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ORANGE RESIDENT CELEBRATES 105TH BIRTHDAY

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Many women dread the approach of another birthday and Ida Julianelle is no different. But Julianelle's milestone birthday is one few people celebrate. She turned 105 on January 28, marking the day with a party attended by family, friends and a huge cake at her home at the Orange Healthcare Center.

"I'm not 105, I want to see my birth certificate," Julianelle insisted several times throughout the celebration. Her children, Orange resident and former State Senator Robert Julianelle, 75, and Carole Hopson, 72, just shook their

heads and smiled at their mom's protests. "She never did like celebrating birthdays," Robert said. "She said it was just another day. But dad never let her get away with that."

Still feisty with a keen eye for detail, Orange Healthcare social director Kelsey Kosarko said Ida rarely misses a trick. "She is very quick-witted and always has something to say," Kosarko said. "She keeps the staff laughing all day. Yesterday she was questioning me

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ORANGE'S HOMETOWN WEATHERMAN - KEVIN ARNONE

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

News 8 WTNH Meteorologist and Orange resident Kevin Arnone knew at a young age what he wanted to do when he grew up: he wanted to be a meteorologist. Arnone says his passion for weather came out of the blue at the age of nine when he was on a family

vacation in Florida and a tornado passed close by. "We were at Disney. I remember it like it was yesterday," he explains. "It was the afternoon and the skies turned black, winds picked up,

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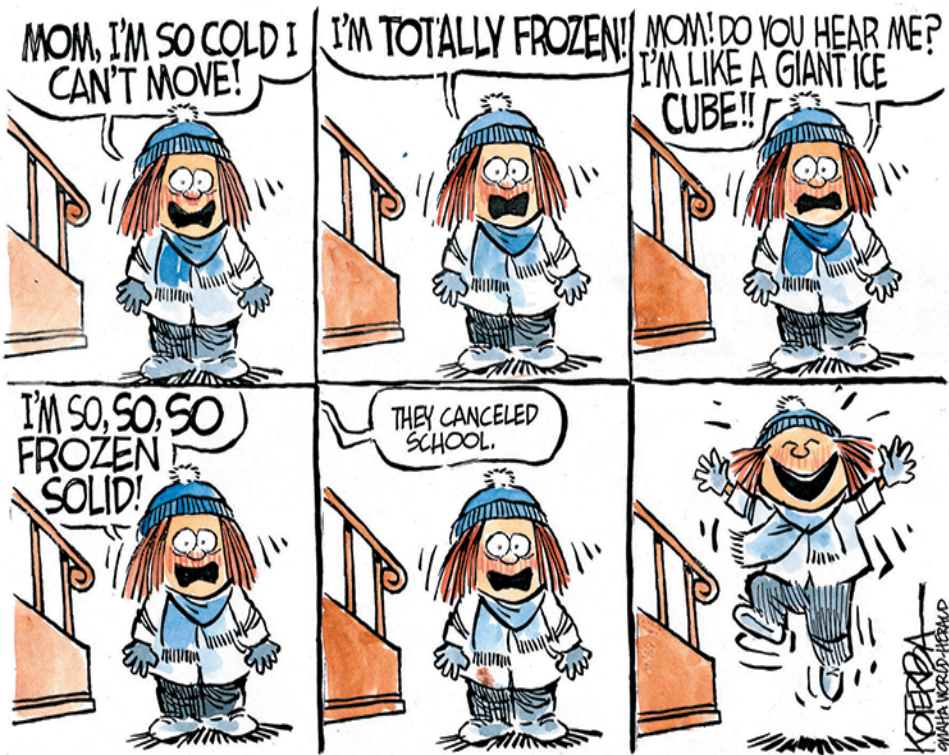
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 about my relationship with my boyfriend and giving marriage advice.” Ida loves socializing, playing Bingo with the other residents and visits from family, including her two younger sisters, Orange resident Evelyn Ricci, 95, and Amelia, 97.
 The oldest resident that’s ever lived at the Healthcare center, staff says she’s also the spunkiest. “She’s remarkably healthy,” her son Robert said. “She doesn’t even take any medications.” When asked what his mom’s secret to a long life may be, Robert just shook his head. “I don’t know. She never smoked,

didn’t really drink and didn’t really eat much either,” he said. “She rarely went to a doctor – she’d say she didn’t want to know.”
 Ida moved from West Haven to Miles Drive in Orange with her late husband of 62-years, Louis “Larry Grey” where she raised the couple’s two children. Always an avid reader, she was involved in the Lady of Victory and Holy Infant Church Guilds and was secretary of the Notre Dame High School Mothers’ Club when her son was a student there.
 After everyone enjoyed her birthday cake, Ida was softening to the idea of another birthday. “I appreciate the thought,” she said.



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Also, the Town does not replace mailboxes that are damaged as a result of flying snow from a snow plow. In order to protect your mailbox, you can use a piece of plywood, two 2x4's and a few nails or bolts.

Please also take it slow as you drive. We may have only gotten 8 to 10 inches, but snow piles at the end of driveways and intersections can interfere with sight lines and the freezing night temperatures will cause any snowmelt to ice making driving a bit more of a challenge.

Orange Train Station

At its January meeting, the State's bonding commission approved the funding for the engineering and design for the platforms and crossover for the platforms at the train station in Orange. While a private developer will be responsible for most of the construction, the project cannot proceed until the State electrifies the railway and builds the platform. I have been meeting with the private developer and the Town is prepared to begin the approval process for this Transit Oriented District. Once constructed, the Orange train station will be part of a transit oriented district with about 810 parking spaces, about 200 living units, and shopping and eating establishments. As soon as the State finishes its process, which is not expected to be a quick process, the Town will work with the developer to advance this project.

Community Center Renovations

Work has begun on the community center parking lot expansion project. The first step in expanding the parking lot was to install new lighting in front of the community center. The new light poles are not only decorative but they provide better lighting in the parking area. The next phase of this project will begin later this year.

Derby-Milford Road Improvements

You may have noticed that the re-paving of Derby-Milford Road did not extend the full length of the road. This was intentional. We have applied for State grants to remove some of the curves on Derby-Milford road. We

believe that we are in line for funding for this project. In addition to seeking grant monies, we are having discussions with adjoining property owners and evaluating how best improve the roadway.

Budget Development Sessions

The Town, the Orange Board of Ed and the Amity Board of Ed will begin the process of putting the budgets together for the fiscal year 2015-2016. This process is open to the public to view, either in person or on OGAT, to participate in. Ultimately, this process will result in the presentation of a budget for the residents of Orange to vote on. Please make every effort to get involved in this process.

The State has indicated that it will again be cutting funding to towns. Additionally, Orange's population in the Amity student population has grown, while Woodbridge's and Bethany's student population has decreased. These factors will place a greater burden on us as taxpayers to fund our local town and school budgets. I am working with the boards of education and our local departments to control as much as is possible without interfering with the services we depend on.

Edison Road Extension

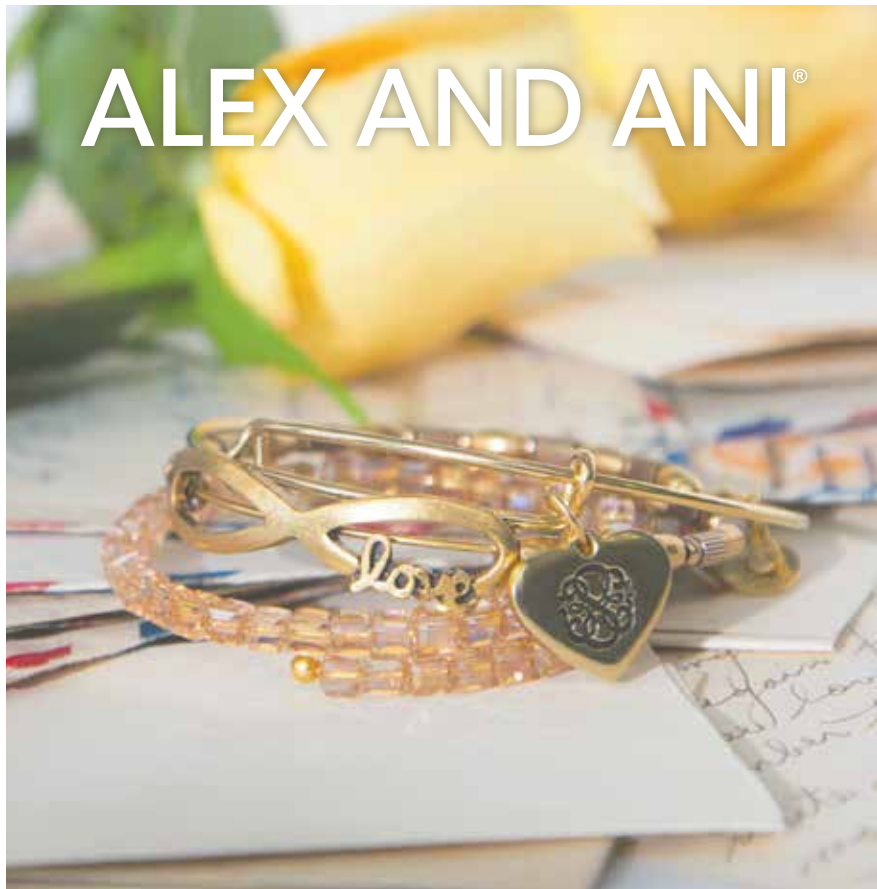
After 60 years on the books, the Town has completed the Edison Road expansion project. This road gives great access to 65 more usable acres in our light industrial area. I want to thank everyone for working with me to bring this matter to a conclusion.

Wolf Park

With the assistance of volunteers, the Town is in the process of developing two lacrosse / grass fields at Wolf Park. Over four acres have been cleared and the work will continue into the spring. The Park and Recreation Commission and the Board of Selectmen have held meetings on the development of Wolf Park and a comprehensive plan has been developed. We are also in the process of seeking a state grant to improve the access to the park.

Municipal Taxes

Please remember that all real estate and property taxes must be paid to the tax collector by February 1, 2015 in order to avoid any interest or penalties. Payment can be made in person at the tax collector's office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or mailed to the tax collector at 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, Connecticut 064677. Payments received after 3:00 p.m. will not be processed until the following day.

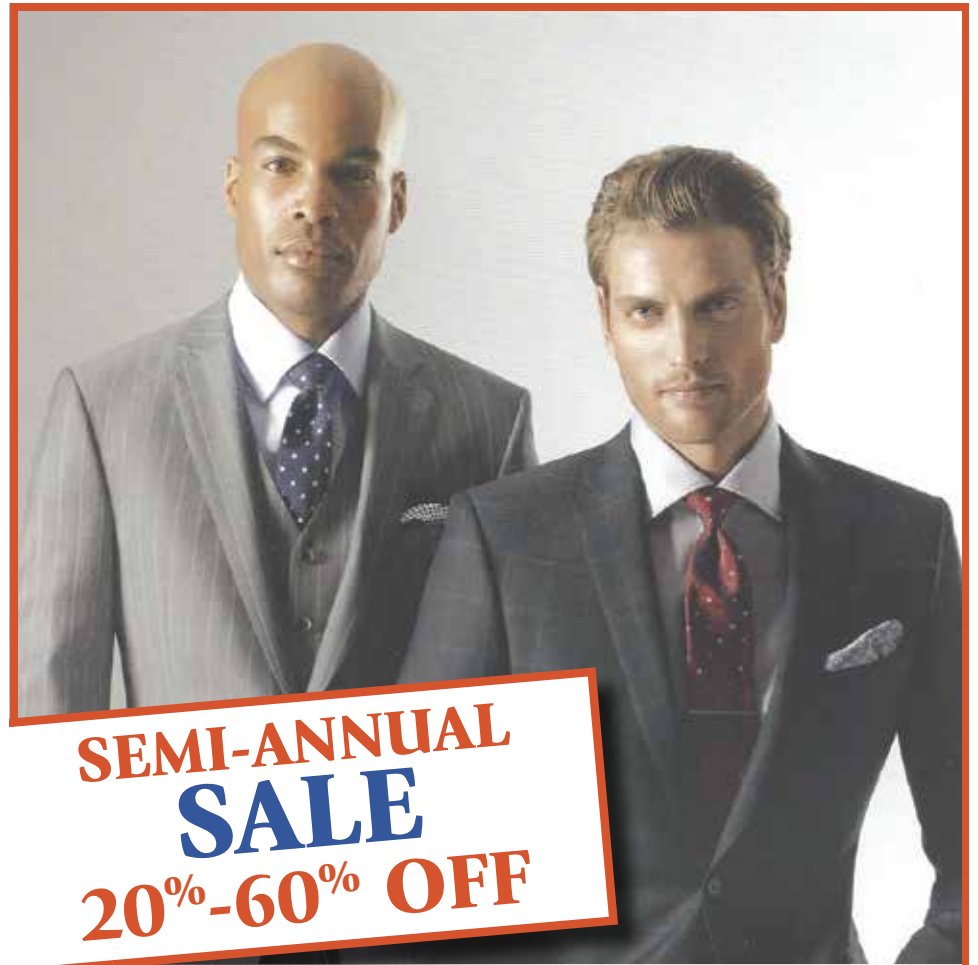


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**TOWN'S ELDERLY OUTREACH
AGENT HAS PASSION FOR RUNNING**

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

There's nothing goofy about Denise Stein's passion for running – except when she joined thousands of other enthusiasts to take part in the Dopey Challenge last month at Disney World in Orlando. The challenge consisted of a series of races from Thursday through Sunday that included a 5K, 10K, half marathon and a full marathon.

The marathon course brought runners through all four Walt Disney World® Theme Parks, starting at Epcot®, continuing on to the Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom and Disney's Hollywood Studios before finishing at Epcot. Though no newcomer to the race scene, for Stein the Disney challenge had a host of exciting benefits – the experience of running through the parks before they opened to the public, Cinderella's palace alight to welcome them, the lively and fun energy of being cheered on by Disney characters and best of all, bringing home six medals that were far more sparkly than any Stein had received before. "It's all about the bling!" said the Orange resident who is also the Elderly Outreach Agent in the Senior Services department.

About 40,000 people from around the country competed in the different events, including the organizers of the Chicago and Boston Marathons and a few well-known actors. Stein was satisfied with her results, finishing 3400 overall among the 20,000 that competed in the full marathon and 30th in her age group in the 10K. "I enjoyed the glory of it all; the challenge of being there and doing it and the excitement of being with so many people from all over the place," she said. "After the race everyone walked around the park wearing their medals and everyone would stop and offer congratulations and talk about where they were from. A good time was had by all!"

Orange early birds may be familiar with Stein who runs for miles through

town around 4 a.m. wearing a headlight on her head. "I can see where I'm going and people can see me coming!" she said. "I'm the infamous runner that all the Orange police know!" Her passion for running began about eight years ago when she was inspired by her daughter Jennifer who was a high school cross country track stand-out at the time. "I'd been swimming for 25 years but when I tried running I loved it immediately," she said. "I don't get bored, I get lost in my thoughts." Not even the elements interfere with Stein's obsession as she runs in any and all New England weather. "If it snows I just put on my Yak Trax," she said. "After a run I feel I've accomplished something for my day. I feel great and much empowered." At 54, she also feels like she's in the best shape of her life and no, she doesn't feel her age – at all.

The Orlando marathon was her fifth, having already competed in events in Hartford, Vermont, Dublin, and Newport, Rhode Island. She also typically competes in weekend races about twice a month. When in marathon training mode, she ups her typical 5-10 mile run to 13 then 21 miles a few weeks before the race. On weekdays she runs alone and on weekends joins the Housatonic Road Runners.

This year will be the first Stein competes in two marathons – she's planning to do the New York City race this coming November. For the future she hopes to do another race in Europe, maybe Berlin or London. One day she hopes to join the other octogenarians and nonagenarians who compete each year in the town's Chilly Chili Run. "Doc Whitney has inspired me to keep running with the senior crowd. I hope to be out there when I'm 90," she said.

Though Stein races alone, her husband Jonathan is her biggest cheerleader. "He said he eats for both of us and I exercise for both of us!" she said.

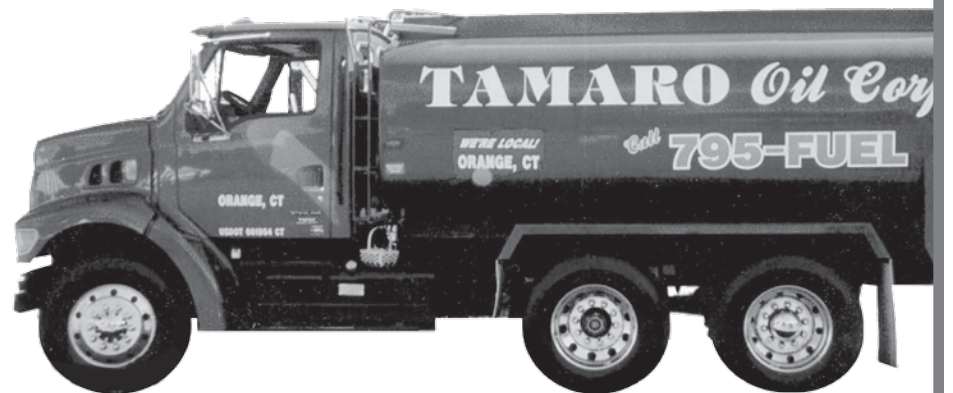
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Below are the next three Orange Town News issue dates and deadlines. Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

<u>Upcoming Issue Deadline</u>	<u>Upcoming Issue Dates</u>
February 21st	February 27th
March 26th	Easter/Passover Issue April 1st
April 24th	Mother's Day Issue May 1st

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

FROM OUR READERS

Orange Nativity Display

To the editor,

We are grateful for the continued support received to set up the Nativity Scene on the Fairgrounds for our 4th Year! We have received many favorable comments regarding this display. Because of the many requests to move it to an area where people can view it without interrupting traffic; this year we moved the location to an area that could be used for parking.

