can you help? -- Judy T., via e-mail

A: All four seasons of "Flash-point" have aired in the U.S. on Ion Television (check your local listings for channel info). The network recently announced that it has renewed "Flashpoint" for a 13-episode fifth season, which will begin shooting in February. CBS also aired the show here and there – as a midseason replacement or to fill an empty slot when needed – but the series has no set schedule on that network.

"Flashpoint" centers on a highly skilled tactical team, trained in negotiating and getting inside the subject's head to understand the emotional breaking point (the "flashpoint") that triggered the crisis. The series stars Hugh Dillon, Enrico Colantoni and Amy Jo Johnson.

Q: I have such a crush on **Karen Gillan** of "**Doctor Who.**" Can you tell me what else I can see her in? -- Jonathan F., Bangor, Maine

A: The ravishing redhead, who plays Amy Pond in the hit sci-fi series, can be seen next month on Ovation television in the network's first original movie, "We'll Take Manhattan." The movie -- which airs Saturday, Feb. 11, at 8 p.m. ET -- is set in the 1960s world of fashion photography and is based on a true story. It follows upstart photographer David Bailey as he persuades British Vogue to hire his unknown model and girlfriend, Jean Shrimpton (played by Karen), for a major fashion photography layout in Manhattan. Over the course of the shoot, they shatter every established rule of fashion photography, outraging Vogue fashion editor Lady Clare Rendlesham (played by Helen Mc-Crory of "Harry Potter" fame).

Q: A while back I remember read-



"Dr. Who" star Karen Gillan

ing on your website (celebrityextraonline.com) about a movie with **Will Ferrell** spoken entirely in Spanish. Is this still happening? -- Dave R., via e-mail

A: The movie you are referring to is called "Casa de mi Padre," which also stars Gael Garcia Bernal, Diego Luna and Efren Ramirez. It is indeed in the style of the "telenovela" and is entirely in Spanish (with English subtitles for us gringos). The movie hits theaters March 16, and you can see the first trailer on the movie's Facebook page and on YouTube (search "Casa de mi Padre").

Q: I loved **"The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."** Are there plans to film the second book in the series? I hope so! -- Stephanie S., Hollywood, Fla.

A: Although the box-office returns for "Dragon Tattoo" aren't block-buster material, you can bet 10,000 kronor that "The Girl Who Played with Fire" is indeed in the works, with Daniel Craig and Rooney Mara set to return, Sony co-chairman Amy Pascal confirmed. "Fire" is set for a 2013 release. Fingers crossed for "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest."

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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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.

Nicotine Anonymous Meetings, Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00pm, 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.

Chabad of Orange ~ **Woodbridge Weekly Puppet Show**, Saturday Mornings, 11:30am, 261 Derby Avenue, puppeteers will captivate your children's attention each week while learning about their Jewish Heritage, history & values; geared for children ages 3-8.

Orange Volunteer Fire Department Seminar on Autism, Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00 pm, Amity High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT, free of charge, RSVP to OFD167@gmail.com.

Orange Lions Club 8th Annual Winter Wine & Beer Tasting, Friday, January 27, 2012, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, featuring select wines and craft beers, light hors d'oeuvres soft drinks, and entertainment by local musician, Craig Calistro. Tickets/\$20.00pp in advance, \$25pp at the door, available from Orange Lions Club members, Forest Package Store at 444 Forest Road, West Haven or by calling chairperson Marianne Miller at 203-795-3906.

Congregation Or Shalom Wellness Expo, "Choosing Health and Happiness", January 29, 2012, 1:00 pm, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, free and open to the public, featuring different booths with traditional and alternative health care, free blood pressure screenings, free chair massages, topics on children's special needs and a Nia demonstration.

Art in the Library, "Sisters in Art", watercolor paintings by Lana Ho and pottery by Lillian Yung. February 1-February 28, 2012, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, 2nd floor Art Gallery, Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. Artist reception Thursday, February 9, 5 - 7 p.m., snow date Saturday, February 11, 1 - 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

West Shore Lodge #2832 of the order of Sons and Daughters of Italy Meeting, Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Contact Al Errato at 203-932-3471 or Barb Santoro @ 203-934-6702 for more information.

Hooked On Crochet Guild Meetings, Saturdays on February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2012, 10:00am-1:00pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. For more information, email HOTSCrochetGuild@live.com, or visit www.HOTSCrochetGuild.volasite.com.

Network Of Executive Women's Monthly Luncheon Meeting, Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 12:15PM, Aldario's Restaurant, Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, \$17 members/\$22 guests and members who register later than February 3/\$5 to attend without eating. Joanne Hoffman, MS, of Eats4Life discusses everything you need to know about food labels. Register online at: http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.org/Luncheons.html.



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Sisters in Art

The Art in the Library Committee will present "Sisters in Art", an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Lana Ho and pottery by Lillian Yung. The exhibition will open on February 1 and continue through February 28 at

the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT; 2nd floor Art Gallery. Hours are Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. A reception will be held on Thursday, February 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., snow date Saturday, February 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Lana Ho is a long time resident of Orange and a life member of the Orange Garden Club. Six years ago, she started taking watercolor classes from Audrey Galer. Her love of flowers and eclectic background are reflected in her paintings. Lana was born in Shanghai, China; raised in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She



attended Boston College where she received her BA degree in sculpture. After graduating she continued her schooling at The Fashion Institute of Technology, NYC for an Associate Degree in Applied Fine Arts.

Together with Lana's paintings, there will be an exhibit of "Pottery by Lillian". This is a unique collection of pottery works by Lillian Yung, Lana's sister. Lillian lives in New York City. She started taking pottery classes soon after her retirement. Her works have been exhibited in Lubec, Maine and NYC

Picking Up Cues-Orange Players Musical Revue

The Orange Players will present PICKING UP CUES, a musical revue exploring the many faces of love and relationships. It will be performed on Friday and Saturday, January 20th and 21st, at 8:00 pm at High Plains Community Center (525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT). The cast includes Orange residents Kevin Durkee, Jackie Koral, Rich Moran, Andrea Shiffrin, Bruce Spiewak, Joan Stenner, and Paul Templeton. Also in the cast are Bob Meloche and Kate Mundy from West Haven and Stephanie DeLeo from Stamford. The revue was conceived by Peg Meisenhelder, Pat Miller and Joan Stenner. Peg Meisenhelder is the Music Director, Pat Miller is the Director and James Teti is the accompanist.

Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling (203)824-1335. Seating will be cabaret style and patrons are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages. Doors open at 7:00 for pre-theater entertaining.

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WORSHIP EVENTS

Church of the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

Weekly Services: Sundays - 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am and the 10:30 am services; 5:30 p.m. Expressions of Worship. Light supper after the service. – Wednesdays - 12:00 Eucharist with laying on of hands.

Beginning on Wednesday January 11th, we will



offer a 6-week series on healthy communications that foster healthy relationships. A light dinner will Good Shepherd

that foster healthy relationships. A light dinner will Good Shepherd be served and child-care is available. Please rsvp to the office at 203-795-6577. Open to the public.



Families Matter at Good Shepherd

The annual Christmas pageant is a wonderful way to bring families together. At Church of the Good Shepherd (680 Racebrook Road in Orange), entire families took part in the telling of the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem. Tammy, David, and Emma -- the Welches -- and Alasdair, Helena, William, and Graham -- the Roes -- were among the multigenerational participants decked out as angels, shepherds, and, yes, sheep. Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes all. Services are held on Sundays at 8 and 10:30 am and 5:30 pm. Formation classes for all ages are held on Sundays at 9:15 am. Visit www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org or call 203-795-6577 for more information.

Klepper to Join Temple Emanuel

One of the most renowned musicians in contemporary American Judaism, Cantor Jeffrey Klepper will join Temple Emanuel as Musician in Residence March 24 and 25. Music has always been an integral part of Temple Emanuel's identity and hosting Cantor Klepper is particularly meaningful in this celebratory 50th Anniversary year.



Temple Emanuel

Cantor Jeff Klepper has performed throughout the USA and Israel, in England, France, Netherlands and Russia. His original songs, such as the universally beloved 'Shalom Rav,' are known throughout the Jewish world.

As one of the first cantors to champion congregational singing in worship. he is noted for creating a contemporary Jewish musical style. Cantor Klepper has been hailed as a "pioneer," one of a handful of people responsible for literally changing the sound of American synagogue music. His influence is reflected not only in the hundreds of cantors, song leaders, teachers, singers and musicians who regularly teach and perform his songs, but in the thousands of students, campers and shul-goers who sing them.

The Temple Emanuel Musician in Residence Weekend will include a concert at 7:30 PM, Saturday March 24 which is open to the public at a cost of \$36/family or \$18/person. To reserve tickets, email: office@templeemanuel-gnh.org



Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events:

Coffee & Learn Wednesdays, 11:00 am: Each week the Rabbi addresses interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The Rabbi begins the new year of Coffee & Learn with: A Jewish Understanding of Jesus, a discussion of the recently published "The Jewish Annotated New Testament" by Professor Amy-Jill Levine. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. All are welcome. There is



Congregation Or Shalom

no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (Coffee And) are served

Freeze-Out, Saturday, January 21st into the morning of Sunday, January 22nd: The Kadima youth group will be holding its first-ever Freeze Out at Or Shalom in conjunction with the Orange Congregational Church's Freeze Out event. Kadima members will be sponsored by members of the congregation and the community to sleep outside in giant cardboard boxes to raise awareness to homelessness. Donations will be made to the Orange Fuel Bank, New Haven Home Recovery and other charities in the area. Kadima members will also learn about homelessness from members of the community. Please stop by and make a donation.

Wellness Expo: Sunday, January 29: "Choosing Health and Happiness" is the theme for the community Wellness Expo. The program, which begins at 1:00 pm, is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by Wepawaug–CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah.

Zumba Gold: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Join Zumba Gold with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

Naming Babies: Does your Jewish child need a Hebrew name? If so, we will provide him/her with one. There is no charge and this is open to Congregation Or Shalom members and non-members. Call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.

Services: Sunday mornings: 9:00 am

Monday mornings: 7:30 am Thursday mornings: 7:30 am

Friday evenings: 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat--refreshments.)

Saturday mornings: 9:30 am *All events are open to non-members.*

Congregation Or Shalom Hosts Community Wellness Expo

"Choosing Health and Happiness" is the theme for a community Wellness Expo to be held January 29, 2012 at Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange. The program, which begins at 1:00 pm, is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored by Wepawaug–CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah.



Congregation Or Shalom

In addition to different booths with traditional and alternative health care, there will be free blood

pressure screenings, free chair massages, topics on children's special needs and a Nia demonstration. The featured speaker is Fern Tausig, who will talk about "Happiness is a Choice...The Mind Body Connection...."

Fern has a sixth year level of education in Family and Consumer Sciences and Health Education. She combines her knowledge of nutrition, stress management and holistic wellness in her work with her clients and regularly presents workshops and seminars for corporations, associations and social clubs. Fern has been certified to practice hypnosis professionally since 2005 by the National Guild of Hypnotists and is also a member of The International Association of Counselors and Therapists, IACT and The Connecticut Holistic Health Association.

The Wellness Expo will offer door prizes and refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission is free. For more information, contact Congregation Or Shalom at 203-799-2341.



After weeks of planning and collecting the students of the Temple Emanuel religious school and adult members of the synagogue came together on December 11 to create over 115 gift baskets. Filled with books, toys, hats and gloves and toiletries, these baskets were distributed over the holiday season to 'R Kids, Fair Haven Community Health Center, Life Haven and Jewish Family Services.

Do You Like to Sing?

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is looking to start a choir. No musical training is necessary. If interested, please contact David Junko at 203-217-5752. Our Lady of Sorrows is located at 378 Spring Street in Orange.





Congregational Church Holds "Freeze Out"

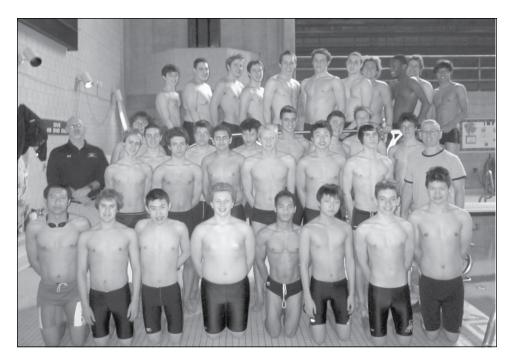
The OCC Pilgrim Fellowship Senior High Youth Group is doing a fund-raiser again this year for Youth United of Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County on Jan 28-29, 2012, starting at 6 PM through 8 AM on Sunday morning. They are doing a "Freeze Out" which entails a Shanty Town of cardboard boxes outside in front of the church. They are hoping to have a minimum of 20 kids and five adults to rotate the experience of living outside on a cold January night. Each participant will be asked to raise at least \$30 in sponsorships for sleeping out in the cardboard boxes in two hour shifts during the night.