We thank the crew that gathered to set up the display. They are Colby, Rich & Lisa Antorelli, David & Bill Bratz, David Byrne, Bud Campanelli, Phil Grande, George & Greg Guiliotis, Val

Loureiro, Rob McCorkle, Jim & Chris Winkle, Ryan & Mia Wohlert and the American Legion Post 127.

The display was especially beautiful with the illumination of the poster this year along with the actual scene, thanks to the craftsmanship of Bill Bratz.

A special thank you to all who helped make this project possible to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

On a sad note, Dorothy Guiliotis, secretary of the Nativity Committee passed away on December 29, 2014. We will miss her untiring suggestions and involvement which she contributed in making these displays a success.

*Co-Chairman,
Marianne Bauer & George Guiliotis*

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OTN Letters Policy

Submit your letters for our **"From Our Readers"** section to:
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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.



EDUCATION

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child is turning five on or before January 1, 2016, it is time to register for kindergarten. Please contact Mary L. Tracy School by January 31st to receive a kindergarten registration packet. Email: kregistration@orange-ed.org; Telephone: 203-891-8028. If you are sending an email or leaving a voicemail, please let us know your child's name, address, date of birth,



Mary L. Tracy School

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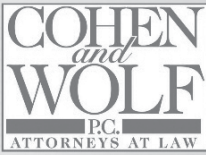
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LOCAL BUSINESS



LANDMARK SALE OF 129 CHURCH SOLD BY WARECK D'OSTILIO

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is pleased to announce its recent sale of 129 Church St., New Haven, CT. Frank D'Ostilio and Vincent Torrens of Wareck D'Ostilio represented the buyer, a New York City based investment group. The sale was a co-broke with Betsy Brochin and John Tischio of Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate Services.

The 89,625 square foot 8 story landmark building overlooking the New Haven Green was built in 1912. It was once the home of the Second New Haven National Bank, founded in 1855. The building was the bank's fourth home and was designed by Starrett & Van Vleck of New York.

According to documents on file at the New Haven City Clerk's office, the building closed on December 30, 2014 for \$6.9 million. The building was sold by JMJ Real Estate Services.

JMJ purchased the building in 1993 for \$450,000 from the former Society for Savings.

Major tenants of the building include: NBC Studio, Square 9, Attorneys Levy, Leff & DeFrank, Liberty Community Services and Chick-Lets Organic Grille. 90-95% of the Building is occupied at time of the closing.

The new owners plan to upgrade the building with a fitness center and possible roof top deck to take advantage of the views of the New Haven Green on the west side and Long Island Sound on the east side.

The New Haven office of Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is located at 47 High Street in New Haven, across from the Yale Art Gallery. Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is part of The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.



"Arnone" continued from Page 1

it started to pour and the lighting and thunder was non-stop. The thunderstorm that rolled through produced a tornado about a mile away from where my family and I were staying, but I didn't see it."

After the storm moved through, his dad took him and his brother to see the damage and Arnone recalls being overwhelmed, but at the same time, wanting to learn how something like this could happen. "Well the rest is history. My mom bought me 10 or 20 books about the weather, and I started to watch everything I could on television: the Weather Channel, WTNH, and attending all of the things for kids that Dr. Mel had," Arnone says. "Everyone else was doing sports and I was following Dr. Mel around."

"I grew up watching Dr. Mel, always. I guess you could say he was my idol growing up. I never got the chance to work with him but I met him countless times. He started the program at WCSU! As a matter of fact, when I was 12 years old, he signed a book of mine "To a future Meteorologist!"

In actuality, Arnone did both, chased the weather and did sports, playing baseball for Orange Little League, Babe Ruth and Amity High. Arnone attended Peck Place Elementary School and Amity Middle School Orange before attending Amity Regional High School and graduating in 2007. He then attended Western Connecticut State University where he did an internship with WTNH and graduated with a degree in meteorology. "Meteorology as a major wasn't easy," he admits. Keeping one eye on the sky and the other on the prize, he put his nose to the books and studied. "To anyone who is interested in a career as a meteorologist, know that it's a lot of physics and chemistry, but at the end of the day, you have to follow your dream."

After graduating from college in 2012, Arnone launched a weather web site, CTWeather4U, that features a weather blog, a five-day forecast, weather maps and live broadcasts. While working on that venture, Superstorm Sandy hit the east coast and Arnone hit the Milford shoreline to film storm footage. "During Sandy, my friend who's also from Orange, Phil Reynolds, came with me to do live shots on my phone. We did an hourly update and I sent it to WTNH," Arnone says.

It was that 'tape' that Arnone believes secured him a position as a TV meteorologist. Nine months ago, Arnone was hired by WTNH in New Haven where he works with four other meteorologists, three of whom also grew up in Connecticut. "My favorite part of meteorology is definitely the forecasting. I like the challenge, especially in Connecticut where you have 4 distinct seasons! A close second is severe weather. Hurricane Sandy is my favorite weather phenomenon that I have experienced only because during the blizzard in 2013 I was in Las Vegas and missed it," Arnone says, admitting that he finds winter weather especially intriguing.

He helped create the WXedge web site and is involved in the day-to-day



Kevin Arnone

weather forecasting. "Forecasting in Connecticut can be difficult, since we have so many different microclimates. We have the hills, the valleys and the shoreline. We spend hours looking at data before devising our forecasts," Arnone says. "Even with that, sometimes it's close to impossible to know far in advance where these heavy bands of snow will set up and dump the heavier snow in parts of the state. The difference of 20 miles could be the difference of 10 inches sometimes. Last week in the blizzard, we did have some indication that they were going to set up over the eastern part of the state."

As far as the comments on social media sites such as Facebook, Arnone is fully aware that people do leave negative comments after storms. "People can be negative when the forecasts are a bit off, I look at it this way, it comes with the territory of the profession, being so passionate about what I do helps me to see through it," he says.

Mostly, Arnone works on the graphics that accompany forecasts. "I do the stuff you see on TV, web work and update the weather online and on WXEdge," he says. "There's so much going on on WXEdge. There are detailed discussions about the weather, 200 contributors from all over the state sending in their pictures and videos. One of the contributors from Wolcott filmed a tornado. The site has thousands of clicks every day, from people all over the world."

A favorite part of his job is school visits, where he speaks to local students about the weather and forecasting. "I love being in front of people. There's nothing like 70 students looking at me, excited to hear what I'm going to say," Arnone says. "What I say is that dreams do come true."

"My advice to them, and anyone looking to enter this field, is to follow your passion, be patient and prepare for setbacks and hurdles that may keep you from realizing your dream in the end. There's a saying 'If you love what you do, you never work a day in your life.' That certainly holds true for me! This is my hobby that fortunately I get paid for."

"In the end, it's not about the dollar, it's about doing your job right, doing it accurately and making sure you tell the people what they need to know. Your forecast makes a difference in people's lives. At times it even may save lives. This is what I signed up to do, and man do I love it!" says Arnone.



STUDENT NEWS

Dean's/ President's List

Bryant University Students Named to Dean's List

Smithfield, RI -- The fall semester Dean's List at Bryant University includes the following Orange residents: Sarah DeFeo a Sophomore in Applied Psychology and Brett McNeil a Freshman in Marketing.

Noelle Bencivengo Named to Castleton Dean's List

Castleton, VT -- Noelle Bencivengo of Orange, CT was recently named to the Castleton College Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year. To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

Jacob F. Laser Named to Colby College Dean's List

Waterville, ME -- Jacob F. Laser of Orange, Conn., was named to the Dean's List at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for his outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2014-15 year. Laser, a member of the Class of 2017, is the son of Mark Laser and Amy Knorr of Orange, Conn., and attended Amity Regional High School. The Dean's List at Colby is highly selective, this fall reserved for students whose semester grade point averages were 3.68 or higher.

Eastern Connecticut State University Full-Time Students Named to Fall 2014 Dean's List

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released the names of full-time students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester. Students from Orange are: Taylor Flanagan '15 major is Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology, Michael Matrianni '16 major is Business Information Systems, Connor Dunleavy '18 major is Environmental Earth Science, Kyle Mullins '16 major is Economics, Dana Blydenburg '16 major is Psychology, and Joseph Mortali '15 major is Communication.

Endicott Announces Dean's List Students

Beverly, MA -- Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean's List students for fall, 2014. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grade below a "C", have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following Orange student has met those requirements: Lauren Helen Melkus is the daughter of Carl & Gail Melkus of Orange, CT. Lauren is a Senior majoring in Communication.

Cassandra Mazzacco Earns Spot On Hofstra University's Fall 2014 Provost's List

Hempstead, NY -- Cassandra Mazzacco of Orange, CT achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA

during the Fall 2014 semester, earning a spot on the Provost's List at Hofstra University.

Hofstra University Congratulates Fall 2014 Dean's List Students

Hempstead, NY -- Hofstra University congratulates the students named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List for their outstanding academic achievement. Students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 during the semester to make the Dean's List. The following Orange students earned the Dean's List distinction: Beth Backer and Courtney Keating.

Danielle Frobel Named to JMU President's List

Harrisonburg, VA -- Orange, CT resident, Danielle Ann Frobel, has been named to the president's list at James Madison University for the fall 2014 semester. Students who earn president's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.900 or above. Frobel is a junior whose major is Interdisc Liberal Studies - BS.

April Hazlett Named to Dean's List at Millersville University

Millersville, PA -- April Hazlett of Orange, CT has been named to Millersville University of Pennsylvania's Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester. Students named to Millersville University's Dean's List earned a semester grade-point-average of 3.50 or higher and attempted at least 12 credits of course work.

Providence College Students Named to Dean's List for Fall 2014

Providence, RI -- The following Orange residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2014 semester: Maryssa Kozek a member of the class of 2015, Cassandra Madigan a member of the class of 2018, and Liam Reilly a member of the class of 2018. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Roger Williams University Announces Fall 2014 Dean's List

Bristol, RI -- The following Orange residents are among those to be named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. Those named are: Yani Lagoutis majoring in Engineering, Leora Novick majoring in Dance; and Adam Watts majoring in Criminal Justice.

Springfield College Recognizes Dean's List Students for the 2014 Fall Semester

Springfield, MA -- Springfield College has named the following Orange students to the Dean's List for the 2014 Fall Semester: Stephanie Antonellis is studying Art Therapy; Allison Koshes is studying

Health Science; and Corinne Johnson is studying Health Science/Occupational Therapy. Criteria for selection to the dean's list are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the semester, exclusive of "P" grades; the student must not have any incompletes, missing grades or "CPs" in the designated semester; the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester; and the student must not have been barred from the dean's list due to a disciplinary action.

Coby Moran Among Cadets on the Citadel's Fall 2014 Dean's List

Charleston, SC -- Members of The Citadel South Carolina Corps of Cadets earned top honors in the fall 2014 semester. Dean's List recognition is given to cadets registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work. Coby Moran of Orange, Conn. was identified for outstanding academic achievement and earning Dean's List recognition for the fall 2014 semester.

Local Students Named to University of Hartford Dean's List

West Hartford, CT -- The University of Hartford is pleased to announce the following Orange students have been named to the Dean's List for Fall 2014: Freeman Demirjian, Steven Kingston, Benjamin Rivkees, and Jake Schpero.

Rachael Depalma Named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List at the University Of New Hampshire

Durham, NH -- Rachael DePalma of Orange has earned High Honors for the fall semester of the 2014-2015 academic year at the University of New Hampshire. Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

Local Students Named to the Dean's List at the University Of New Haven

West Haven, CT -- The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the Fall 2014 semester. Full-time undergraduate students must have a 3.50 or better cumulative GPA for the semester to be eligible for the Dean's List. Students from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Osama Marshad Alawwad, Rebecca Altschuler, Michael Cerami, Jennifer Defonzo, Caryl Fisher, Ryan Geonzon, Natalia Isaeva, Justin Morgan, Pavlo Sapsa and Pasquale Villano.

University of Rhode Island Names More Than 4,700 to the Fall 2014 Dean's List

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 4,700 students qualified for the Fall 2014 Dean's List. Students who have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average qualify for the Dean's List. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The following Orange students were named to the University of Rhode Island's Dean's List: Caitlin M Nickerson, Sarah Elizabeth Turner and Kiley K Saxa.

Molly E. Donovan Named to University of Virginia Dean's List

Molly E Donovan, of Orange, has been named to the Dean's List of Distinguished Students for fall 2014 as a first year at the University of Virginia. The Dean's list is an honor to recognize the achievement of undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence by earning a 3.4 and above while taking 12+ credits.

Students Named To President's List at Western New England University

Springfield, MA -- Elissa L. Ben-Eli and Joseph R. Tomaselli of Orange, CT have been named to the President's List at Western New England for the fall semester of 2014. Ben-Eli is working towards a degree in Secondary Education-English. Tomaselli is working towards a degree in Arts and Entertainment Management. Students are named to the President's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.80 or higher.

Elms College Names Students to Dean's List for Fall 2014 Semester

CHICOPEE (Massachusetts) - The following student from Connecticut has been named to the Elms College Dean's List for the Fall 2014 Semester of the 2014-2015 academic year. To qualify, a full-time student must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher, without incompletes: Stephanie Esposito, (2017) of Orange.

Jacob B. Noyes named to Dean's List at Elon University

Jacob B. Noyes has been named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester at Elon University. The Dean's List is composed of students with no grade below a B-minus and a grade point average of at least 3.50 in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Graduations Local Students Earn Degrees from the University of New Haven

West Haven, CT -- The following Orange students graduated from the University of New Haven in August 2014: Sylvia Antonellis with a Master of Science and Melissa Volpe with a Master of Science.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



WINES & VALENTINES

Valentine's Day generally means a bottle of Champagne and a box of Chocolates. I am not a big fan of that paring but it is so popular let's take a look at Champagne. What is it? Champagne, the real stuff, is produced only in the Champagne region of France. It is made using the Champagne method which has been passed down through the ages and it is considered worldwide as the best place and the best way to make wonderful sparkling wine. The Champagne method is a process of double fermentation in the bottle! (I have tried it and it is not easy!) They ferment some nice white wine, usually single fermentation Chardonnay, and they put it in a bottle then add some sugar and a little yeast and put a beer cap on it. Now it begins to ferment once again. When this gets about two thirds the way through the secondary fermentation process, so it is sweet and still bubbling they take the bottle and turn it upside down into ice so that the top of the bottle freezes.

All of the leas and sediment from the secondary fermentation settles to the bottom and gets into the ice. Then the bottle is "disgorged" or they pop the beer cap and get rid of the ice with the undesirable debris from the second fermentation. They top it off with some more white wine sometimes adding some more sugar. A large heavy cork is placed in the top of the bottle, (sometimes the cork can be plastic). They then wrap it up with some wire to they don't pop the cork and they let it age. Notice the bottle tends to be much thicker than a normal wine bottle because the pressure from the bubbles can blow up a normal wine bottle!

Types of Champagne: Blanc de Bancs are wines made exclusively from Chardonnay grapes. Blanc De Noirs is a white champagne made from red Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier. Mousse is the foam that appears at the top of the wine glass when the champagne is poured. Brut is dry meaning the wine has had a minimal Dosage. Is the amount of sugar added to the wine when it is topped to cut the acidity? Champagnes are usually a blend of grapes, typically Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, often with a touch of Pinot Meunier

as well. They range from dry (brut) to mildly sweet (demi-sec) to very sweet (doux). Different producers, or "houses," have different styles, too, ranging from light and delicate to rich and full-flavored.

Many other countries make excellent sparkling wines as well. Those from North America tend to be more fruit-forward than most Champagnes. Cava, an inexpensive sparkler from Spain, often has an earthy character. Italy's Prosecco is also affordable and popular for its engaging foaminess and hint of

sweetness on the finish. Some of the above wines are made the Champagne method. Some are not. There is a batch method where the wines are

placed in the bottle and hit with a little co2 to give it some sparkle. This is much less labor intensive than the Champagne method.

Champagnes make great aperitifs, but they're also good throughout the meal, especially with shellfish and salty or spicy dishes. Chocolate? I don't think so, although it does work well with chocolate dipped strawberries. The rule to follow is the bigger the chocolate the bigger the wine needs to be to match. Big chocolates that have 35% coco or more need to have a big hearty Pino Noir or even a California Zinfandel to stand up to the chocolate flavor. Tawny and vintage Port works very well also. In Napa Valley they quite often have chocolate and wine tastings. They have had success matching dark chocolates with Cabernets and Zinfandels.