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about Habitat for Humanity, while raising funds to build another Youth United sponsored house in Bridgeport. They have just completed the building of a Habitat house on Jane Street in Bridgeport, and are anxious to start the next one. They hope to raise at least \$2,000 at this event. If you would like to support this educational and fun night at OCC, any donations are welcome and checks can be made out to Habitat of Humanity of CFC/YU.

If you would like more information about the 'Freeze-out', please contact Beth Rafferty at the Orange Congregational Church at 203-430-2145.

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Amity Swim Team Raises Money for MS

The Amity Swim Team is excelling both in and out of swimming pools. Already off to a great start for its 2012 season, team members have taken on fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis, raising over \$3,200 on December 31 at a swim event they organized.

Team members worked with Temple Physical Therapy to raise money for this cause. Temple PT sees many patients that suffer from this disease and wanted to be a part of the solution, donating \$500 from its staff to Amity Swim Team's December event. Michael Cianciulli, Director of Temple PT, is also a volunteer swim coach for Amity, and has been involved with the swim team over the past 6 years. Cianculli comments, "This team is very active in the community and participates annually in the Relay for Life. This year I asked the members if they would be willing to partner with Temple to raise money by performing a 100 x 100 swim event. Each member of the team swims 100 yards 100 times in 2.5 hours. This is a very challenging event, but the team agreed to do so in an effort to raise money for a great cause. In addition, the members independently went out into their communities and found sponsors for this fundraiser. I couldn't be more proud of their enthusiasm and efforts."

Eric Holden and Kyle Lemere, Amity captains, add, "The Swim for MS Fundraiser was a great way for the Amity Boys Swimming and Diving Team to really come together as a team, outside the pool, and do something to help make a difference in our community. We feel our team really came together, and we are really impressed with what we were able to do for our first year."

Individuals can still donate. Make checks payable to: National MS Society and send to: Temple Physical Therapy, Attn: Nick Grasso, 230 George Street, New Haven, CT 06510.

Multiple sclerosis (or MS) is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system. Approximately 400,000 Americans have MS, and every week about 200 people are diagnosed with this disease. Worldwide, MS affects about 2.5 million people. The National MS Society uses the money for care management, financial assistance, education, recreational programs and funding their national call center.

Orange Park and Recreation

Performing Arts Programs, Inc. works in association with the Orange Park and Recreation Department to sponsor new and exciting creative programs this season. Some of the programs we offer are acting classes, hip hop jazz dance classes and private lessons in acting, musical theater, singing and audition preparation. Our goal is to offer the community fun, highly-charged performing arts instruction for children 6-14 years old. We are now taking registrations for winter programs in Orange. Come express yourselves, build confidence, and make new friends! You can register by visiting: www.performingartsprograms.biz or by calling 860.432.9890.

For all Park and Recreation programs, please visit us online at www. orange-ct.gov. To join our email list for upcoming registrations and special events, email: orangeparkandrec@orange-ct.gov or orangeparkandrec1@orange-ct.gov, please include your name, number, address and that you would like to be added to our list.

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The RiverHawks Mite B Team out of The Rinks at Shelton, won 1st place in the 2011 John D. McKeon Holiday Tournament (Mite Division) that took place December 26 - December 29th in Hamden. They defeated the West Hartford Wolves 4-2 for the title and was undefeated for the entire tournament. Pictured are goalies Jayson Gherlone (right) of Orange and Peter Alfonso, from Westport, of the RiverHawks Mite B Team. This tournament win was the first tournament win for both Jayson and Peter.

2012 Orange Little League Registration Is Underway

Orange Little League has begun registration for the 2012 season:

T-Ball – boys & girls ages 5-6

Baseball – boys only age 7-12

Senior Baseball – boys only ages 13-16

Softball – girls only ages 7-12

Senior Softball – girls only ages 13-15

Go to Orange Little League website and register online at www. orangectlittleleague.com or go to the Park & Recreation Office at High Plains Community Center and register in person.

- ONLY new registrants must provide a copy of their birth certificate.
- NO ONE can play without a birth certificate on file.
- Large families pay registration for the older two players only.

To see times and player age qualifications go to www.orangectlittleleague.com. NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 10th 2012. Contact Kathy Haughton with any questions @ OLL_CT@aol.com or 203-795-5167.

Aqua Zumba at High Plains

Orange Parks and Recreation, Orange, will be hosting AQUA ZUMBA Class in the- High Plains Community Center -525 Orange Center Rd. led by Renay who uses Latin and International music to create an easy and fun aquatic dance exercise program. No swimming skills required. Pre-registration is required call -203-891-4790 or www.orange-ct.gov for more information. Or call Renay 203-522-2616. The 8-week evening class, will be held from 7:30-8:30 p.m. beginning on Friday January 6th to February 24th. \$60 R-70 NR. Bring bottled water and water shoes to class. https://www.zumba.com/en-US/profiles/64539.



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With Ray Spaziani

Wine Person of the Year



Tom Mannello of the Plantsville section of Southington has been named the 29th annual "Connecticut Wine Person of the Year" - 2011 by the Amenti del Vino - The Wine Society, and was honored at the 31st annual awards dinner of the regional wine group on Friday December 2 at Manchester Community College. Mannello, a retired United Airlines pilot and Air Force veteran, has been involved with wine since his childhood. In recent years Tom has become a premier award-winning home winemaker who has turned his hobby into a profession as he was recently selected to become the chief winemaker at Chamard Vineyard in Clinton. He has also worked for a regional wine supply shop offering advice on home wine making.

A longtime active member of the American Wine Society, Mannello, with the support of his wife, Carol, assumed the directorship of the Hartford Chapter of the American Wine Society in 2008. He has been offering wine events and dinners up to six times per year. He has featured educational programs and technical meetings that have been helpful to home wine makers and those who enjoy wines as well. He is in the process of turning Chamard around and their wines are getting back to world class with Tom's help.

BEST BUY OF THE WEEK!: Moscato California Champagne \$10.00 per bottle. This Barefoot Bubby Pink Moscato has fragrant, fruity aromas of ripe red fruit and fresh berries. Candied cherries and sweet citrus flavors compliment the creamy, lingering finish. This is a delightful quaffing wine that most of the girls seem to enjoy. Chianti Country: For the Italian red wine lovers, a bottle of Catello di Monsanto Chianti Classico Riserva at \$24.99 will not disappoint. Elegant floral nose and full flavors of black cherry and spice. Monsanto's Chianti Classico Riserva is one of the most sought after red wines from Tuscany. You will not be disappointed by the quality of this wine.

Stop and see Tom at Chamard. You will be glad you did!

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.

For the Love of Wine

The Ward-Heitmann House Museum of West Haven invites you to attend its 16th annual wine tasting event, For the Love of Wine, on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Westwoods, 85 Chase Lane, West Haven. The tasting will be hosted by Gary Ramadon of Ye Old Liquor Shoppe, West Haven. A variety of wines will be presented for tasting, and appetizers, soup, specialty sandwiches and dessert will be served. Tickets are \$35 per person paid in advance; if paid at door, \$40. Required reservations may be made by calling Barbara at 203-932-2651 or Doreen at 203-934-7134.

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Leaving Your Money Behind

By Roberta L. Nestor

Have you ever left your "old" 401k or other retirement plan behind with your previous employer? It happens frequently, whether it is as a result of changing jobs, retirement, or being laid off, many individuals leave their em-

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ployer and leave behind a piece of their retirement that is unattended, unmanaged and largely ignored. In this new age of being paperless, there is also the chance that your old plan could become orphaned – it is up to you to keep track of where it is, who administers the plan and your investment choices. Lastly,

"old" plans often are automatically changed into "new" ones if your former employer decides to change 401k providers; you have no say and often no knowledge when these changes happen.

IRS rules for retirement plans somewhat vary and while there may be some reasons to keep your voluntary savings with a former employer you should never ignore those saved dollars. If you work in the corporate world generally a 401k or Roth401k plan is available to you. For those who work in the non-profit arena you have 403b and Roth 403b plans. Municipal and state employees are offered 457 deferred compensation plans. Here are the very few reasons one might leave behind an old plan:

- Some retirement plans allow access to funds before age 59 ½ without IRS penalty if you a retired or separated from service after age 55.
- Larger employers may have stable value options that are not available outside of the employer plan.
- Your former plan has multitudes of investment options that you are familiar with.
- You don't have to pay fees (although more and more corporate plans are passing along administrative fees to the participants).

These are not very compelling reasons to leave your retirement money unattended. What's an alternative? Speak to an advisor about an IRA rollover. Inactive retirement plans can be rolled over, tax-free into an IRA. IRA rollovers allow you to consolidate old plans. IRAs do not have limited investment choices that have been chosen by an employer, you have a say in how your funds are invested. No one can change your IRA without your authorization or knowledge and you can change your advisor or investment company ... you are in charge of your retirement.

Think about your own investment experience the past several years. What 2 or 3 words would best describe how you have felt about your 401k or other retirement plan? How have you handled the volatility and market losses the past three years? Are you still afraid to open your statements? Has the past three years changed how you invest, or your risk tolerance? What expectations do you have going forward?

These are tough questions. Everything starts with you and your past experiences. You need to work with a professional with whom you can share your goals and objectives with. An investment professional can help you determine your risk tolerance and help you to determine a realistic time horizon for your needs, dreams and legacies. Don't leave behind your retirement plans. Since the extinction of traditional pension plans, it is up to you to take control of your retirement. It's not enough to take an occasional look ... your old plan should be just as important as your new one.

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Death Notices



Lawrence S. Glover

Lawrence S. Glover, age 85, resident of Orange for over 48 years and beloved husband to Jackie Glover, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Hospital of St. Raphael's in New Haven. Born on February 1, 1926, the youngest of four children growing up in Vincennes, IN, he was the son of the late George and Laurine Ebner Glover. He served with pride and honor in the US Army Air Corp during WWII. Prior to his retirement, he was a salesman. Larry was a devoted, active member of Holy Infant Church and the Legion of Mary and a member of many charitable organizations.

In addition to his wife Jackie of sixty-one years, he is survived by six children, Steven, Marc, Patricia, David and Keith Glover and Victoria Zulkoski, nine cherished grandchildren, two great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Larry's final thoughts were of appreciation to the dedicated staff at St. Raphael's Hospital and Milford Health Care and his family wishes to thank them for their kindness and compassion.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on December 20th at Holy Infant Church with a private burial at a later date at the Orange Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Mary Malinowski

Mary Malinowski of 35 Anchorage Drive, Milford died on December 12, 2011 at Milford Hospital after a long illness. She was 89 years old. She was the daughter of John and Lottie Stankiewicz Matejek who emigrated from Poland, and the wife of Chester Malinowski, who pre-

deceased her.

Mary Malinowski was a longtime resident of Milford where she was a participant of St. Mary's Church. For many years, she was extremely active in Catholic Daughters of America and was committed to their charity work. Mary was also known for her love of flowers and seasonal decorations and she particularly loved Thanksgiving and Christmas.

She graduated from Ansonia High School in 1940, where she was a cheerleader. For many years she worked in the office of Orange Pediatrics, where she was extremely popular with all the patients. They



Mary Malinowski

would often request Mary when they called the office because she was always thoughtful and took time with them. In later years she worked for Milford Driving School and was also remembered fondly there.

Mary particularly loved children and they in turn loved her. She served as a nanny for Erica and Jonathan Zygelman, children of Dr. Leo Zygelman and Robin Zygelman and considered them her adopted grandchildren. Her niece, Marcia Myhre, affectionately remembers her for her optimistic nature and incredible generosity of spirit. Throughout her illness she remained cheerful and was always happy to greet visitors.

Mary is survived by two children; Chester Malinowski of Milford and Mark Malinowski and his wife Joan of Bennington, VT. She has one grand-child, Matthew of Cambridge, MA. She was predeceased by two sisters; Lottie Waranowicz and Julia McCarthy, three brothers; Leo, Frank and Stanley Matejek. She is survived by many nieces and nephews as well as her lifelong friend, Ann Anderson of Milford.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Kurra/Vemineni Family of Milford: Priyanka Kurra (age 4), Srilakshmi Vemineni holding newborn Aiswarya Kurra and Kishor Kurra

First Baby of the Year at Milford Hospital....It's a Girl!