So get your Valentine a box of chocolates and some Champagne. Toast with the Champagne and have the Chocolate for desert with some Zin, Cab or Port. 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 the Milford Board of Ed and Maltose Wine and Beer, 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.



TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

By Assistant Chief
Anthony Cuzzo



Photo taken during 2013 Citizen's Academy.

ORANGE POLICE ANNOUNCE 2015 CITIZEN'S ACADEMY

The Orange Police Department is offering an opportunity for citizens to see the inner-workings of a municipal police department.

Classes will be offered on Wednesday nights, 630p-900p, from March 11, 2015 through April 29, 2015. Classes are held at Orange Police Department Headquarters, 314 Lambert Road in Orange.

The Citizen's Academy will include subjects such as the history of the Orange Police Department, traffic accident investigation, firearms, court system overview, police patrol procedures, and crime scene processing.

Students will also have the opportunity to ride along with a patrol officer.

Each session will be conducted by members of the department deemed knowledgeable in specific areas of the curriculum.

Class size is limited to twenty; all attendees must be eighteen years of age or older. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to Town of Orange residents.

For further information, or to register, please contact Officer Robert Amarone at 203.891.2138 x215. Registration will be available until Monday March 2, 2015, or until the class is filled, whichever comes first.

This is a great chance for you to learn about the police department that serves you and your community.

FOOD & FUEL BANK BENEFIT CONCERT

Orange Community Services presents a first ever "Spring into Action" Food and Fuel Bank Benefit Concert and reception Friday night, April 17th at 7:30 PM at the High Plains Community Center Gym featuring our own Gary Harger, Barbie Harger, Art Bellucci on Piano and the Senior Center Chorus! Join us as we celebrate Broadway, the American Songbook, and spring the season of renewal. Reception

immediately follows the concert in the Café. Tickets are \$20.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Orange Community Assistance Fund which includes the Food and Fuel Bank.

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The Orange Fire Marshal's Office suggests these important safety guidelines regarding the care and use of propane. Recognize the smell of propane. Retailers have scratch and sniff cards for this purpose. If a gas leak is suspected, immediately put out all smoking materials or open flames. Locate and turn off the gas shutoff valve by turning it to the right. Evacuate everyone from the area without using any electric switches, appliances, thermostats or telephones. When in a safe location, call 911 to alert the fire department and/or your propane supplier. Even if you no longer smell propane, do not open or turn on the supply valve. Do not re-enter the area until a propane or emergency technician indicates that it is safe to do so.

NEVER smoke or have any ignition sources, such as spark-producing electrical tools or flames nearby while handling or transporting LP gas or any type of fuel. Keep tanks clean and rust free. Replace any tanks that have excessive rust or damage. NEVER use a damaged cylinder or one that has been in a fire. NEVER dispose of a cylinder by throwing it in the trash. If purchasing another, consider utilizing the cylinder exchange program now available at most home improvement centers and other retailers. This program allows the used cylinder to be traded for a new full one for only the cost of the fuel. If not purchasing additional propane, check for local collection sites. Make sure the cylinder valve is closed and the safety plug is in place when the

tank is not in use or is not attached to an appliance, even if the tank is empty. Each season, before using a tank or outdoor appliance, check for leaks with a "bubble" test. Apply a thick soapy water solution to the connection(s) between the cylinder valve and the regulator outlet. If bubbles are present when the valve is opened, a leak is present. Tighten and/or replace the fittings and then re-check. If bubbles still appear, contact a propane retailer. Change or clean furnace filters as recommended by the manufacturer.

Always transport and store a cylinder in a secure and upright position so it will not fall, shift or roll. Never carry it inside a closed trunk. Have the safety plug in place. Do not prolong the trip as the heat in a vehicle may cause the LP gas to expand and release through the relief valve. Immediately remove the tank from the vehicle upon arrival. NEVER store a propane tank indoors. Always keep a LP tank outside the home in an area that is protected from the weather and is shaded to prevent sunlight from expanding the tank pressure. NEVER store it under or near a grill, stove, fireplace or other heat source. Do not attempt to modify or repair valves or other cylinder parts as damage may cause a gas leak. Call a professional. It is recommended that a qualified service technician be called to relight a pilot light that repeatedly goes out or is difficult to light. Check an appliance before it is restarted after a gas leak.

When working or digging in the yard, know where gas lines for large storage tanks are located, so they are not damaged. Do not store flammable liquids or items such as oil soaked rags near an appliance that burns gas, as the vapors could be ignited by the pilot light. Water can damage a propane system. If in danger of flooding, turn off the gas valve at the cylinder or tank before the water rises. After flooding, have the system and appliances checked and serviced by a qualified technician before turning on the gas. Clear snow and ice from gas tanks and equipment. Appliance vents, chimneys and flues must be clear so appliances can vent properly. Use a broom to remove snow as a shovel may cause damage. If something does not look right with the system or appliance - gas lines are bent, broken or damaged, the tank has shifted position, etc. - turn off the main gas supply to the tank, if it is safe to do so. Then, contact the propane retailer or a qualified service technician to inspect the system.

For any questions regarding propane use or fire prevention and safety, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com.

FUNDRAISER FOR ASD FITNESS CENTER PLANNED

The Bethany Leapley Autism Spectrum Disorder Scholarship Fund is holding a fundraiser February 28. The wine and craft beer tasting event will be held at St. Barbara's Church at 480 Racebrook Road at 7 p.m. and will feature hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a silent auction, DJ and emcee, WTNH news anchor Jim Watkins.

The event, according to ASD Fitness Center owner Adam Leapley, will support memberships for low income families. "When I was raising my son with autism, he started working with a personal trainer and he had such a transformation," Leapley says. "So much of therapy is non-physical. It's about speech, and psychiatry, but we saw such a difference when he started regular exercise. Nothing fixes autism, but exercise helped with all areas of struggles, even with social interaction."

"Families with children with autism face so many additional expenses, and we want to make the opportunity available for those who can't afford it to come to the center," Leapley says. The scholarship is named after his mother, who passed away after a battle with breast cancer. "She helped me so much in caring for my son. I want to honor her with this scholarship," he says.

The ASD Fitness Center will provide an opportunity for her grandson to translate his talent for mentoring others on the Autism Spectrum into a

career. The Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Fitness Center in Orange, Connecticut is a facility designed specifically to provide a safe, comfortable and structured environment for empowering individuals with ASD to improve their level of physical fitness.

The ASD Fitness Center offers one-on-one personal training with certified trainers, all of whom have backgrounds in special education. The gym uses the Bal-A-Vis-X (an acronym for Balance - Auditory - Vision - eXercises) approach to exercise. These exercises are deeply rooted in rhythm and range from simple to complex. The majority of the exercises are done with sand-filled bags and/or racquet balls and may incorporate the use of a balance board. The exercises can be adapted to work with children and adults of all abilities. The center also offers a variety of small group classes such as Adaptive Karate, Hip-Hop, Yoga and Circuit Cardio.

All funds collected will be utilized to award scholarships to children and adults for the ASD Fitness Center. Last year's event raised \$50,000 that was distributed as scholarships to families who otherwise could not have afforded to send their family member with autism to the center.

The ASD Fitness Center works with the Yale Child Study Center in compiling research on the positive effects of exercise on autism.

RED CROSS CALLS FOR BLOOD DONORS

In honor of Black History Month this February, and in the spirit of Dr. Charles Drew, an African-American surgeon who was the first medical director of the American Red Cross and a modern blood-banking pioneer, eligible donors as diverse as the patients who need their blood donations are encouraged to give blood to ensure a sufficient blood supply. Blood from a donor with a similar ethnic background as that of the patient is less likely to cause complications, particularly for those patients whose chronic conditions require repeated transfusions. Sickle cell disease is one such chronic condition affecting as many as 100,000 people in the United States.

Prior to transfusion, blood type and Rh factor are matched between donated blood and the patient in need. In some cases, additional red cell markers in

donated blood must be matched as well. These markers are best found in blood from donors of a similar ethnicity.

With seasonal flu and inclement winter weather preventing many regular donors from giving, the Red Cross urges healthy, eligible donors to make an appointment to donate blood in the coming days and weeks. All blood types are currently needed to help maintain a diverse and sufficient blood supply, especially types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Orange residents can donate blood on February 14, 2015 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Gand Reserve Orange, 45-75 Prindle Hill Road.

TURN VALENTINE'S DAY GREEN

The world may turn red, pink and white come February, but environmentalists urge the public not to forget about going green this time of year. Valentine's Day can be made more earth-friendly with a few extra tips and some heightened awareness with regard to the planet.

Send a card made of recycled materials. Save paper and trees when purchasing cards by choosing those made of recycled materials. Or make your own cards from materials found around the home. A handmade card may appear more heartfelt anyway.

Give eco-friendly chocolates. Purchase chocolates that were made under sustainable conditions and from companies that provide farmers and other

workers with good working conditions. The Rainforest Alliance, for example, lists companies that are certified as environmentally responsible.

Research jewelry production. Gold mining can be destructive and cause environmental blight. Aim to purchase from retailers that limit mining waste and environmental damage. Another idea is to recycle old gold jewelry into new items. Jewelry stores can melt down precious metals and turn them into entirely new and beautiful pieces.

Give thoughtful gifts. If a loved one is involved with or supports a particular charity or environmental action group, consider giving a donation to that organization in lieu of a traditional Valentine's Day gift.

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Registration is highly recommended for all Library events.

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

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Our lapsit storytimes are for babies and toddlers up to 24 months and feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Visit casememoriamlibrary.org/storytime.htm for upcoming dates.

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Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, finger plays, and a craft activity. Mondays at 4 p.m. Visit casememoriamlibrary.org/storytime.htm for upcoming dates.

Events for Children

Chinese Acrobat Performance

Saturday, February 21, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Chinese New Year with Chinese acrobat Li Liu who will perform hand balancing, plate spinning, ribbon dancing and more. Volunteers from the audience will create a ribbon dance and learn plate spinning. Learn about



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Chinese language, culture and the rituals of Chinese New Year. All ages are welcome. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Events for Teens

DIY Spin Art Machines

Tuesday, February 17, 2-3 p.m.

We'll make our own spin art machine (to take home!) with some basic supplies and simple wiring then make spin art using our machines. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Space is limited. For grades 6-12.

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, February 24, 2:15 p.m.

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

Events for Adults

2015 Oscar Ballot Contest

Thursday, January 15 -
Saturday, February 21

Cast your vote in the Best Picture, Acting, Directing, and Screenwriting categories for the 2015 Oscar nomi-

nees. Correctly guess the most Oscar winners and you'll win an Oscar DVD of your choice!

Drop-In Tech Help

Held on the first and third Thursday of each month as follows: Thursday, February 19, March 5, 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Get the answers to your technology questions in this informal, drop-in session. Our experts will be there to answer your questions about how your device works, how to load things onto it, and how to solve those annoying little problems that we all have from time to time! Help is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

2015 Oscar Films

Registration is highly recommended for all Oscar films. Seating is limited. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the screening date.

Gone Girl

Monday, February 23, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

With his wife's disappearance having become the focus of an intense media

circus, a man sees the spotlight turned on him when it's suspected that he may not be innocent. Based on the best-selling novel by Gillian Flynn. R. 149 minutes.

Boyhood

Monday, March 2, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

Filed over the course of 12 years with the same cast, *Boyhood* is a groundbreaking film about growing up, as seen through the eyes of Mason, who grows up on the screen before our eyes. R. 165 minutes.

Birdman

Monday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

Birdman, or, *The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance* is a black comedy that tells the story of an actor who is known for playing a superhero, as he struggles to mount a Broadway play. In the days leading up to opening night, he battles his ego and attempts to recover his career, his family, and himself. R. 119 minutes.

An Irish Song Celebration

Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m.

World-class jazz pianist Joel Zelnick and accomplished singing actress Francine Evans will entertain us with Irish songs such as "Danny Boy," "The Wearing of the Green," and "Harrigan," St. Patrick's Day humor, and even a little step dancing! Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

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Reception: Thursday, March 10, 5-7 p.m.

EXPLORING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE HEART AND LOVE

Hearts and Valentine's Day are forever intertwined. One of the most recognizable symbols of love is the modest heart, and hearts adorn candy boxes and cookies while paper hearts are pinned to doors or windows as a symbol of Valentine's Day. Young valentines may share candy hearts printed with silly sentiments.

A symbolic heart bears no resemblance to an anatomical heart, and yet it is used to represent the deepest feelings of affection a person can share. Some may wonder just how the emotions of love became tied up in the shape of a heart, even though it's widely known that the brain, and not the heart, governs affections.

In ancient times, people believed that

the heart was the center of all human emotions. Since the heart is prominently located in the center of the chest and the middle of the body, it became the cornerstone of human feelings. Love is considered to be one of the most profound and strongest human emotions, therefore it was reasoned that the feeling must emanate from the heart.

Surprisingly, the heart has not always been the only organ associated with love. During the Middle Ages, the heart was deemed a useless organ. Followers of the Greek physician Galen theorized that the liver actually was the seat of the soul and love.



The first depictions of a symbolic heart date back to the 11th century, when the heart was drawn to resemble a pinecone held upside down with the point facing upward. The scalloped

heart that is more familiar today first arose in the early 14th century. Around the same time, the heart was depicted with the point facing downward and the indentation at the base.

Naturally, as time passed and more was learned about human anatomy, it became obvious that the brain was the seat of all emotion and thought processes. However, as the brain was something intangible in a living body in ancient times, and

the beating heart could be much more readily monitored - with a pulse rate speeding up when a person is excited or aroused - it's easy to see how the link between the heart and love has endured.

Although the human heart is not bright red like symbolic hearts, that was the color chosen. Red has long been associated with passion, so it made sense to depict the heart in a bright red hue.

Many other theories have been offered regarding the symbolic heart and its representation of love. While there's no definitive correlation between love and hearts, the heart has become an accepted symbol of the emotion and the season of romance.

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STATE BOND COMMISSION APPROVES FUNDING FOR TOD

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The State Bond Commission's commitment to spend \$5.75 million to build new train stations across the state and enhance existing ones means plans to open a station in Orange are chugging ahead. Orange is among 12 towns and cities slated to receive the funds to advance design plans and address environmental issues to build new railroad stations across the state. While the new Orange station will service Metro North's shoreline route to Grand Central Station, money will also be allocated to areas that will add train stations servicing the Hartford-Springfield Line. The funding will be combined with another \$4 million previously approved for the project.

Plains to build a train station in Orange is the first step in developing the Marsh Hill Road area as a "transit oriented district" (TOD) over the next decade. First Selectman Jim Zeoli is excited at this latest development which has been 15 years in the making. "This new train station lends that area to a different type of development as part of a transit oriented district which will include restaurants, shops and other small businesses," Zeoli said. According to Zeoli, the state began investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in early 2000 to prepare for its plan to increase mass transit in the state by widening and expanding Marsh Hill Road and the Lambert, Indian River and Racebrook road intersections at Route 1. "It's finally moving ahead to the next level," Zeoli said. Development and construction of the station will be funded with private and state money with little impact on the town's budget.

The new station, which will be built on eight-acres of land bordering Dichello Distributors on Salem Lane and adjoining Yale University's West Campus, is expected to attract more business and workers to the area. The Orange station will likely draw train riders from the Orange, Bethany and Woodbridge area, helping to relieve some of the traffic congestion around the Milford train station and its historic district. "The plan is to build an 850-car parking garage next to the station which will be a huge convenience to train riders," Zeoli said.

According to Town Plan & Zoning Commission Chair Walter "Beau" Clark, the concept for a TOD, which has unique zoning regulations allowed only in this area, was incorporated in the Comprehensive Town Plan about four years ago. This "floating zone" goes into effect once the town has a firm financial commitment from the state that the train station will be implemented. The zone will allow "controlled retail opportunities" of up to 5,000 square feet with specific architectural design requirements, and no more than 250 units of residential housing targeting single professionals who commute to work by train. "The residential area will be a walkable community," Clark said. "The units would not be considered affordable housing; they will be one

bedroom units with limits that would not be conducive to raising a family there."

Dichello Distributors' co-owner and former president, Ed Crowley, who owns an option on the property, has been very involved in the train station planning since its inception. As a business owner in the area, Crowley says nearby employers Yale University and United Illuminating are also very supportive of the new station. "A lot of economic value will come from a train station," he said. "It will mean more people are coming in, staying and leaving from Orange," he said. It will also be convenient as Yale University is expected to "drastically expand" its workforce in the future as more of its research and outpatient facilities are expected to move to the West Campus.

Connecticut DOT spokesperson Judd Everhart reported state funds will be apportioned between the various station projects "somewhat evenly," though work may vary from station to station. "We are in the process of defining the tasks necessary to advance the designs at each station and will be in contact with the individual municipalities to discuss the work," Everhart said. "It's tough to say when we will actually put a shovel in the ground for a new Orange station, but it could be in the next few years. Once construction begins, it's usually another year or two before the station opens."