Milford, CT - Milford residents Srilakshmi Vemineni and her husband Kishor Kurra weren't thinking about having Milford Hospital's first baby of 2012 when they arrived at 6:00am on January 3rd, 2012 to deliver their second child. Nevertheless, when their baby girl, Aiswarya Kurra, was born at 8:04 am, she was indeed the hospital's "New Year" baby. "I was really surprised to learn that we had the first baby of the year" said the happy new father, Kurra. "When we came in I asked how many babies had been born in 2012. I didn't expect this at all."

Though she waited until January 3rd to be the hospital's first delivery, Aiswarya was actually an early arrival. She was not due until January 9th. The newborn weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces. She joins her proud big sister, four year old Priyanka Kurra, who was also born at Milford Hospital.

According to Kurra, the whole experience has been great. He went on to say the family has a great deal of support from their visiting relatives and "this has been so exciting for everyone. We can't wait to tell her she was the first baby in Milford."

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Joe Ross removing a hazard tree using a Teupen 75' self propelled tracked lift.

Winter Pruning

By Dave Ross CTSP

It seems like as soon as the weather turns cold that many people forget about their trees. In fact winter is actually the preferred season for many types of pruning.

During winter the sugars that were produced in the leaves during the growing season are stored underground in the root system. The energy stored in these sugars will be used in the spring to power the budding and start the growing process. When pruning is done during the growing season the sugars are in the branches not the roots, so with any branches that are removed along goes the energy in the branch making it unavailable to be stored during the winter.

When the leaves are off the tree it is easier to see the structure of the tree so that pruning decisions can be made easier and deadwood may be easier to identify.

Very often storm damage that occurred when the leaves were present is hidden by the leaves. When the leaves are gone the damage can easily be seen. Sometimes the leaves will remain on a broken branch long after all the healthy leaves have fallen. These branches will stand out in the winter and can be safely removed before they fall and cause injury.

Pruning at the proper time can avoid certain pest and disease problems because these sources are not active in the winter.

Proper pruning techniques are critical for tree health and in Connecticut it is the law that any work for hire that is done to improve the health of a tree must be done by a licensed Arborist. Arborists are highly trained professionals that have the knowledge and tools to keep you safe and your trees healthy.

So take a walk outside and look up. Look for groups of leaves on trees that otherwise have no leaves. Look for "Hangers", branches that are broken but are somehow hung or caught on another branch. Sometimes these branches are perpendicular to the other branches making them easy to spot. And of course, look for deadwood or anything that may be unsafe.

Dave Ross is a Certified Treecare Safety Professional and one of the 7 members of the Ross family that own Woodland TreeWorks LLC in Orange. 4 of the Ross's are Connecticut Licensed Arborists.

Knights of Columbus to Hold Free Throw Contest

It's time for Orange & Woodbridge youngsters ages 10-14 to sharpen those free-throw shooting skills! The Holy Infant Council of the Knights of Columbus #12523 is conducting its eighth annual Free Throw Contest on Saturday, January 14 at the Holy Infant School gymnasium, located at 450 Racebrook Road in Orange, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. All Orange and Woodbridge residents ages 10 through 14 as of January 1, 2012 are invited to participate. Entry into this contest is non-denominational. Entrants may arrive at any time during the period the contest is in progress to take their free throws.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, regional and state competitions. International champions are announced by the Knights of Columbus international headquarters, located in New Haven, based on scores from the state-level competitions. Last year, more than 200,000 young people participated in over 3,000 local competitions in the United States and five other countries. Boy and girl winners are recognized for each age group. In recent years, more than a dozen winners of the Holy Infant competition have gone on to the Regional contests, and there have been three state champions and seven state finalists who came from Orange or Woodbridge.

All contestants on January 14 will be recognized with a handsome certificate of participation. Contestants are required to furnish written proof of their age, except that previous years' participants need not provide proof of age again. A copy of the birth certificate is preferred, and must be provided at the time of entry. A short entry form will also be completed at the time of entry, and a parental/guardian consent signature must be provided at that time.

Each contest participant will be given three warm-up free throws. The contestant will then take fifteen consecutive free throw attempts. Ten and eleven year-old contestants shoot from 12 feet; 12-14 year-olds will shoot from the standard 15 feet. Girls will use basketballs sized for women and girls. Otherwise, normal rules of basketball regarding free throws apply for all levels of competition. For example, violations include stepping on or over the free throw line prior to the ball reaching the rim.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 1.8 million members in more than 13,000 local councils. The Holy Infant Council was established in Orange in 1999. The Knights of Holy Infant Council, with nearly 80 members, sponsor projects to benefit their church, community, families and youth.



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1. Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13) Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner 2. Sherlock Holmes:

A Game of Shadows (PG-13) Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law 3. Alvin and the Chipmunks:

Chipwrecked (G) animated

4. The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R)

Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara
5. War Horse (PG-13)

Tom Hiddleston, Benedict Cumberbatch 6. We Bought a Zoo (PG)

Matt Damon, Colin Ford
7. The Adventures of Tintin (PG)

Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis 8. New Year's Eve (PG-13) Michelle Pfeiffer, Zac Efron

9. The Darkest Hour (PG13)
Emile Hirsch, Olivia Thirlby
10. The Descendants (R)

George Clooney, Shailene Woodley



1. Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)

James Franco

2. Colombiana (PG-13)Zoe Saldana

3. Cowboys and Aliens (PG-13)

Daniel Craig

4. The Help (PG-13)

Viola Davis

5. The Hangover Part II (R)

Bradley Cooper

6. Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)

animated

7. Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG)

Jim Carrey

8. Super 8 (PG-13)

Kyle Chandler

9. Friends With Benefits (R)

Mila Kunis

10. Straw Dogs (R)

James Marsden

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of January 23rd, 2011.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Real Steel" (PG-13) -- Films have put many a lens on the bond between father and son, but to this point they've all left out the most awesome angle of approach to paternal relations: robotic combat. "Real Steel" rectifies this oversight with a loud, exciting, corny and fun flick about a dad (Hugh Jackman) and his determined young son (Dakota Goyo) teaming up to train a boxing robot that will win the title (or whatever robots fight for) and bring them closer together.

In the near future, robot boxing abruptly replaces human boxing just in time to dash Charlie's (Jackman) dreams of being a top fighter. Years later, he's down on his luck, working around the edges of the robot-fighting scene. He reluctantly accepts the help of his estranged son, and the cliches start pouring in from there. "Real Steel" is no game changer, but if you have a boy who needs two hours of solid entertainment, sit down with him and watch some robot fights.