The latest funding by the state is part of a \$365 million project to improve the quality of intercity service and enhance regional rail connections. In partnership with the Malloy administration, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is expanding passenger service along the 62-mile corridor between New Haven and Springfield. Now branded as the "Hartford Line," the new NHHS line stations will be in Enfield, West Hartford, Newington and North Haven. "Creating a commuter rail line along the I-91 corridor is part of our transformative transportation vision for Connecticut," Governor Dannel Malloy said. "This bond authorization will give this important project needed momentum. Completing environmental work and design is what will propel the projects toward reality." Eventually Connecticut is expected to add 22 trains per day to the 12 trains that Amtrak currently operates.

Also included in the plan are enhancements to existing stations in Windsor Locks and Windsor, and a location study for a future Hamden station. On the New Haven Line, in addition to constructing a new station in Orange and a second station in Bridgeport, improvements will also be made to the existing Merritt Seven Station on the Danbury Branch of the New Haven Line.

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OUTSIDE THE LIVING BOX

Paula Lin's professional life has spanned several decades and taken many turns – as a voice actress, national broadcast reporter and newscaster, writer and editor – and now, back home in Orange, she's re-inventing her career once again. After returning to Orange several years ago,



Laura Fantarella

Lin is moving from

behind the scenes as a radio newswoman and voice actor, to include working in front of the camera. With several agents and projects in the works, she commutes regularly to New York to audition for roles in print and television commercials – and will even audition to appear in a comedy movie role.

The move to “actress” is an unexpected one for Lin, who describes herself as quiet and shy, qualities that were often at odds with her career as a reporter in a field dominated by males. “In the 70s, 80s, and early 90s it wasn't just about being a woman – it was also the challenge of being a woman of Asian ancestry – there were stereotypes of being subservient, polite, respectful, passive – even geeky, cold, and humorless,” Lin said. It was around the time Connie Chung first appeared on network television and professional Asian women in the public eye were far less common than today. “Sometimes it seemed the guys got better or meatier stories to cover, but that would often depend on the news director,” she said. The daughter of a respected orthopedic surgeon father and traditional mother, Lin describes her upbringing as “the best combination of Chinese and American values” – she was taught respect for elders, education as a top priority, and the value of close family ties, hard work and perseverance. “And of course, as Confucius says, ‘Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,’” she said.

A highlight of her career was a job as a newscaster and editor on CNN radio in its Atlanta headquarters during the Persian Gulf War. As the only network allowed in Baghdad during the Persian Gulf War, for Lin it was an exciting and heady experience to be part of the team covering the war. “I worked overnight, overseeing the multi-monitors that recorded everything as it happened – bombings, scud missiles, sirens – lots of great sound for radio audiences and wonderful specialized reports from Wolf Blitzer, Bernie Shaw and other legends,” she said. “The Baghdad bureau crew risked their lives every day. They would put on gas masks before my eyes, report-



Paula Lin

ing from their news room that shook as rockets soared.” When the action quieted down near dawn, Lin would write and record health and education features, a welcome break after a night of watching the war unfold. It was an exciting time to be part of the station as it gained national attention for its war coverage. “The war made CNN famous, it wasn't a chicken noodle network, it was a respected news station,” she said. Though at times she found hard news reporting at odds with her gentle nature, she had a newswoman's drive to “get the story first”. She recalls one of her most difficult assignments – interviewing a father whose children had just been murdered. “I felt intruding on his pain was impolite and disgusting but I had to do it or the competition would get the story,” she said. But ironically it was a hard news investigative report on drugs in high schools that led to recognition at the International Radio Festival of New York many years ago. “What does all this tell you?” she asked. “Maybe I have the intellect for hard core news but the creativity and penchant for what is softer.”

When the war ended she stayed on at CNN where she was the voice of consumer and health watch for CNN TV and wrote and produced health and education packages and even an awarding winning series featuring outstanding Asians throughout the world. Throughout her radio career, Lin also was an accomplished voice over actress, recording audio books, documentaries and commercials.

Now back in Orange with family, Lin is once again making use of her talents as the voice on the audiobooks, “The Power of Intermittent Fasting: How to Lose Pounds the Simple and Easy Way” and “Home Schooling: What You Need To Know About Home School Programs: Ways on How to do Home Schooling”. She also recently signed with several New York City modeling and talent agencies. It's a different genre from her past working in news rooms. “The life of an actor – voice, print, and on-camera – is audition, audition, audition! The Oscar will come!”



Marilyn Welch & Elaine Capecelatro, Girl Scout Lifetime Members from Orange, with Cadettes from Troop 61099 of Woodbridge.

AMITY GIRL SCOUTS TO CELEBRATE WORLD THINKING DAY

Submitted By Clio Nicolakis

The Amity Girl Scouts invite one and all to join them for their celebration of World Thinking Day on Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm at Holy Infant Church gymnasium in Orange. This year's tri-town event, sponsored by Orange Cadette Troop 60145 and Junior Troop 60858, will feature international food, displays, a silent auction, and a variety of performances including a special Girl Scout Chorus led by Suzanne Vick of RVP Studios. Admission is \$2 per person.

The celebration of World Thinking Day Girl reminds Girl Scouts to think about Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world. On this annual day of friendship, advocacy and fundraising for girls around the world (traditionally celebrated February 22 each year), the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (“WAGGGS”) asks Girl Scouts around the world to focus their Thinking Day themes on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Last year's event, organized by Junior Troop 60145 of Orange and Cadette Troop 61099 of Woodbridge, promoted MDG2 (universal primary education), with the theme “education opens doors for all girls and boys”. As part of the Girl Scout commitment to the UN Development Goals, participants brought used book donations to promote education and literacy in the local community. More than 300 books were collected and donated to the Literacy Center of Milford to be used for the “Books for Birthday” program.

Over 200 girls, friends, families and even two special surprise guests, Girl Scout lifetime members, Marilyn Welch

& Elaine Capecelatro, (both of Orange) enjoyed the festive and memorable afternoon. This year's event promises to be just as memorable and more. The 2015 Thinking Day theme is “We Can Create Peace through Partnerships” and in doing so, attendees are asked to bring gently used shoes to benefit Rerun Shoes, a not-for-profit organization that promotes sustainable development by helping the micro-entrepreneurs in poor African nations and by keeping good reusable shoes out of landfills. If you cannot join the Girl Scouts at their Thinking Day celebration, please consider saving your shoes for their collection (shoes, sneakers, sport sandals, women's flats, or cleats).

Just in case you were wondering -- it is now Girl Scout cookie time! Be on the lookout for your neighborhood Girl Scout learning business basics and taking orders for those delicious Girl Scout cookies, including the Samoa, celebrating 40 years and the new flavor, Rah Raisin! Cookie Booths will be featured in the Amity area beginning in March. Go to www.gsofct.org for the Girl Scout cookie locator or download the app for your smart phone!

Girl Scouts of Connecticut is the largest organization of women and girls in Connecticut, serving over 43,000 girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For more information about joining or volunteering with Girl Scouts in the Amity area, contact GSCTAmitySU@gmail.com or contact Anita Silvestro, Membership & Marketing Director at asilvestro@gsofct.org.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



Romantic Restaurants for Valentine's Day 2015

Love is always in the air on Valentine's Day. Having a romantic dinner with your "significant other" is one of the most memorable ways of celebrating Valentine's Day. This is the 5th year sharing my favorite picks for romantic restaurants in the area featuring many well established icons along with some new additions. All of these local family owned restaurants have the ambiance that will make your Valentine's Day celebration very special.

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CONSIGLIO'S - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven, CT 06511 - 203-865-4489-www.consiglios.com. The time has come

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GABRIELE RISTORANTE ITALIANO - 326 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-799-2633 - www.gabrielect.com. They have been going strong since 1973 with many local and high profile regular customers. Lovely newly renovated interior, great lounge and consistently good food.

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OLA RESTAURANT - 350 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 - 203-891-0522-olarestaurantct.com. This special Latin inspired restaurant is definitely the talk of the town (or should I say more like the tri-state area). Brothers Melvin and Wagner Lopez along with their lovely spouses Andrea & Cherry opened Ola in July of 2007. After almost seven years in Orange with little advertising but a lot of word of mouth, incredible reviews including the New York Times, Ola's business is booming. They also have an Ola Restaurant on 694 Brooklawn Avenue in Bridgeport as well.

RAINBOW GARDENS RESTAURANT & BAR - 117 North Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-2500- www.rainbowgardens.org - Rainbow Gardens Restaurant & Bar is the quintessential example of a quaint & cozy New England family owned restaurant but with all the modern amenities. The dining area offers a series of private areas for that intimate cozy dinner. The view of the Milford Green is spectacular through large picture windows with stained glass accents.

SOLUN TAPAS BAR & RESTAURANT - 245 Amity Road, Woodbridge,

CT 06525 - 203-298-9741 www.soluntapasbar.com - Definitely a "hidden gem" in Woodbridge & is now more popular than ever. Owner Carlos Hernandez shares his passion for tap cuisine in a traditional & elegant style. Solun's cozy bar is definitely on the top my list for a fun evening.

WHEELERS RESTAURANT & TAPROOM - 180 Amity Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525 - 203-553-9055-www.wheelers-new-haven.com. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, brunch & happy hour. The owners buy as much as possible from local producers to showcase and support the many diverse products offered from beers to bread to meats and produce.

WOODBIDGE SOCIAL RESTAURANT, PIZZA & BAR - 12 Selden Street, Woodbridge, CT 06525 - 203-553-9135 - This beautifully renovated location features great food, friendly service -open 7 days serving lunch, dinner, brunch & happy hour.

FINAL NOTES: These are just a few of my favorite "romantic spots" in the area that offer great food and service. Reservations are a must for all these popular restaurants. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL and don't forget the romance! If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail: susan@orangetownnews.com.



The children of Orange Community Nursery School enjoying some outside time on the playground. We love the smiling faces of our happy students. Learn more about us. Stop by our Open House on March 1, 2015 from 1-3 pm. We would love to give more information about our programs.



Our 4s class has begun "Star of the Week". Each child in class will get a chance to share a poster with their teacher, Mrs. Hoddinott, which they make at home that gives information about themselves. They share about their family, things they like and what they like to do. It gives them a chance to share some of their favorite things with the class like toys, books or maybe a favorite snack. This is a great opportunity for them to learn to communicate their thoughts with their classmates and answer questions.



Holy Infant Preschool, 456 Racebrook Road in Orange will be holding an Open House on March 1, 2015 from 10:30-1:00. Come visit the classroom and meet the teachers.



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Lauren Richetelli, 13 of Orange made this past holiday season a little brighter for kids suffering with cancer and other diseases by organizing a toy drive to benefit children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The Amity Middle School 8th grader saw a commercial asking for donations for St. Jude's in November. She went to work immediately, enlisted the help of a couple of friends, by creating a flyer requesting toys or monetary donations and received permission from the school to distribute the flyer to all 600 middle school kids and also place a box for toy

donations in the school's office. Lauren then appealed to family and friends by mailing the flyer to over 50 families. The response from the community was incredible! She received donations totaling \$685, which she used to purchase 92 items, including toys, books and gift cards for kids of all ages. She collected donations of 64 toys from the collection box at Amity. Lauren was able to send 5 large boxes, totaling 156 items to St. Jude's in December, making for a tremendously successful project. She hopes to grow the toy drive for next holiday season.

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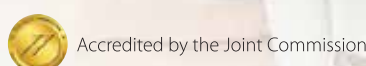
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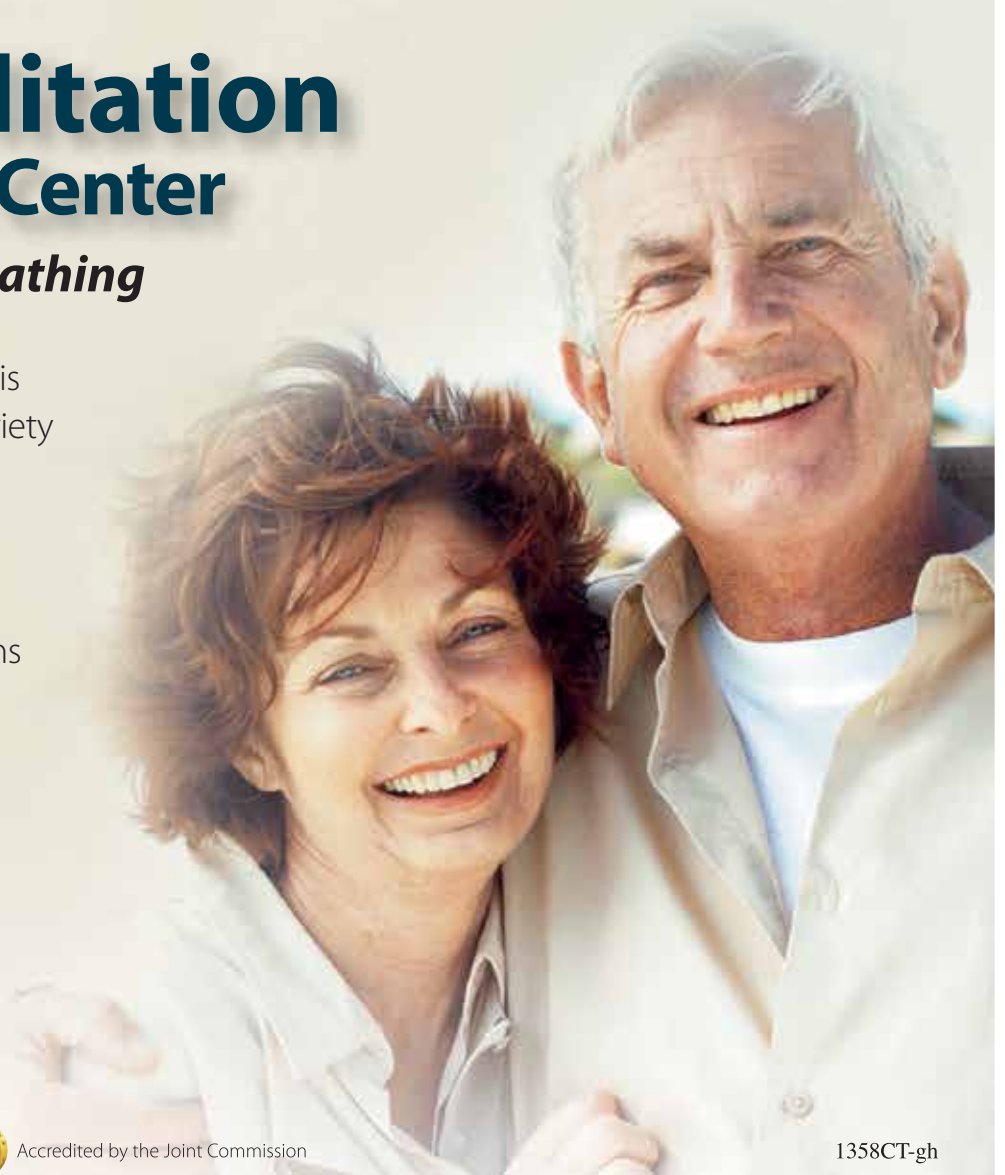
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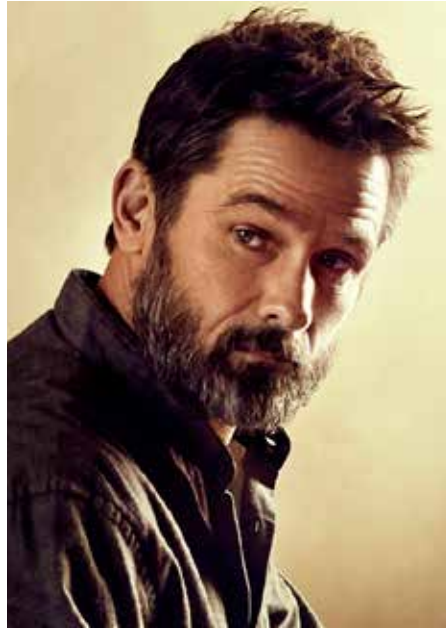
Q: I am so glad that “**Helix**” is back on Syfy. Can you give me any hints of what to expect this season? -- Lily T., via email

A: I spoke with series star **Billy Campbell** not long ago, and he gave me enough “**Helix**” scoop to get you through the next few episodes. When we caught up with our season-one survivors when season two began Jan. 16, we were introduced to two new characters, Brother Michael and Dr. Kyle Sommer, played by **Steven Weber** and **Matt Long**, respectively. Billy told me what it was like to work with them:

“They’re both, first of all, first-class gentlemen. They are wonderful actors. I’ve known Steven Weber for many years. We first worked together in the mid-’80s and then again on ‘Once and Again.’ And he’s a rake and a rogue and an imp, and I always knew he was a creepy guy inside. And now he had the chance to prove it. He’s one of the funniest, and now, I believe, one of the creepiest guys I’ve ever met.”

As far as season two goes, will Billy’s character, Dr. Alan Farragut, continue his quest to uncover the truth behind **Ilaria** and the virus outbreak? “I would say that I come uncomfortably close to realizing my quest. Everything about the second season ties very neatly into that storyline. If you were shocked and surprised by season one, you will be doubly shocked and surprised by season two. They really outdid themselves. I’m not sure exactly what they were smoking in the writers’ room for season two, but they sure seemed to be having a great time smoking it.”

Q: I am sad that **Will Arnett’s** series



Billy Campbell

“**The Millers**” was canceled. Can you tell me if I’ll get to see him in something else soon? -- Jean F., Branson, Missouri

A: The hilarious and talented actor is set to team up with Netflix again, this time developing a series called “**Flaked**,” where Will stars as a self-help guru named Chip who’s struggling to stay a step ahead of his own lies. Will also co-created, co-wrote and co-executive-produced it with **Mark Chappell**. The series will premiere next year with eight episodes.

Q: When will “**Mad Men**” be back? -- Mike D., via email

A: The award-winning drama returns to AMC with its final seven episodes April 5 at 10/9c. Regarding the finale, series star **John Slattery** told “**Variety**”: “It was surprising to the end”; while **January Jones** said: “It’s a beautiful story. It’s perfect in every way.”

Series creator and writer **Matthew Weiner** told reporters at the Television Critics Association press tour that while he hopes fans will be pleased with the ending, “as the person telling the story, I think people sometimes have to be protected from what they want to see happen. To delight them with a surprise, you can’t give them everything they want.”

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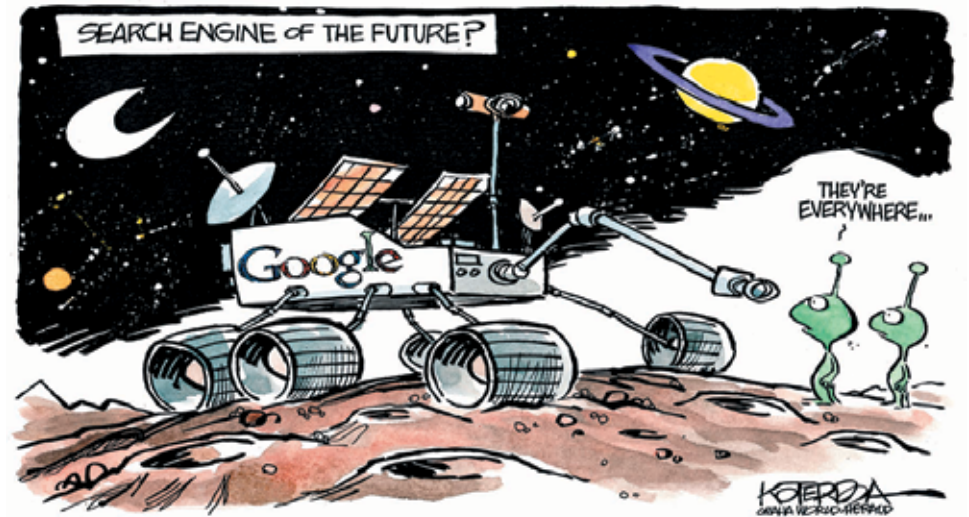
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SEEING DOUBLE? The 3 year old class at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School has THREE sets of twin boys this year. Playing with the parachute is just one of many ways we have fun learning! Registration is now open for the 2015-16 school year. For information, or to schedule a visit, please contact us at ocncs@yahoo.com or (203) 795-9749 ext. 305.



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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Pictured above are recent students of an Artist Colony-Watercolors class which was provided through the Youth Services-SDE Enhancement grant. The instructor was Audrey Galer.

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

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, attics/basements, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's

helper...and more.

The program provides area residents with a Job Bank student/parent connection to assist with a successful jobs match.

For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.

Youth Services High School Volunteers Can Assist With Community Events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist their community with a variety of volunteer needs. Our volunteers have signed up with a parent with Youth Services to access opportunities in regards to attaining their necessary school volunteer credits. They are available for a wide variety of

community, school, and organizations located in Orange.

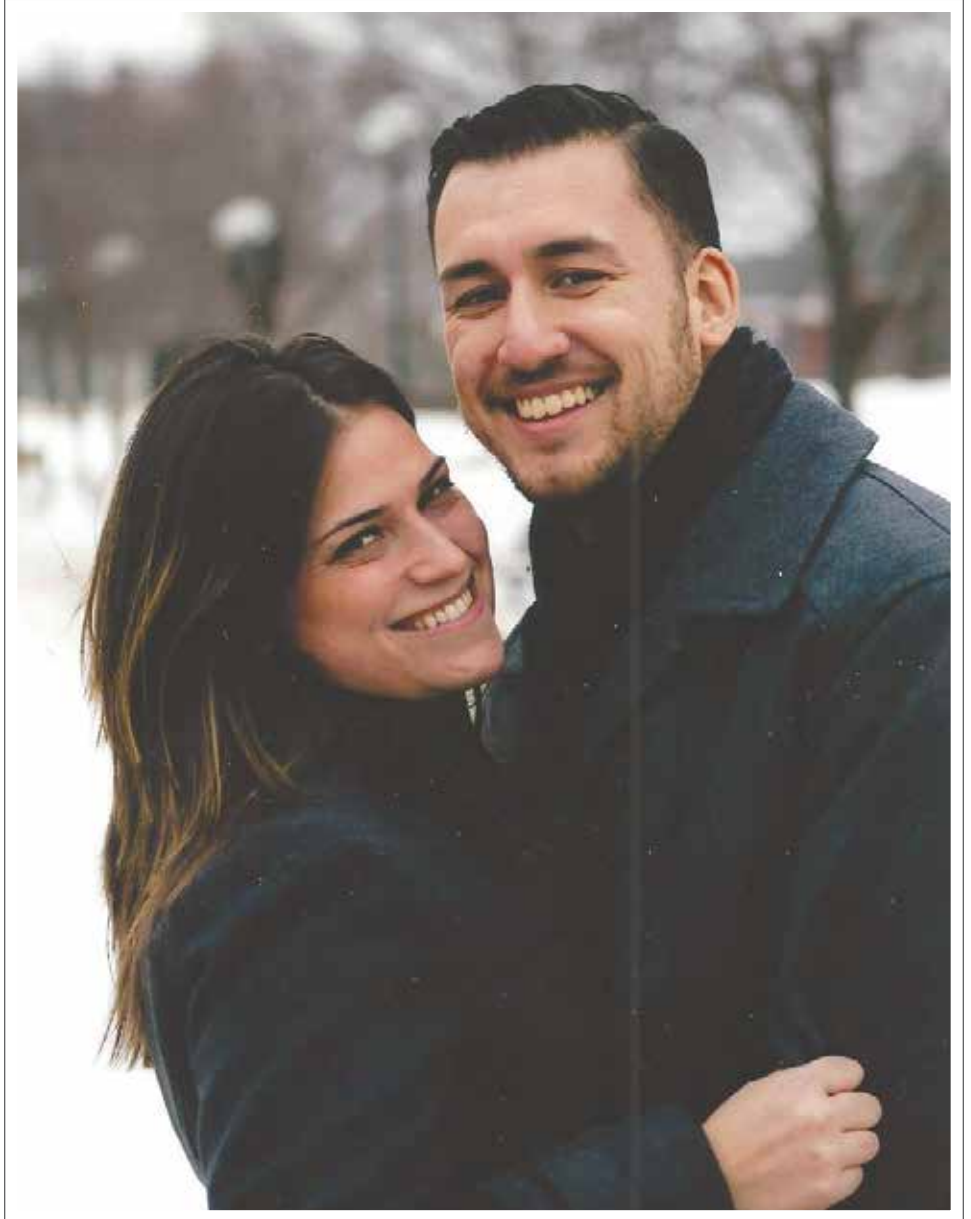
The students are reliable, courteous, and conscientious. If your organization needs assistance, perhaps Youth Services could help.

Please feel free to contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.



Through a generous grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Foundation, students in 6th grade at Peck Place School in Orange had the opportunity to work with Ms. Sarah Guterman during the month of January. Ms. Guterman specializes in connecting the Orff Schulwerk teaching philosophy to children's literature. Each class created a sound carpet incorporating movement, singing, and percussion instruments to complement a work of children's literature. Their performance took place on Wednesday, January 28th at the Peck Place School.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



WACHTER - PATINO PLAN SUMMER WEDDING

Ronald and Ann Wachter of Orange are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to Andrew Patino. He is the son of Geraldo and Debbie Patino of New York. Kelly and Andres met at Syracuse University from which they both graduated. Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science Degree

in Retail Management and she is employed by Macys at Herald Square as Renovation Merchant Director. Mr. Patino holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Advertising and he is employed in Manhattan by Carat as an Associate Media Director. A summer wedding is planned.

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ORANGE REPUBLICANS HOLD ANNUAL ST. PADDY'S DAY DINNER

The Orange Republican Town Committee is sponsoring its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 16th at Biagetti's Restaurant, 77 Campbell Avenue, West Haven at 6:00 pm. There will be a complete Irish Dinner with Corned Beef and Cabbage and all that goes with it. Tickets are \$38.00 per person and reservations must be made in advance

by March 8th. Checks should be made out to ORTC and mailed to P.O. Box 632, Orange, CT 06477. There will be a cash bar and door prizes. We hope many of our friends will join us. It is always an enjoyable opportunity for "Wearing of the Green" by all who attend. For questions and/or reservations, please call Pat Zeoli at (203) 795-9679.



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WALL OF HONOR

Come join us May 1, 2015 at 2pm at the High Plains Community Center as we honor the men and women who have served our country. This extensive program will include a scrolling frame picturing current town veterans, and will honor the 6 different branches of service. Registration forms are available

at Orange Community Services and should be submitted by April 1. This Wall of Honor will forever be a part of our mission and values and will serve as a daily reminder of the Service, Sacrifice and Honor of our Veterans. For more information, call 203-891-4784 or stop by Community Services.



Left to right: Amity Regional School District Superintendent of Schools Charles Dumais, Woodbridge Rotary President Robyn Reilly, Rotary Student of the Month Dana Chung, Amity High School Counselor, Courtney Campbell, Dr. Joyce Chung (Dana's mother), and Rotarian Dr. Guy Stella, Coordinator for the Rotary Club Student of the Month Program

ROTARY CLUB STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Woodbridge Rotary Club honored Dana Chung as January Student of the Month. Ms. Chung is a senior at Amity High School and a resident of Orange. Dana was nominated for this honor by Amity School Counselor Courtney Campbell.

In addition to accomplishing high academics, Ms. Chung is also an accom-

plished swimmer. She is also a member of the Student Government and participated in the Science Research Program at Amity High School. Ms. Chung plans on attending Williams College in the fall where she will study pre-med.

Ms. Chung was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Rotary Club.



Pictured above are Teen Center Treasurer Linda Cohen, Executive Director Jen Romanoff, Terri Guidone and Jason Pinkus representing Connecticare and Jane Opper, Teen Center President.

CONNECTICARE DONATES TO AMITY TEEN CENTER

On January 15 Connecticare presented a check for \$14,093.97 to the Amity Teen Center through the Neighborhood Assistance Act. The Amity Teen Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was formed in 1987. We provide after-school and weekend activities for area teenagers in our own

building at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge.

This donation can be used solely for energy conservation. Connecticare will receive a 100% tax deduction. For more information about the Amity Teen Center activities please go to www.amityteencenter.org.

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THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE FEBRUARY MEETING

Ospreys are very large, distinctively shaped hawks. What is Osprey Nation and how you can help? To answer this question and many others related to Connecticut's Osprey population, please join us at our February 10 meeting. Lindsay Tomaszewski from Connecticut Audubon Society will be our guest speaker on Osprey Nation. The program will start at 1 PM at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT. All guests are

welcome and the program is free to the public.

The Garden Club of Orange members will also be exhibiting Traditional Topiary Design "Tall and Beautiful". The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc., The New England Region of Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Interested to learn more call Teresa Evangeliste (203)795-3195.

ORANGE MASONS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Orange Masons, in association with Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89, are offering two "Medical Scholarships" for \$1,000 each to a college student studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89 or a resident of the town of Orange.

Also being offered are two "Lodge Family Scholarships" for \$1,000 each. Candidates must be a daugh-

ter, son, granddaughter, or grandson, of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and social interests within their chosen field, along with a current school transcript to: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mr. Elmer F. Manley, Chairman, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2015. For further information, call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbyolly@yahoo.com Subject: Scholarship.

ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications to the Orange Scholarship Fund are now available at the Case Memorial Library, 175 Tyler City Road. Seniors at any of the local public and private high schools who are residents of Orange and plan to continue their education are eligible to apply, with

scholarships being awarded on the basis of need, academic achievement, and community service.

April 15 is the deadline for completed applications.

Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.

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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.

Al-Anon Meeting, Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact www.ct-al-anon.org.

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

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

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for meeting room. The public is invited.

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Beginning August, meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm except for October which will be held on October 14, 2014.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net). Next meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Refreshments will be served. Our April meeting will include a program on AKC Dog Shows 101.

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

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

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

New NAMI Support Group Meeting, every first Monday of the month, meetings begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, conference room on the second floor, meeting dates are March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, August 31, September 14, October 5, November 2 & December 7, 2015. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

Support Group Meeting for People with Hearing Loss, Saturday, February 21, 2015, 10:00am, HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION- Southwestern CT Chapter, Watermark, 3030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, topic: Action speaks louder than words. For additional information, visit the SW CT chapter's website at www.hearez.org or contact Mike at 203.268-2924 for information or email atticsmith@aol.com.

Sunday Brunch at Cask Republic Supporting the 2015 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, February 22, 2015, 12:30 to 2:30pm, Cask Republic Communal Tavern, 179 Crown Street, New Haven CT, \$30 per person/ Advance Reservations: 475-238-8335. For more information, please visit our website at stpatricksdayparade.org/events.

The Bethany Leapley Autism Spectrum Disorder Scholarship Fund 2nd Annual Wine and Beer Tasting, February 28, 2015, St. Barbara's Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange; emceed by Jim Watkins, WTNH news anchor, feature keynote speaker Martha Leary, CCC-SLP and guest speaker Dr. Ruth Eren, Ed. D., a silent auction, open bar, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and music provided by DJ Jay.

Love To Crochet, Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild, a non-profit group of enthusiastic crocheters meet monthly, NO FEES, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange CT, 203-891-2170 (library only), Saturdays, 10:00am-1:00pm, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5. Website: www.hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/. Email us at HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

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The Church of the Good Shepherd's Youth Group invites you to attend our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast on Tuesday, February 17 beginning at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to bring a board game to complement our evening of family fun. Our youth look forward to taking over our commercial kitchen! Under the supervision of adult volunteers, the entire event will be prepared and served by our youth. When they get together, a fun time is guaranteed. New youth group members are always welcome. In February, the CGS Youth Group meets every other Friday, beginning on Friday, February 6th at 7p.m. for an Ice Cream Social. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

On Sunday, February 22nd, between 6-7:30pm, our Prayer Shawl Ministry will host a Pasta Supper in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in learning how to knit a prayer shawl is invited to join our crafters. We are a small and dedicated group who create beautiful prayer shawls all year round. We are looking to grow our group and would like to help other religious organizations start a Prayer Shawl Ministry. If

interested, please RSVP and come to our Pasta Supper to learn more. This is a wonderful ministry to share with individuals who need the comfort of a hug from a blessed prayer shawl.

It doesn't take much to bring a group of people together when you offer good food and fellowship. This is evident every Wednesday when the Shepherd's Table opens its doors between 11a-1pm for its free weekly lunch program with Bingo. This week was a special week at the Shepherd's Table as we celebrated its 4th anniversary. If you are in town on Wednesday, please stop in and join the fun. Happy 4th Birthday, Shepherd's Table!

All are welcome to join our many community programs and services, especially as we approach the Lenten Season. For more information, please call the Church Office @ 203-795-6577, email Patrice, our Administrative Assistant at thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website at www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org and/or visit our Facebook page. The Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Ct. The entrance to the Parish Hall is located at the lower level parking lot.

B'NAI JACOB EVENTS CALENDAR

Every Saturday, 9:00 a.m.; come learn parshat hashavua (the weekly torah portion) over bagels and coffee in the library with Rabbi Shapiro before 9:45 a.m. services.

Reading Zornberg with Rabbi Shapiro. February 2nd at 7:30-9:00 pm. Taught on Monday nights Rabbi Shapiro leads us in the study of Zornberg's commentary in preparation for her visit. We will be studying her commentary on Exodus. Future Dates: Feb 9, 23 March 2, 9, and 16.

Shabbat Lunch & Learn. February 7th After Kiddush. What's so Divine about Divine Law? Come join Christine Hayes as she speaks about her book on the ancient Jewish response to Greek law and how it shaped Western civilization.

Comedy Night. February 7th at 6:45 pm. Come join us for a night of laughter with your friends. \$57.75pp includes show, lite dinner, dessert, wine and a signature drink. The BIG Raffle

drawing will be during comedy night.

B'nai Jacob/Ezra Academy Shabbat Dinner. February 20th at 7:15 pm. All are welcome to Shabbat Schmooze and Services but you must pre-register for dinner. Your payment is your reservation.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday Mah Jong & Canasta. Anyone can come in and play. We will be offering coffee "and" but feel free to bring a dairy lunch. We have limited amount of tables, call the office to make reservations. Last minute reservations can usually be accommodated.