"50/50" (R) -- This dark, smart, from-the-heart comedy about life, love and cancer caught many people by surprise. Joseph Gordon Levitt solidifies his position as the young actor with chops in this role as Adam, a guy whose cancer diagnosis gives him a 50-50 chance of survival.

The script is informed by true life, as writer Will Reiser looked into his own story of cancer survival when crafting this comedy script centered around heavy subject matter. With a real script in-hand, the performances don't disappoint. Gordon-Levitt's tightly wound Adam is candidly funny and never overacted, and Seth Rogen hits the mark as a guy's guy who's out of his depth and trying to support his best friend.

"Rebecca" (NR) [Blu-ray] -- Alfred Hitchcock's first American movie is now available on Blu-ray. Laurence Olivier plays a wealthy widower who brings his new love to his sprawling mansion. When the new lady of the house arrives, she finds that she's not quite welcome, as the staff and much of the estate are still dedicated to the first wife, whose death is some sort of mystery. The performances deliver the full weight of the suspense and atmospheric dread in Hitchcock's only film to win the Oscar for best picture.

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Top 10 Pop Singles

1. LMFAO

"Sexy and I Know It"

2. Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris

"We Found Love"

3. Katy Perry

"The One That Got Away"

4. Bruno Mars"It Will Rain"

5. Jay Z, Kanye West

"Ni--as in Paris"

6. Flo Rida

"Good Feeling"

7. Adele "Set Fire to the Rain"

8. Adele

"Someone Like You"

9. LMFAO feat. Lauren

Bennett and GoonRock "Party Rock Anthem"

10. Big Sean feat. Nicki Minaj

"Dance (A\$\$)"

Top 10 Country Singles

1. Zac Brown Band

"Keep Me in Mind"

2. Jason Aldean
"Tattoos On This Town"

3. Rascal Flatts feat. Natasha Bedingfield

"Easy"

4. David Nail

"Let It Rain"

5. Eric Church

"Drink In My Hand" **6. Luke Bryan**

"I Don't Want This Night to End"

7. Chris Young

"You"

8. Lady Antebellum

"We Owned the Night"

9. The Band Perry

"All Your Life"

10. Kenny Chesney

"Reality"

- Who was born Robert Allen Zimmerman? Name the first single he wrote and released.
- 2. Led Zeppelin ran into a small snag when the band flew into Singapore to do a concert. What happened?
- 3. Name the singer-songwriter who had a hit with "Crying"
- ing."

 4. Which group released "Do You Remember Rock 'n'
- Roll Radio?" and when?

 5. Name the album with these two songs: "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite!" and
- "Fixing a Hole."
 6. Which group released "Where the Streets Have No Name" and when?

I. Zimmerman was Bob Dylan's birth name. His first single, "Mixed-Up Confusion" backed with "Corrina, Corrina," was released in 1962. 2. Singapore officials wouldn't let them off the plane because of their long hair. The concert, in 1972, was canceled. 3. Boy Orbison, in 1961. He released a duet with k.d. lang in 1987, but it's the concert, in 1972, was canceled. 3. Boy Orbison, in 1961. He released a duet with R.d. lang in 1987, but it's the original version that ranks Mo. 69 in Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time. 4. The Ramones, in 1980. All members of the group took on "Ramone" as their last name, starting with Douglas Colvin, who became Dee Ramones. 5. The Beatles album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" in 1967. 6. U.S, in 1987.

Sudoku answers on page 36

Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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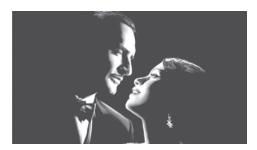
By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- We've barely recovered from the holiday season and now the award season is upon us. The forerunner for the Oscars has always been the Golden Globe Awards. The Globes split up some major categories, so this year there are 11 Best Picture nominees. There also are 10 nominees in all the Best Acting categories. It's not widely known who votes for the Golden Globes. While the Oscars have 6,000 members voting, the Globes only have about 90 members, who write for publications all over the world.

Now let's look at the nominations: In the Best Picture-drama, we have "The Descendants," "The Help," "Hugo," "The Ides of March," "Moneyball" and "War Horse." In the Best Picture-comedy or musical, we have "50/50," "The Artist," "Bridesmaids," "Midnight in Paris" and "My Week With Marilyn."

Nominees for Best Actress-drama are: Glenn Close, "Albert Nobbs"; Viola Davis, "The Help"; Rooney Mara, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"; Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"; and Tilda Swinton, "We Need to Talk About Kevin." Best Actresscomedy or musical has Jodie Foster, "Carnage"; Charlize Theron, "Young Adult"; Kristen Wiig, "Bridesmaid"; Michelle Williams, "My Week with Marilyn"; and Kate Winslet, "Carnage."

Best Actor-drama has George Clooney, "The Descendants"; Leonardo DiCaprio, "J. Edgar"; Michael Fassbender, "Shame"; Ryan Gosling, "The Ides of March"; and Brad Pitt, "Moneyball." In the Best Actor-comedy or musical group, we have Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"; Brendan Gleason, "The Guard"; Joseph Gorden-Levitt, "50/50"; Ryan Gosling, "Crazy, Stupid, Love"; and Owen Wilson in "Midnight in Paris."



Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo in "The Artist"

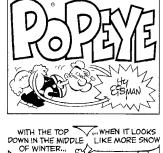
The supporting categories are not divided. Best Supporting Actress nominees are: Berenice Bejo, "The Artist"; Jessica Chastain, "The Help"; Janet McTeer, "Albert Nobbs"; Octavia Spencer, "The Help"; and Shailene Woodley, "The Descendants." Best Supporting actors are: Kenneth Branagh, "My Week With Marilyn"; Albert Brooks, "Drive"; Jonah Hill, "Moneyball"; Viggo Mortensen, "A Dangerous Method"; and Christopher Plummer for "Beginners."

Best Director nominees are: Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris"; George Clooney, "The Ides of March"; Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"; Alexander Payne, "The Descendants"; and Martin Scorsese for "Hugo."

There are several multiple nominees, among them George Clooney for Best Actor and Screenplay for "The Ides of March"; Ryan Gosling, for Best Actor in both the Drama category and the comedy/musical category; Alexander Payne received nods for both directing and writing "The Descendants." Jean Dujardin won the Best Actor award at The Cannes Film Festival for "The Artist," in which he did not say a word! The film has six Golden Globe nominations, the most of 2011.

The Golden Globes will be broadcast on NBC on Sunday, Jan. 15, and the Oscars will be shown by ABC on Feb. 26. I'll save my picks for The Oscars ... let the best horse win this race!

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed

being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to De**cember 21)** Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, vou probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

Animal Advocates

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently read on your website about a North Carolina county board that wanted to disallow adoptions of certain dog breeds from its

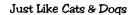
shelter. The proposal was defeated thanks to a huge public outcry, but what about other rulings that don't get as much publicity? How do we find out about them, and how can we get enough public support to stop unfair pet laws? -- Jane in Missouri

DEAR JANE: It's great that you're concerned and want to be more active in the area of pet legislation. The North Carolina case was a classic example of legislators (or in this case, a county board) proposing pet laws based upon popular but often inaccurate information, particularly about "bully breeds" (pit bulls, Doberman pinschers, etc). The county board shelved its proposal after receiving tens of thousands of emails and facing a packed house of dog owners, rescuers and other advocates at its board meeting.

Getting started can be as simple as an Internet search. Major organizations such as the Humane Society of the United States, the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) and growing organizations like the No-Kill Advocacy Center are good websites to start with. You often can find local chapters or local advocacy organizations through larger nonprofits' websites.

Facing down local legislators is just one facet of animal advocacy. If you want to learn more about protecting pets, pick up "Defending the Defenseless: A Guide to Protecting and Advocating for Pets," by Allie Phillips (Rowman and Littlefield). Phillips is an attorney and animalrights advocate, and her book is packed with information on ways you can become more active.

Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www.pawscorner.





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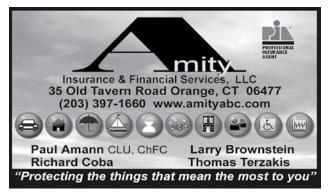
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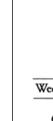
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Wide World of Sports

NBC Sports used the "The Winter Classic" hockey game between the Philadelphia Flyers and New York Rangers to officially announce the formation of its own sports network -- the aptly named "NBC Sports Network."

As Costas said it, I remember thinking, "Well ... what took you so long?" After all, NBC Sports has as good a legacy as any other network. Notre Dame football, the first to air the Super Bowl, and, if I recall, thanks to the physical prowess of "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century" star Gil Gerard, didn't it win "Battle of the Network Stars" more than once? And then the camera panned to show the giant Comcast tower in downtown Philadelphia.

"Ah, right," I said to myself (because nobody would watch the hockey game with me). "Comcast is the new majority owner of NBC. Comcast had the Versus network, and now that will become the new NBC Sports network."

We all know what we're going to get from the network, too. Another Costas interview show in addition to his regular HBO "Inside the NFL" and "NBC's Football Night in America" gig. Not that there's anything wrong with that, either. A lot of people find him to be a bit smug, conceited and kind of arrogant, and while he does use a lot of extraneous \$40 dollar words during his shows, he's a great interviewer and very knowledgeable. He asks the tough questions. Ask Jerry Sandusky about that.

And we'll get hockey. And Notre Dame ... lots and lots of Notre Dame.

Continuing my conversation with the voices in my head, I wondered why CBS didn't have a "60 Minutes" network. MSNBC news is a collaboration between Microsoft and NBC (IBM declined to partner with another network at the time because it didn't want to compete with its customers in an area outside of its "core competency.") Why didn't FOX have an animation network, and why doesn't ABC have its own networks? Turner Broadcasting did very well with the Cartoon Network.

Then I remembered that ABC has one or two small properties out there in the market, little niche networks that go by the name of Disney and ESPN. (Also, FOX just announced that it is indeed planning an animation network; it's just waiting on the rebroadcast rights for "The Simpsons." Doh!)

ESPN aside, can't we make ESPN8, "The Ocho," a "Wide World of Sports" branded network? Can we once again see rattlesnake-hunting championships. Evel Knieval and the thrill of victory so clearly expressed when Lee Majors beats Gabe Kaplan in the shot put?

Eh, who am I kidding? I would tune in just to watch the ski jumper's epic fail each day.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City.

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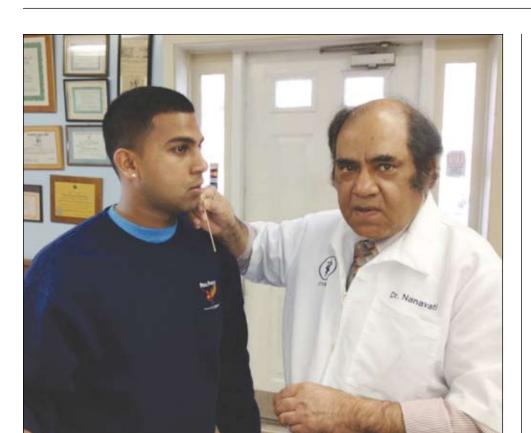


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Dr. Nanavati demonstrates how to take the bone marrow test to a potential donor from Southport, CT. A bone marrow drive was held at his office on December 18th for the benefit of Amit Gupta, formerly of Woodbridge, who was diagnosed with acute leukemia in September.



Craig with Teddy, one of his clients.

Paws and Claws Opens for Business

Craig Sharpe, owner of Paws and Claws has just opened a new pet grooming salon at 288 Boston Post Rd, Orange, next door to Knight's. Craig, who grooms both dogs and cats, had his grand opening Sunday, January 8. He also provides mobile grooming by appointment. Walk ins are welcome! Contact Craig at 203-300-6030.

Wareck & D'Ostilio Form Brokerage Firm

Two of the New Haven area's most respected names in real estate, John Wareck and Frank D'Ostilio, announced they have combined forces and have joined Real Living, one of the nation's most innovative national real estate franchises. The company name is Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate.

"Real Living is a powerful, forward-thinking real estate company, and we are thrilled to join its fast-growing national network of offices," said John Wareck, Partner/broker. "Our team will be able to tap into the extensive resources, including cutting-edge technology and marketing tools, and Premier Service®, one of the nation's leading customer service programs in the real estate industry. They offer a comprehensive array of services to support our business while keeping our clients' best interest first and foremost. Our customer-centric philosophy mirrors Real Living's so the choice was simple. We feel it will take our company to the next level."

"Wareck D'Ostilio is highly regarded by home buyers and sellers in the

Greater New Haven area, and we are excited and proud to welcome the company and its outstanding team of professionals to the Real Living family," said Harley E. Rouda Jr., president of Real Living.