Prayer Book Hebrew Class with Rose Rudich. Come join Rose every Thursday afternoon to brush up on your Hebrew. (Some experience is necessary)

As a reminder, daily minyan is at 7:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning minyan is at 9:30 a.m. Friday night services are at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST - EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!

With a unanimous vote of the congregation, the First Church of Christ in Bethany has declared itself an "Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ". The church members declared that as "all people are welcomed by God's grace, we welcome all people."

The church has declared that all people are welcome – people of every race, ethnicity, gender, diversity, sexual orientation, marital or socio-economic status, age, and physical or mental ability. Everyone is welcome to worship, service, fellowship and leadership in this church.

"We want to be a place of welcome, a place where people can come, raise their families, experience community and know God's love. We want to be people who live out God's welcome in our daily lives," said interim Pastor Virginia Child. "For instance, one of our members who is a pediatric nurse practitioner, has begun to wear a rainbow lanyard while at work, so that the children she sees will know that she is a safe person to

talk with."

The First Church of Christ, Congregational UCC has been an integral part of Bethany life since 1762. Passionate in its outreach, the church supports area food banks, the New Haven Diaper Bank, and local emergency needs, as well as providing worship and Christian education for all.

For more information, please contact: The Rev. Dr. Virginia H. Child, Pastor-child02914@gmail.com, (774) 218-0738; The First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC, Bethany CT.

The First Church of Christ, Congregational UCC of Bethany is an Open and Affirming Church. We are open and affirming to all who wish to share our faith journey. All people are welcomed by God's grace and thus we welcome all people of every race, ethnicity, gender diversity, sexual orientation, marital or socio-economic status, age, and physical or mental ability into the worship, rites, sacraments, fellowship and leadership of our church. We recognize and love each and every individual as a child of God.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 17, 5-7 PM. Let's get ready for Lent. A pancake supper is offered by the Christian Service and Outreach Board to rid the house of fat!

Ash Wednesday

February 18, Noontime Meditation in Chapel, 7:00 PM Worship in Chapel. Both services will offer the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Sunday Sermon Series

I Love to Tell the Story: Parables for the Lenten Journey. Worship in the Chapel at 8:00 am and in the Sanctuary at 10:00 am. Each week we will focus on a parable of Jesus that will help us make this Lenten pilgrimage.



Orange Congregational Church

The Lenten Supper

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25. Gather around the table for supper, worship and study

ALW@OCC

Check out the OCC Facebook page for ALW (A Lenten Word). Each day starting on February 18 a word will be posted for reflection for Lent. You are invited to post a photograph or a short reflection or meditation on that word.

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VALENTINE'S DAY FOR THE KIDS

Although Valentine's Day may be geared toward adults, children are quite drawn to the celebration as well. Perhaps it's the promise of candy or chocolate that gets their attention, but Valentine's Day annually appeals to the younger set.

Some couples opt to leave children in the capable hands of a babysitter come Valentine's Day and enjoy the evening solo. But for those who want to include youngsters in their fun, they can explore the many enjoyable and clever crafts and other activities available.

Learning games

Valentine's Day can be turned into a learning opportunity for children. One idea is to create an "Attracting Love" game that illustrates the power of magnets and the laws of attraction. Fill an empty glass jar with various items made into heart shapes. These can include small pieces of pipe cleaner, paper clips, paper, and even aluminum foil hearts. Put the top on the jar and shake up the contents. Let children guess which items will be attracted to a magnet, then have them test their theory with a strong magnet rubbed on the outside of the jar. See which hearts are attracted to the magnet.

Other learning games can include matching or finding the differences between pictures, counting paper hearts or making recipes of scented modeling dough.

Dessert fun

Invite youngsters into the kitchen to try their hands at different recipes, making sure that they have a chance to sample their handiwork afterward.

Faux chocolate truffles made with chocolate sandwich cookies can be a tasty treat for little hands. Start by mashing up some Oreos® cookies, then add them to a bowl with one 8-ounce package of cream cheese. Mix until everything is incorporated into a sticky batter. Truffles can be made into balls or heart shapes. For children celebrating Valentine's Day and winter fun, turn the truffles into edible snowmen. Dip the truffles into melted chocolate or colored candy melts to coat. Place on a wax paper-covered cookie sheet

and refrigerate for an hour, or until the truffles are firm.

Crafts

Children can have fun cutting out cupids, making coloring pages or doing just about any other Valentine-inspired craft, like making their own cards.

Another craft idea is to write secret love notes with invisible ink. Lemon juice can be used as invisible ink. Have children write a message by dipping a cotton swab or their finger in lemon juice and then writing words on a white piece of paper. Once the papers have dried, an adult can reveal the message by placing the paper in front of a heat source, such as an iron or a light bulb. The message will magically appear and reveal those secret sentiments.

Children can get crafty by making gifts for the special people in their lives. Combine the concept of valentines with the ambiance of a candle. For an even safer alternative, opt for an LED-flame candle instead of traditional candles.

Kids can glue foam conversation hearts, sold at many craft stores, to the outside of the candle. Wrap the middle of the candle with ribbon, and they've just created an easy, heartfelt gift.

Kids' Dinner

Encourage the next generation of chefs to create culinary masterpieces, which they can then serve to family members or friends. Children can even prepare dinner as a token of appreciation to their parents.

Plan recipes with kids in advance, but look for age-appropriate menu ideas, particularly those that will not require much use of the stovetop or other dangerous kitchen appliances. Kids can always do the prep work and then ask an adult to put the food into the oven for cooking.

One easy idea is to create heart-shaped hamburger sliders and Valentine-colored mashed potatoes. Use red potatoes with the skin on to create the potato mash. The sliders can be shaped by hand or using a heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and the holiday presents many opportunities for children to share in the fun and festivities.

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AMITY SPRING ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

Registration is now open for the spring session of Amity Adult & Continuing Education, set to begin on March 3rd. This spring there are several new courses to choose from as well as many standard favorites. To view the full catalog, and to register online, simply log onto www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com.

New and exciting career courses being offered are: Real Estate Principals and Practices, a 60 hour course, presented by Alliance Real Estate School, designed to provide a basic understanding of the real estate business. This course will qualify the student for application for the State Real Estate Exam to obtain a license.

CT Security Officer License Certification Course – Get certified to receive your Connecticut Uniformed Security Officer/Guard/CT security license through this 2-day course.

In the manufacturing field, Solidworks 3-D Modeling Fundamentals is again being offered. This 36-hour course will teach students to use Solidworks, the most widely used mechanical design automation software in the world.

Other new courses being offered this spring include: Memoir Writing; Vegetable Gardening; Toxic Free Cleaning; Herb Gardening; Refuse to be a Victim Seminar; Navigating the College Admissions Journey; Before You Get Your Puppy; How to Get Your Dog to Behave and What to do When He/She Doesn't; Health Care Directives; Banish the Belly - Say "Bye Bye!" to Belly Fat!;

Reverse Mortgages, Separating Fact from Fiction; To Roth or Not to Roth; Social Security; Make Your Website Work for You; Healthy and Delicious Vegan Eating; Weight Loss with Hypnosis; Watercolor 101; Zentangle, Beyond Basics; Mixed Media Canvas; Elegant Layered Die Cut Cards; Fast and Fabulous Springtime Cards, and more.

Returning favorites include: A Night with Dr. Bernie Siegel; Amazing 1-2-3 Acrylic Painting; Guitar; Babysitting Basics; Ballroom Dancing; Boating Safety & Personal Watercraft; Mah Jong; Intro to Interior Design; Calligraphy; Creative Writing; Zentangle Basics; Jewelry, Basic Beading; Estate Planning; First Aid; CPR, Adult, Child & Infant; Look Before You Leap Into Your Own Business; Marketing 101; Mandarin Chinese; Italian; Polish; Paranormal Intrigue; Stained Glass; Digital Photography; Yoga; Zumba; Tai Chi and an array of Computer Classes.

Bus trips this spring include: NYC Food & Market Tour; Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield, MA; 9/11 Museum/Memorial; Boston Little Italy & Quincy Market; "Hello Dolly", Warner Theater, Torrington; A Day in Philadelphia; Country Living Fair, Rhinebeck, NY; and Whale Watch, Gloucester, MA.

For full course descriptions, and to register for classes, view the complete Spring 2015 Amity Adult & Continuing Education catalog at www.AmityAdultEd.MyProgramPlus.com. For more information, please contact Karen Wade at 203-392-2005.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Seniors: No Sharing Health Information

How do seniors feel about sharing their health information? A poll dealing with health-data privacy conducted last fall by Truven Health Analytics, in conjunction with National Public Radio, has the answer. Researchers wanted to know how people of different ages felt about having their health-care data shared with others, such as health plans, employers and even their own doctors.

Here are some of the results, which varied widely by age:

- Asked if they had any concerns about health-care record privacy, it was the middle group (age 35 to 64) that expressed the most concern. Seniors were the least concerned of all.
- When it came to being willing to share information with researchers (if the information was anonymous), 39 percent of seniors said "no." Ditto sharing credit-card purchases and social-media information if it would improve overall health. Seniors said "no" at 84 percent. (At that point, 98 percent of seniors hadn't been no-

tified that their medical records had been compromised.)

Fast-forward to January 2015, and a few things have changed:

- Seniors who rejected sharing information anonymously with researchers jumped from 39 percent to 56 percent.
- When it came to sharing information for specific reasons, such as developing new treatments and reducing costs of care, seniors were the least likely age group in being willing to share. The same results were seen when seniors were asked about anonymously providing information to researchers, university professors, drug researchers and consultants: The answer was an overwhelming "no."

Why the change of opinion? The answer is likely security. By mid-2014, we'd had nearly 400 security breaches, some of them huge. By the end of 2014 there were 783 security breaches, many of which made the news.

When it comes to safeguarding health information, seniors are paying attention.

DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE

"MARRIAGE AND MONEY"

By Roberta L Nestor

When Ward and June Cleaver left America's TV screen, so did the financial simplicity of marriage. Today there are many different forms of marriage. There are first marriages, second marriages, civil unions, domestic partnerships and common law marriages. Combine any of these marriages with merging bank accounts, credit cards, health insurance, taxes, retirement plans and life insurance and things get more complicated. Add some curve balls like alimony, child support, bad credit, debt and prenuptial agreements and things can get real messy. Welcome to today's "modern family"!

Regardless of how your marriage may be categorized, the planning aspects for marriage include money management, housing, insurance planning, investment planning, retirement planning and estate planning. Do not expect to tackle all of these at once and be realistic, agree together which of these areas should be a priority. There are many decisions to make and trying to figure out all of these areas at one time will cause undue stress.

Merging finances is perhaps the most difficult; all of a sudden "your money" becomes "our money". Start with a simple assessment of income, expenses, assets and liabilities. Each individual should make an inventory list and then, together combine the two inventories into one. Discuss joint checking and savings and the responsibilities for expenses and record keeping. Initially you might find that keeping separate checking accounts is easier, but periodically review these decisions to make sure they are working for both parties.

While insurance planning is important, your immediate focus should be on health insurance, especially with the myriad of changes that are happening with Obama Care. If each of you have health insurance available through your employer, it means comparing costs, benefits and consideration for longevity of employment. Self-employed individuals can pay hefty premiums and being able to go on a spouse's employer plan can bring immediate financial relief. Life insurance, homeowner's,

automobile and disability insurance are all part of the process.

Combining investment and retirement planning will take time. It's also an area that may be new to one of you, not everyone is investment savvy and being passive about saving in a 401k or other retirement plan is more common than not. Go back to that income, expense, asset and liabilities list. The good news is that there are plenty of financial advisors out there that can guide you not only with investment and retirement planning, but also with some of those insurance needs.

Finally, one of the most important aspects of marriage and planning is often the one that is most ignored and left for future years, and that is estate planning. A will, living documents such as power of attorney and appointment of one another as health care representatives are extremely important. If for some reason you or your partner is averse to making a Will, at least make sure you have the living documents and make sure you change your beneficiaries on any life insurance or retirement plans.

So, after all of these discussions, your next step is to assemble the best professional team you can. That means finding trusted advisors such as an attorney, tax preparer, insurance agent and a financial advisor that can guide you through the money matters of marriage. It's just not that simple anymore.

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The Orange Historical Antique Shop will continue its Christmas 10% sale ending just in time for Valentine's Day shopping on the 14th. The Academy Museum, located at 605 Orange Center Road is open every Saturday from 10-3 with quality antiques, collectibles, china, glassware, books, dolls and the most recent collection of political buttons. Be sure and stop by for a look at all of the holiday items you will find for your next year's celebration. For information call 203 795-3106.

HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



A Little Valentine Story to Share...

It was Christmas in the early 1950s when my Mom gave me a book, not a very big book but one that has lived with me ever since. The title is Miss Flora McFlimsey's Christmas Eve by Mariana. Marian Curtis Foster was born in 1909 in Cleveland, Ohio and, as a child, she took drawing lessons and often played in her dollhouse that was made out of a large piano crate. You remember those large cardboard boxes that we made into a house or a fort, right? During the Depression, Marian worked for the WPA known as the Works Progress Administration drawing old toys and dolls in museums. Many murals were painted in public buildings at that time to give workers a day's pay.

It was her interest in old toys and dolls that led her to write and illustrate books for children with dolls as characters. Using watercolors gives the pictures a look as old as the dolls themselves, writing under the pseudonym of Mariana. The character is based on a doll that Marian Foster saw at the New York Historical Society and her name was inspired by a heroine in the poem "Miss Flora McFlimsey of Madison Square". I will get to the Valentine connection after I tell you about the adventures of Flora McFlimsey's Christmas Eve which will set the tone for her story.

There once was an old doll named Flora McFlimsey who lived in a toy cupboard in the attic with a box of Tiddley-Winks, a Mother Goose book, a Noah's Ark and a sheep that no longer said BAA. She had not always lived in the attic but was the treasured doll of a little girl with red-topped shoes who played with her in the nursery below many years ago. There she sat next to

her little trunk, wearing a faded silk dress and a straw hat with a faded blue ribbon on it. She would have been very lonely except for Timothy mouse, who visited her one evening to tell her of the goings-on downstairs. Stockings were

and illustrations she wrote Flora McFlimsey's Valentine that starts out one winter evening sitting by the fireplace with Pookoo Cat. Flora had seen a Valentine one time, smelling of violets with the note "To

Flora tiptoed to her trunk and standing on top of it, took down some colored pencils, writing paper, a bottle of paste and a pair of scissors. Snipping lace from one of her petticoats and some forget-me-nots from an old hat, she made a valentine for each of her friends. Now, to deliver them was another story, so promising Pookoo some catnip if he delivered the valentines, he scampered off returning to a bowl of warm milk and the promised catnip. But her generosity was ill placed, as it appears that Pookoo delivered all of the valentines to Oliver Owl, stuffing them into the hollow of the tree.