"As soon as word got around that John and I had started a Real Living Brokerage, agents started calling to come work for us" said Frank D'Ostilio, Partner/Broker. Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio started with 3 agents and by the end of the year, the company had grown to 14 agents.

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is located on the Green in New Haven at 129 Church St. "Our New Haven office puts us in a central location for our



Frank D'Ostilio

agents to service their clients throughout the city and surrounding suburbs," Wareck said. "We are here to service the academic communities of Yale and other New Haven institutions, as well as, the medical communities at Yale New Haven and Smilow Cancer Hospitals," he added.

The Real Living Brand is uniquely positioned to assist its agents in retaining clients for life. It is a lifestyle brand that trains its agents through continued education to work with clients as they grow into

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Some will go from a rental into their first home; others move into a larger home. Perhaps, some are ready for a lifestyle change to a 55 + community or a condominium. Real Living agents learn special skills to help each one of these distinctly different buying and selling groups. Real Living also has one of the largest RELO lead networks in the country.

"One of the comments Realtors hear frequently is 'I am a first time seller. I have never sold a home before." D'Ostilio said. "Our agents are schooled to handle the seller, as well as the buyer. This is especially important



John Wareck

in this particular market where selling a home can be a real challenge for some clients," he said. "We also have an exclusive arrangement with the Bank of America that will allow us to be the featured partner in Greater New Haven on their website. This opens us up to 20 million additional unique viewers per month!" D'Ostilio added.

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is a full service brokerage, equipped with a rental division, resale, new construction and commercial division. All agents are trained in residential and commercial transactions and decide what percentage of time they spend in each concentration on an annual basis.

John Wareck has worked in the commercial real estate industry for more than a decade. In January 1997 he took the helm of a commercial real estate investment company overseeing portfolio and property management of approximately 100,000 square feet of retail, office and light industrial space.

In 1998, he expanded the business into brokerage and is now President of a commercial and residential development firm, Wareck Development, LLC.

In 2005 he was awarded Business New Haven's Rising Star award for his work on the Johnson Simons downtown revitalization project. In 2008 he was awarded The Charles L. Terrell Downtowner of the Year award by the Town Green District.

A resident of New Haven, John has two daughters who attend the Foote School. He is the son of the late Attorney Stephen Wareck, President of the New Haven Board of Aldermen and Barbara Cooley Wareck. His grandfather was J.J. Cooley, an automotive dealership principle who owned multiple dealerships in the area.

Frank D'Ostilio, Jr. is an expert in Real Estate purchase and sale transactions. He owned and was president of William Orange Realty for 18 years. William Orange Realty was one of the fastest growing and most recognized real estate companies in Greater New Haven and Fairfield County. He is an expert in new construction, land development and commercial properties.

He has served as president of the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors, and was a director for more than 10 years.

Frank and his wife Mary live in Woodbridge with their two sons and daughter.



Planting Seeds for a New Year at Goddard School

January has arrived and our children are planting their seeds for the New Year! Rosalie Muller Wright, editor of Sunset Magazine beautifully described the first month of the New Year best in a 1999 issue of the magazine. She said, "January is the quietest month in the garden. But just because it looks quiet doesn't mean that nothing is happening. The soil, open to the sky, absorbs the pure rainfall while microorganisms convert tilled-under fodder into usable nutrients for the next crop of plants. The feasting earthworms tunnel along, aerating the soil and preparing it to welcome the seeds and bare roots to come." The children at The Goddard School planting the seeds to their own imaginary gardens as they tap into this month's theme "Imagine It!" Each classroom will take creative liberty as they explore this month's theme, "Imagine It," with some classrooms exploring dinosaurs, fairytales, nursery rhymes and much, much more!

Don't forget to join us next month, for an evening with children's author, Janet Lawler on Friday, February 10th beginning at 6:30 p.m. All children are invited to wear Valentine themed or colored pajamas, as Janet reads bedtime stories to children of all ages! She will also be on hand to sign copies of her books while children enjoy refreshments and crafts. Please r.s.v.p. to our office at 203-795-5575 to attend this event.



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the best people in the world and they have the time of their lives when they come here," he said. "Some of the runners like to race with the older guys just to be around them." Riccio is convinced that the runners in their 90s are to credit for the increase in this year's participation. "I think they are an inspiration," he said. Riccio has already set his sights on recruiting a 95-year-old runner from Vermont who he hopes will be at next year's run.

According to Riccio, who has been Race Director since 1997, the event has gotten more popular each year, drawing people from 68 cities and towns throughout Connecticut and even several out of towners. Orange participants make up the largest percent of the roster.

"This is not a 'fun run,' this is a competitive race," Riccio said. Indeed, it is the competition that most appeals to Tribou, who lives in Granby. "When you get to 90 and you're still running, there's not much competition out there! The fun is in the competing," Tribou said. "It's more fun when someone passes you and you try to pass him." Tribou was the first of the over 90s to finish at 40:24 followed by Hutchinson with a time of 56:00 and Osborne, of Branford, behind her at 1:00:53. Unfortunately crowd favorite, former Orange resident George "Doc" Whitney, fell during the race and was unable to finish. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he was released the next day with a few stitches and bruises.

The seniors weren't the only ones to enjoy the competition. Shelton resident and marathon runner James Yevich participated for the first time wearing the American flag like a cape. "I'm honoring the troops," he said. Eightyear-old Azaan Dawson who runs on a community track team was among the youngest participants and the first in his age group to finish with a time of 20:25.

Like many of the runners, Cliff and Chris Overstrum of Wallingford made it a family event, running with daughters Katie and Betsy and Chris' 85-year-old mother, Betty Hollroyd. "We all like to run together, and this is a fun family event," Chris said. "My mom has really inspired us, she's showed us that there's nothing you can't do!"

At the end of the run, racers were treated to a variety of different chilies donated by area restaurants and fresh bread from New Haven's Chabasco Bakery.

Amity Teen Center Treasurer Linda Cohen was thrilled with the day's success which raised over \$10,000 for the Center. "The Chilly Run has really grown over the past 15 years," she noted. "It's a great event."

Orange statistics: Dan McCabe, 17, was the first Orange resident to cross the finish line taking third place with his time of 17:09; Emad Haerizadeh, 58, finished 15th with 19:18; Jenny Schwartz, 15, was the first female finisher, coming in 122nd with her time of 23:45.







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