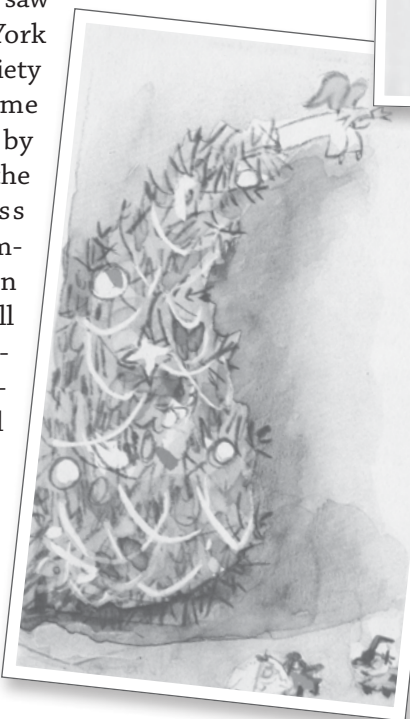
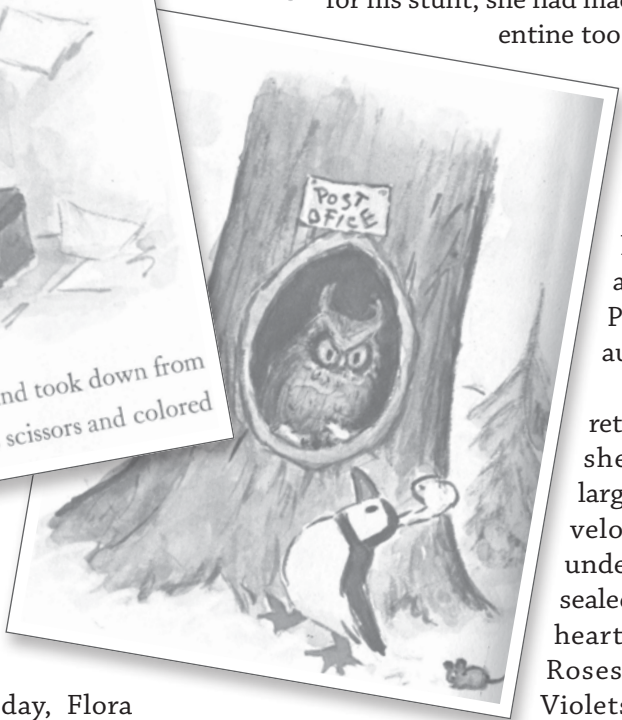
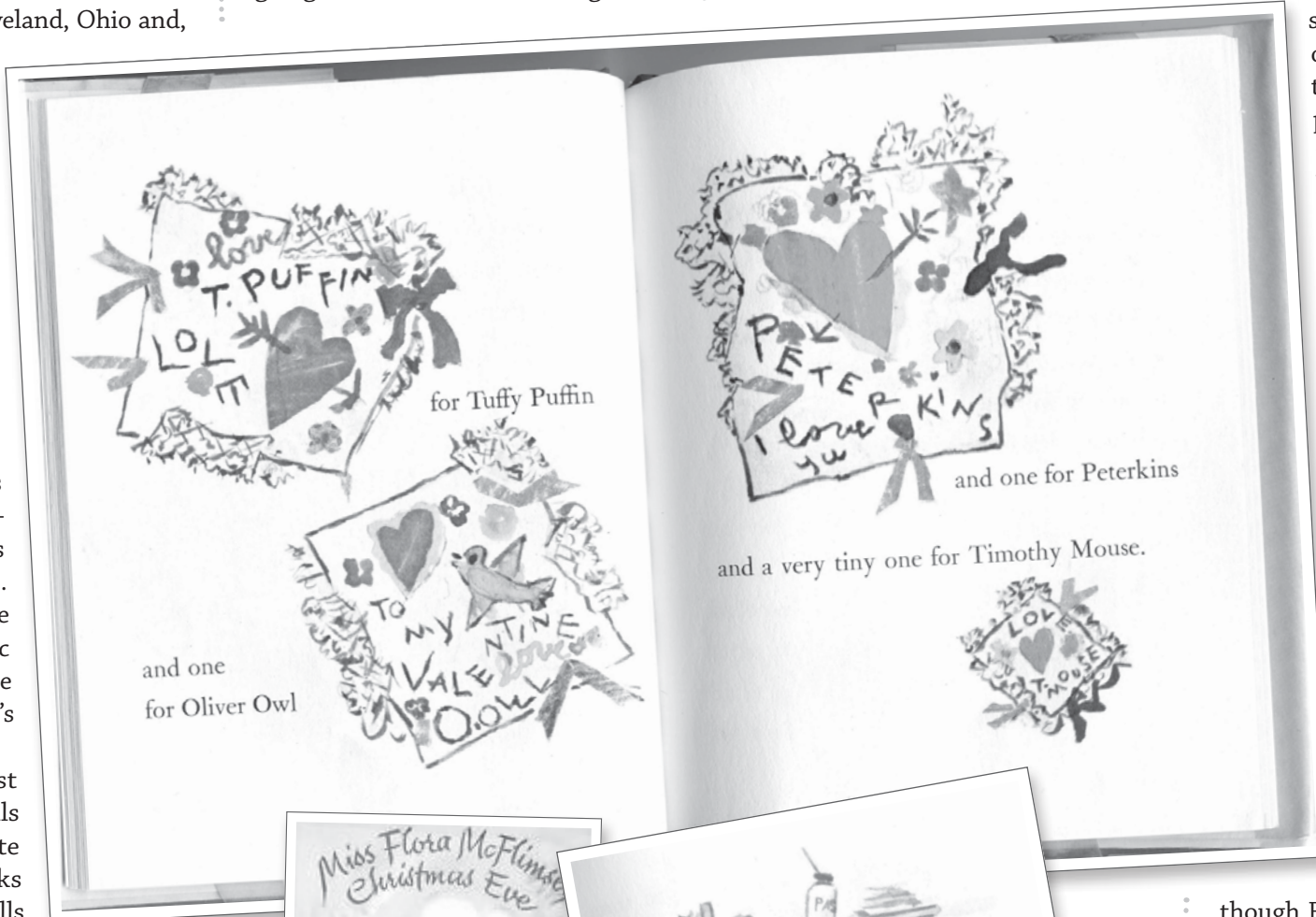
Oliver Owl suggested that Flora make a sign to advertise the tree as the post office and notify all of her friends to come to the hollow for their mail. One by one the woodland creatures came for their mail at Oliver's "post office". As Flora hid behind the tree, Peterkins' elderly aunt was walking by and Flora was sad that she had not remembered to make just one more. Even

though Flora was angry with Pookoo for his stunt, she had made him a valentine too and hearing how upset Flora was at her forgetfulness, he dropped his valentine at the feet of Peterkins' aunt.

When Flora returned home she found a large, white envelope slipped under the door, sealed with a red heart. It read... Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, Miss Flora, I love you, Your true friend Pookoo.

Valentines have a long history, long forgotten by most of us but we must not forget that on the 14th of February, an effort to make someone happy is but a card away, whether handmade by an imaginary doll or a simple piece of paper that says "I Love You." Share these two abbreviated Flora McFlimsey stories with your children and grandchildren and if you wish to buy one of Mariana's books go to www.barnesandnoble.com and search for books out of print, EBay or Amazon.

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone.



hanging from the mantelpiece and there was a tree with shiny things on it.

Flora sighed remembering that this was Christmas Eve. Thinking it to be the most wonderful night in the year, Flora decided to see for herself and walked gingerly down the stairs. What happened then is the most wonderful thing that could happen to an old doll. Santa had arrived and was dismayed to see

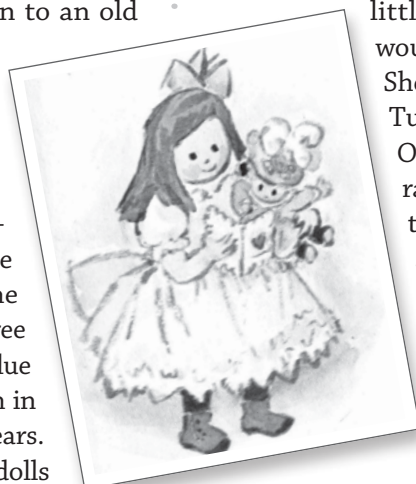
that he was a doll short for the three little girls that lived there now. What happened next could never be explained. The angel came down from the top of the tree and helped Flora into the blue velvet dress that had been in the trunk all those many years.

With Mariana's love of dolls

my dearest love". Seeing that the 14th of February was the next day, Flora decided to send a valentine to Timothy

Mouse because he is so little and no one else would know about him. She also thought about Tuffy Puffin, Oliver Owl and Peterkins the rabbit. Pookoo didn't take to this idea at all and suggested Flora go to bed and stop thinking about such foolishness.

After Pookoo fell asleep on the warm hearthrug,



ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13)**
Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman
- 2. Unbroken (PG-13)**
Jack O'Connell, Takamasa Ishihara
- 3. Into the Woods (PG)**
Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep
- 4. Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG)**
Ben Stiller, Robin Williams
- 5. Annie (PG)**
Quvenzhané Wallis, Cameron Diaz
- 6. The Hunger Games: Mockingjay -- Part 1 (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
- 7. The Gambler (R)**
Mark Wahlberg, Jessica Lange
- 8. Imitation Game (PG-13)**
Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley
- 9. Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13)**
Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton
- 10. Wild (R)**
Reese Witherspoon, Laura Dern

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13)**
Megan Fox
- 2. Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)**
Chris Pratt
- 3. Into the Storm (PG-13)**
Richard Armitage
- 4. Let's Be Cops (R)**
Jake Johnson
- 5. If I Stay (PG-13)**
Chloe Grace Moretz
- 6. How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG)**
animated
- 7. Tammy (R)**
Melissa McCarthy
- 8. 22 Jump Street (R)**
Channing Tatum
- 9. When the Game Stands Tall (PG)**
Jim Caviezel
- 10. And So It Goes (PG-13)**
Michael Douglas

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars**
"Uptown Funk!"
- 2. Taylor Swift**
"Blank Space"
- 3. Hozier**
"Take Me to Church"
- 4. Ed Sheeran**
"Thinking Out Loud"
- 5. Sam Smith**
"I'm Not the Only One"
- 6. Meghan Trainor**
"Lips Are Movin"
- 7. Nick Jonas**
"Jealous"
- 8. Ariana Grande & The Weeknd**
"Love Me Harder"
- 9. Taylor Swift**
"Shake It Off"
- 10. Meghan Trainor**
"All About That Bass"



Meghan Trainor

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Carrie Underwood**
"Something in the Water"
- 2. Tim McGraw**
"Shotgun Rider"
- 3. Eric Church**
"Talladega"
- 4. Luke Bryan**
"I See You"
- 5. Florida Georgia Line**
"Sun Daze"
- 6. Brad Paisley**
"Perfect Storm"
- 7. Blake Shelton feat. Ashley Monroe**
"Lonely Tonight"
- 8. Kenny Chesney**
"The Big Revival"
- 9. Thomas Rhett**
"Make Me Wanna"
- 10. Lee Brice**
"Drinking Class"



Ed Oxenbould as "Alexander"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Feb. 9, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (PG) -- Based on the beloved kids book, this family-film adaptation gives us a likable account of unfortunate events in the lives of an 11-year-old and his (briefly) family. Alex (Ed Oxenbould) is the victim of escalating misfortunes, from gum in his hair to sharing a birthday with an infinitely more popular kid. Once Alex has his bad day,

he wishes his parents (Steve Carell and Jennifer Garner) and siblings could feel what it's like -- and they soon do. Disney delivers a satisfactory update of the original story, without pushing any boundaries. Alex, for instance, has to face the new-age humiliation of seeing his face photoshopped into a mocking image. Ultimately, we get a few chuckles while learning an important lesson -- good luck swings both ways.

"Nightcrawler" (R) -- Jake Gyllenhaal plays a ruthless amateur clawing his way to the top of the local news game. Lou Bloom (Gyllenhaal) is an ever-smiling, self-taught, ambitious and amoral kind of "reporter" -- his bread and butter come from filming blood, car wrecks and other types of mayhem. He's energetic, yet dead behind the eyes. On his way to the top, Bloom winds up at the center of one of his own gruesome stories. The force of the film comes from Jake Gyllenhaal's performance as a charming sociopath. On one hand, you can't stop watching him, while on the other hand, you really believe this guy would chop up his grandma if somebody would pay for the pictures.

"The Green Prince" (R) -- Terry Gilliam sure knows how to make a nightmarish future look really enchanting. The director of "Brazil" and "Twelve Monkeys" teams up with wunder-actor Christoph Waltz for this wild flick about the painstaking task of calculating the meaning of life. Waltz plays a genius with a serious case of the existential-gloomies. His boss (Matt Damon) has given him the assignment to make a computer that can tell us what existence is for, if anything at all. It's a movie that goes deep into cartoonishly cynical territory, so we can all come out the other side.

- Who wrote and released "Solitary Man" and when?
- Which of these Elton John singles climbed the charts to No. 1 in the U.S.? "Rocket Man," "Daniel" or "Pinball Wizard."
- Name the artist who released "Laurie (Strange Things Happen)."
- Which Dixie Cups song did the group claim came from their grandmother?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "You must leave now, take what you need, you think will last, But whatever you wish to keep, you better grab it fast."



1. Neil Diamond, in 1966. It wasn't until many years later that Diamond would say he realized that he'd written the song about himself.
2. None of them. Even "Candle in the Wind" didn't make it.
3. Dickey Lee, in 1965.
4. "Lko Lko." The group was sued by James Crawford, who claimed that the song was actually his song "Rock-a-mo."
5. "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue," by Bob Dylan in 1965. There has always been debate about who Dylan is saying goodbye to with this one.

Sudoku answers on page 34

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

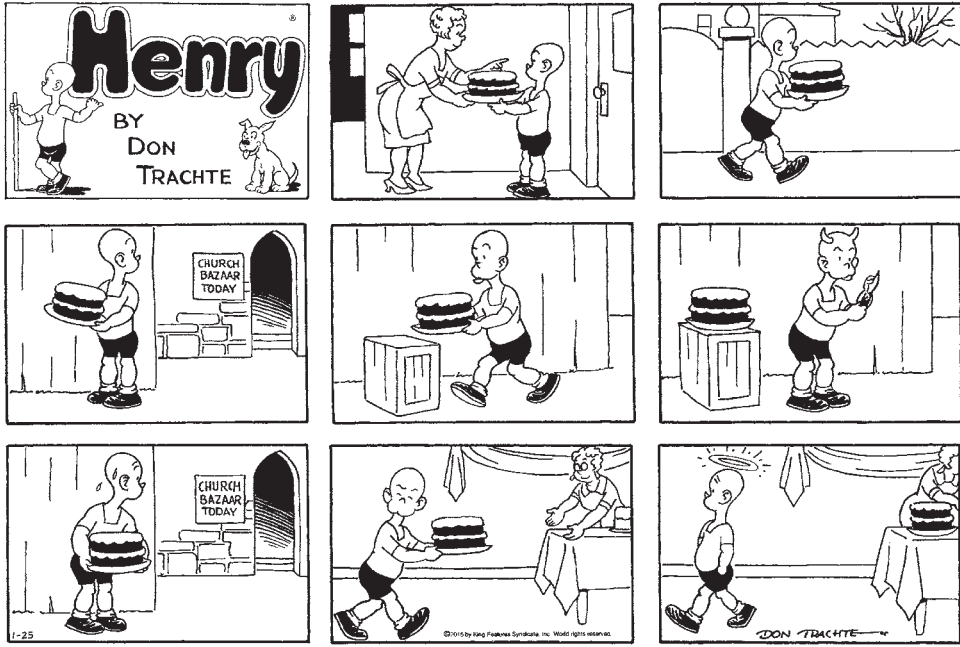
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Don't look now, but off-network "binge" watching is the wave of the future. Amazon Studios has just announced a deal with Woody Allen to write and direct a half-hour series for Amazon Prime Instant Video with a full-season guarantee.

The recent Golden Globe Awards gave statues to Kevin Spacey for "House of Cards" (the popular Netflix series) and the Amazon series "Transparent" and its star Jeffrey Tambor. Netflix also has "Marco Polo" with Lorenzo Richelony, "Maron" with Ray Romano and Marc Maron, and "Honorable Woman" with Maggie Gyllenhaal. Its "Orange Is the New Black" and "Derek" with Ricky Gervais also are available for binge watching. Are we in such a hurry we can't wait to watch a series unfold a week at a time? Oh, the technology age!



Vanessa Hudgens

musical to be retooled for a Broadway production, set to open April 8. Taking on the Audrey Hepburn/Leslie Caron starrer is "High School Musical" star Vanessa Hudgens. Audrey Hepburn was 22 when she starred in the coming-of-age story, and Caron was 19 when she made the film version. Starring in the show, on stage, should enable Hudgens to pull off the transition of Gigi, from innocent girl to sexy woman, despite being 26 years old.

Brad Pitt is producing and starring in "The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine," with Ryan Gosling and Christian Bale. The film tells the story of the build-up of the housing and credit bubble that led to the financial crisis of 2007-2013.

Hulu and Yahoo are becoming the place for series to air their final episodes not seen due to the ax falling. The latest addition is "Community." The sixth season will premiere March 17 with two new episodes, with more new episodes unfolding Tuesdays on Yahoo.

Meanwhile, master of suspense and horror Stephen King has agreed to allow David E. Kelley to write a limited series from his novel "Mr. Mercedes," about a Mercedes-driving mass murderer. No cast or network has been named yet.

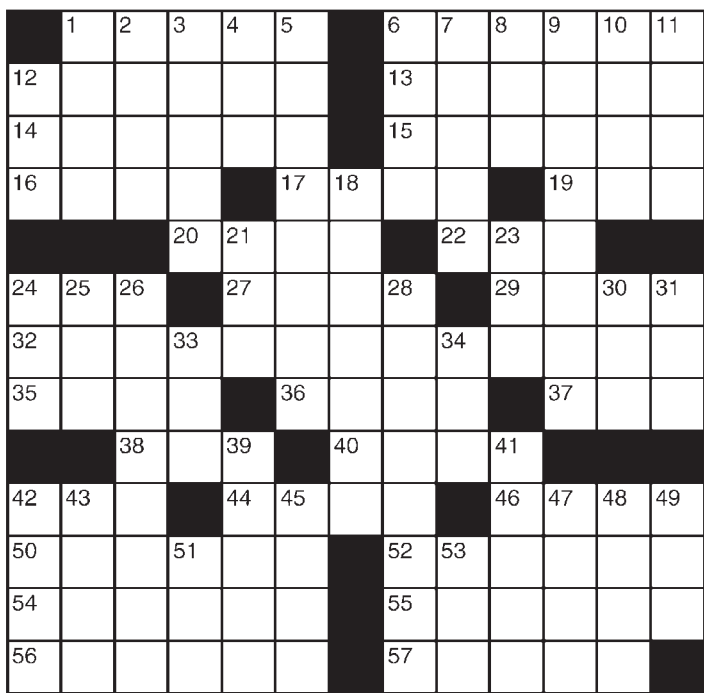
"Gigi," which premiered on Broadway in 1951 as a non-musical starring Audrey Hepburn, and then as the 1958 best-picture Oscar winner starring Leslie Caron, is the newest movie

Benedict Cumberbatch and Joshua Jackson went to The Golden Globe Awards wearing eye concealer and foundation make-up. Luckily, when Amy Poehler pulled Cumberbatch up from the audience to present with Jennifer Aniston, he was camera-ready. You gotta love a guy confident enough with his masculinity to wear make-up to a red-carpet event. We're just surprised that Cumberbatch wore make up instead of a cumberbund!

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Intelligent
- 6 Haunt
- 12 Kid's injury
- 13 Quick look
- 14 Donkey, often
- 15 Vacationer's car, possibly
- 16 Eliot-based musical
- 17 Haber-dasher's rackful
- 19 "— Believer"
- 20 Pornography
- 22 Perched
- 24 Pair with an air
- 27 Lobs' paths
- 29 "Galloping dominoes"
- 32 In people?
- 35 "Ice Loves —"
- 36 Eat
- 37 Bribe
- 38 Yoko of music
- 40 In the offing
- 42 Core of a PC
- 44 Autograph
- 46 In the thick of
- 50 Smack, so to speak
- 52 Basic drive



- 54 Gave out
- 55 Up
- 56 Verse
- 57 Actress Naomi
- 10 Con game segment
- 11 Actress Ward
- 12 Telly option willow
- 18 Pruritic
- 21 Buddy
- 23 Do sum work?
- 24 Medico
- 25 Faraway transport?
- 26 "Certainly"
- 28 Marc Mezvinsky, to Bill and Hillary
- 30 — -Magnon
- 31 Sixth sense
- 33 Charged bit
- 34 Journey
- 39 Wicker
- 41 Custom
- 42 Dale's pal
- 43 Mexican money
- 45 Race place
- 47 Atomizer output
- 48 Date of destiny
- 49 Dress in
- 51 Chic no more
- 53 Playwright Levin

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DEATH NOTICES



Mary Bernadette Fischer Curtiss

Mary Bernadette Fischer Curtiss, 69, popular and respected English teacher at Trumbull High School for 35 years (1971-2006) has passed away at The Connecticut Hospice after an eight year battle with breast and brain cancer. Mrs. Curtiss's influence in the Trumbull school system is legendary, having been a pioneer in instituting elective classes in such cutting edge subjects as Charlie Chaplin, Kurt Vonnegut, Shakespeare, and the overwhelmingly popular "Literature of Peace and Protest". Her team taught American Studies class was always heavily sought after by Trumbull juniors.

Mrs. Curtiss, a 40-year resident of Orange, was born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1945 to the Hon. Herbert and Lucille Smith Fischer. She grew up in West Haven, CT and graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1963. She has a bachelor's degree from St. John's University and two master's degrees (Trinity College, Wesleyan University).

In addition to Trumbull High School, she taught concurrently at Albertus Magnus College and Sacred Heart University. A Literacy Volunteers class that she taught to inmates in the New Haven jail inspired her to write "Solitary Voices," her Wesleyan Master's thesis.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years, Clayton Curtiss, a 37 year teacher at Trumbull High School, brother Attorney James Fischer and Tim Monis and brother Robert and sisters Jean and Lucille. She was predeceased by brothers Herbert and William. She also leaves behind many adoring nieces and nephews, stepchildren, and two step grandchildren, nine godchildren, and especially hundreds of former students.

Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Curtiss was well known for her personal connection to students. For four summers she and her husband led student trips to the annual Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon.

Mrs. Curtiss was recognized throughout her career for her commitment to teaching and students. She was named Trumbull's Teacher of the Year in 1987 and was runner-up for the Connecticut title. In 1988 she studied at the Ashland festival under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, then in 1989 spent a summer in

Stratford-Upon-Avon, immersed in the life and works of The Bard, also sponsored by the NEH. The Connecticut Education Association honored Mary in 1990 with the Mahatma Gandhi Peace Award. Twice she was recognized by the Arts and Entertainment TV channel for her effective use of television in the classroom. She was also selected by the Milken Family Foundation for its prestigious award for excellent teaching. Though not a teaching award, the International House in New Haven named her and her husband the host family of the year for the many foreign students they took under their wings.

The culmination of her teaching career was agreeing in 2008 to a two-year opportunity for her and her husband to teach at King's Academy in Madaba-Manga, Jordan, a new co-educational, multi-national boarding school. She saw this as a unique opportunity to put into practice her belief in the power of education to promote peace. Sadly her efforts were cut short by the recurrence of the cancer that ultimately claimed her life.

The family asks that in place of flowers, Mary's friends make an additional contribution to a charity of their choice. In accordance with her wishes, Mary's remains were donated to the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University to carry on her mission of teaching. A memorial service is being planned.



Roberta Ann Moyer

Roberta Ann Moyer, 65, passed away on January 24, 2015 at St. Raphael Hospital. Bobbie was born in Minneapolis, MN on May 28, 1949 to the late Joyce Andreasen and Robert Bruce Gangnath. The loving wife of Calvin Moyer, for over 31 years, Bobbie will be remembered for her generosity to her family, friends and the community. She was the first female Exalted Ruler of the Milford Elks, was a high ranking member within the Emblem Club, and was an auxiliary member of the American Legion #196. Most of all, she was a proud and loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Along with Cal, she is survived by her devoted daughter, Cyndy Tummins (Scott) of Milford, siblings Bruce Gangnath (Maureen) of Fallbrook, CA, Andrea Cashman (Timothy) of Milford, and Philip Gangnath (Lisa) of Trumbull, cherished grandchildren Shane

and Trent Tummins, and many nieces and nephews. Beside her parents, she is predeceased by her step-son Scott Moyer. Funeral arrangements were in the capable hand of the Smith & Sefcik Funeral Home, 135 N. Broad Street, Milford. A Funeral Service was held in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 71 River Street, Milford. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., 355 Lexington Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017-6603. To leave condolences, please visit www.george-jsmithandson.com.



Margaret Carrano Giorcelli

Entered into rest on January 22nd, 2015, Margaret Carrano Giorcelli, 91. Margaret was an Orange resident, having moved to town in 1963 with her husband the late Constatino (Tino) Giorcelli and Sister Vivian (Rocco) Salpento. Margaret was a beautician for many years in several New Haven area salons and a parishioner of Holy Infant Church. Margaret is survived by her brother, Andrew (Linda) Carrano of Orange and sister, Terrie (Frank) DePino of Branford, One of 10 children; she is predeceased by siblings, Salvatore, Alphonse, Michelina, Sue, Mary & Antoinette Carrano and Camille Esposito. She is also survived by her devoted Nephew Rocky Salpento and her Godson Drew Carrano both of Orange along with several nieces & nephews; Born June 4th, 1923 daughter of the late Anthony & Coletta Pinto Carrano.

Funeral services were provided by Maresca & Sons Funeral Home, 592 Chapel Street, New Haven with interment in Saint Lawrence Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to CT Hospice.



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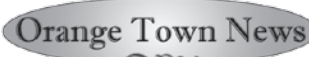
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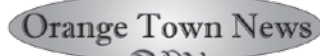
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Weekly SUDOKU

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LOCAL SPORTS

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- Who was the last Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher before Josh Beckett in 2014 to toss a no-hitter in which he threw 120 or more pitches?
- Which of the following pitchers had the most career shutouts: Bob Gibson, Jim Palmer, Gaylord Perry or Nolan Ryan?
- When was the last time the Detroit Lions beat the Steelers in Pittsburgh?
- Former college basketball coach Johnny Orr holds the record for most career victories at two schools. Name them.
- When was the last time before the 2014-15 NHL campaign that the New York Islanders won the first four games of a season?
- Who was the last American before Mikaela Shiffrin in 2014 to win gold in the Olympic women's slalom?
- Between 2011 and 2013, the men's British Open had three successive champions all 40 years old or older. Name the three golfers.

1. Sandy Koufax threw 138 pitches in no-hitting the New York Mets in 1962. 2. Ryan had 61 shutouts, topping Gibson (56), Palmer (53) and Perry (53). 3. It was 1955. 4. Michigan (209 victories) and Iowa State (218). 5. It was the 2001-02 season. 6. Barbara Cochran, in 1972. 7. Darren Clarke (2011, age 42), Ernie Els (2012, 42) and Phil Mickelson (2013, 43).

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Questions: Contact Janet Lyngdal, Registrar, by email, JCLYNGDAL@GMAIL.COM, OR www.OSA-CT.COM
OSA Co-Presidents, Tom Pisano 877-2058, tompisano@trane.com, or Bill Hoffman 799-1313

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2015



ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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Soccer Questionnaire (Please complete): Boys Soccer: _____ Girls Soccer: _____

Player's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____

Grade: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

Parents/Guardian Names: _____ Home Phone: _____

Was Player registered in: Spring 14 _____ Fall 14 _____ Work Phone: _____

Player's Athletic Ability (Please rate: 1=Beginner, 2=Fair, 3=Average, 4=Good, 5=Excellent): _____

Player's Shirt Size (order larger size if in doubt): CONTACT E MAIL _____

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Parent/Guardian Authorization and Release: I/We hereby authorize our child to participate in the 2015 OSA Spring Season, and agree to hold the OSA, its directors, officers and coaches, harmless for any liability arising there from. I/We authorize the rendering of emergency medical care under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or well being of my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Fee for soccer registration is \$80.00 per player before SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2015
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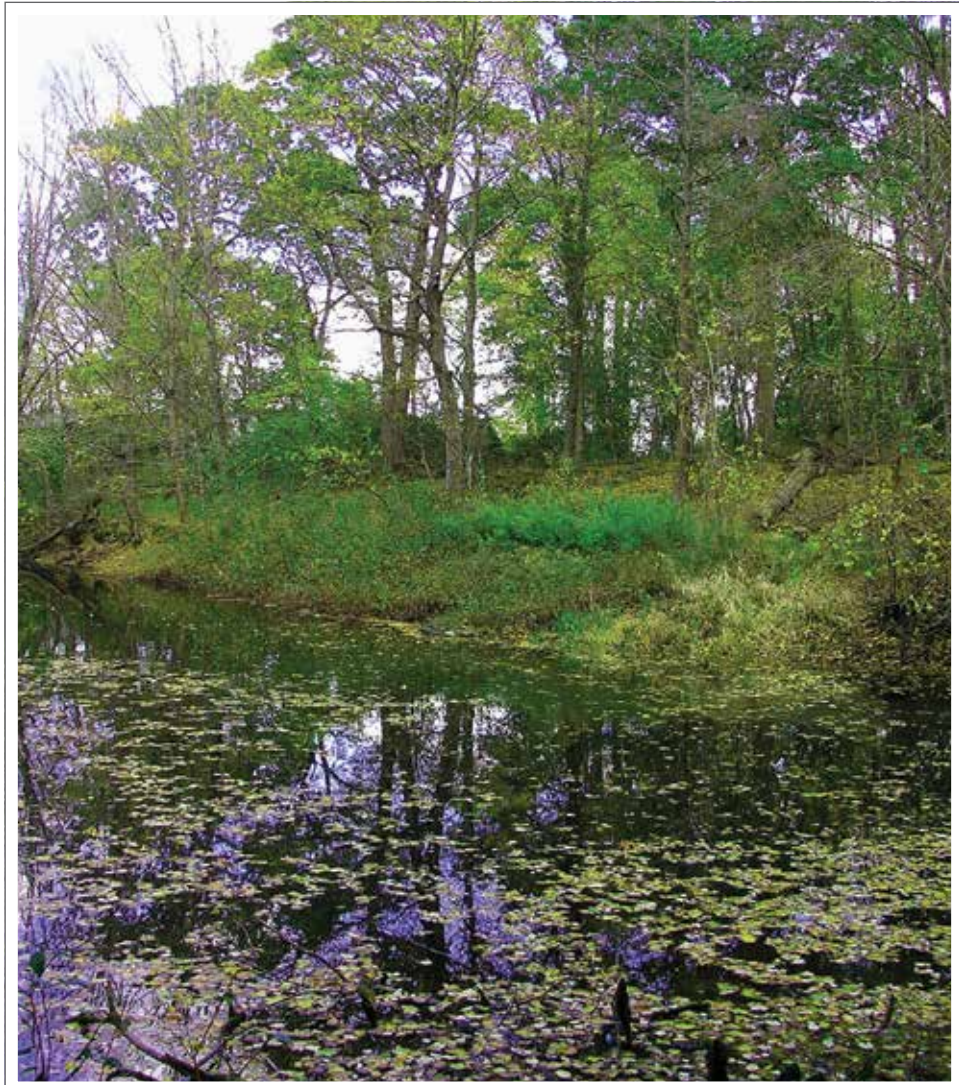
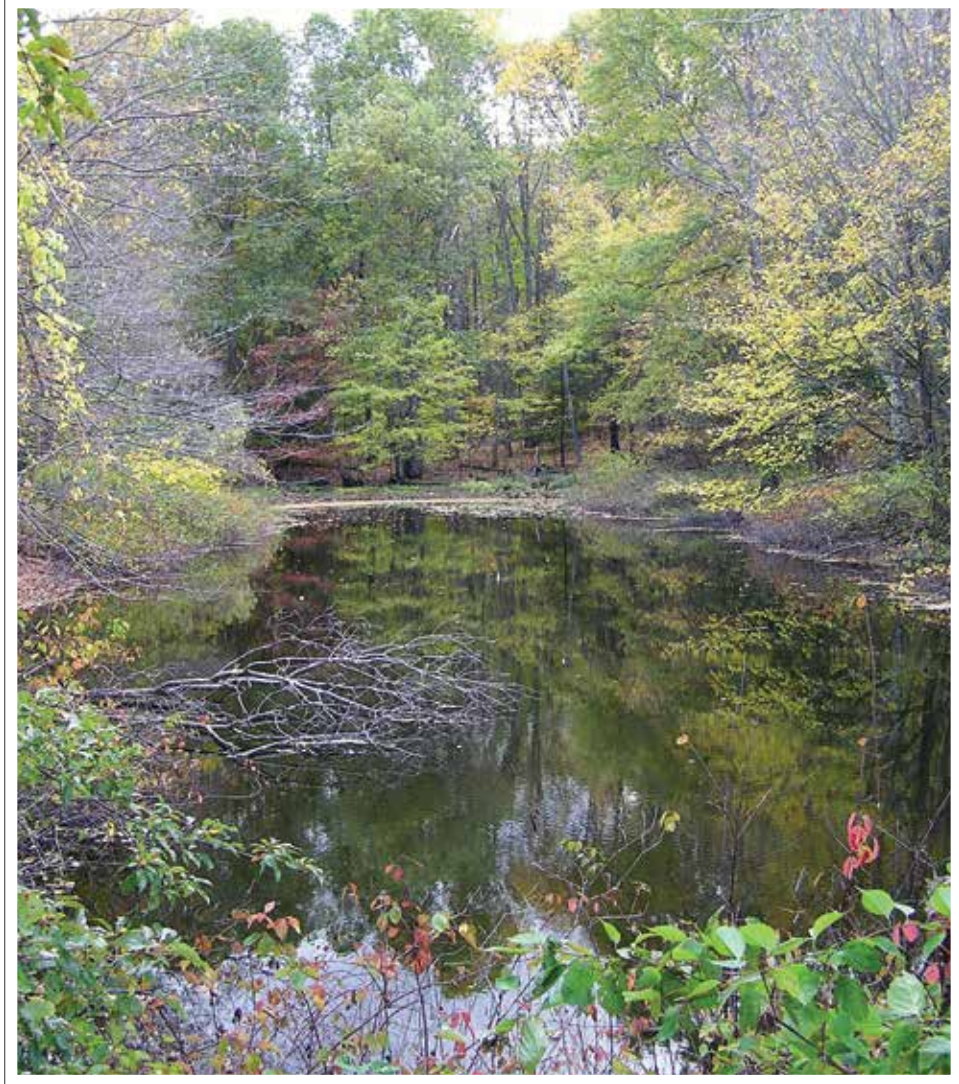
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Phone Number: _____

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ARTS & LEISURE



Photos by John Wesolowski

OCC ANNOUNCES PHOTO WINNERS

The Orange Conservation Commission (OCC) recently announced the winners of its 2014 OCC Photo Contest. The 2014 winners were John Wesolowski, 1st Place; Stephanie Durkee, 2nd Place; Priya Aggarwal, 3rd place and Tamara Ketchian, Honorable Mention. The Conservation Commission would like to thank everyone who

submitted beautiful photos of our open space areas in town. John Wesolowski's photo was taken at Turkey Hill Preserve, his and all the other photos will be on display at the Case Memorial Library in March. Check the Orange Conservation Commission Town website for photos and maps of all the town's open space trails.



Orange resident Amelia Justo, a senior at Luralton Hall, went to Walt Disney world on December 21st to sing at Epcot's Candle light Processional. Luralton's Advanced Vocal Ensemble & Concert Choir sang in the show as celebrity guest Marlee Matlin narrated the story of the nativity. Selections such as Joy to the World and We Three Kings were sung along with a 500 member choir from high schools & colleges from across the country with a 50 piece live orchestra and Disney cast members. Amelia is far left with her group from Luralton, enjoying the Magic Kingdom. Amelia has been a member of LH's Advanced Vocal Ensemble for three years.

ADVENTURES IN WATERCOLORS AT CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Adventures in Watercolors at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange features three local watercolorists: John Bencivengo of Orange, Lynn Howson Page of New Haven, and Carol

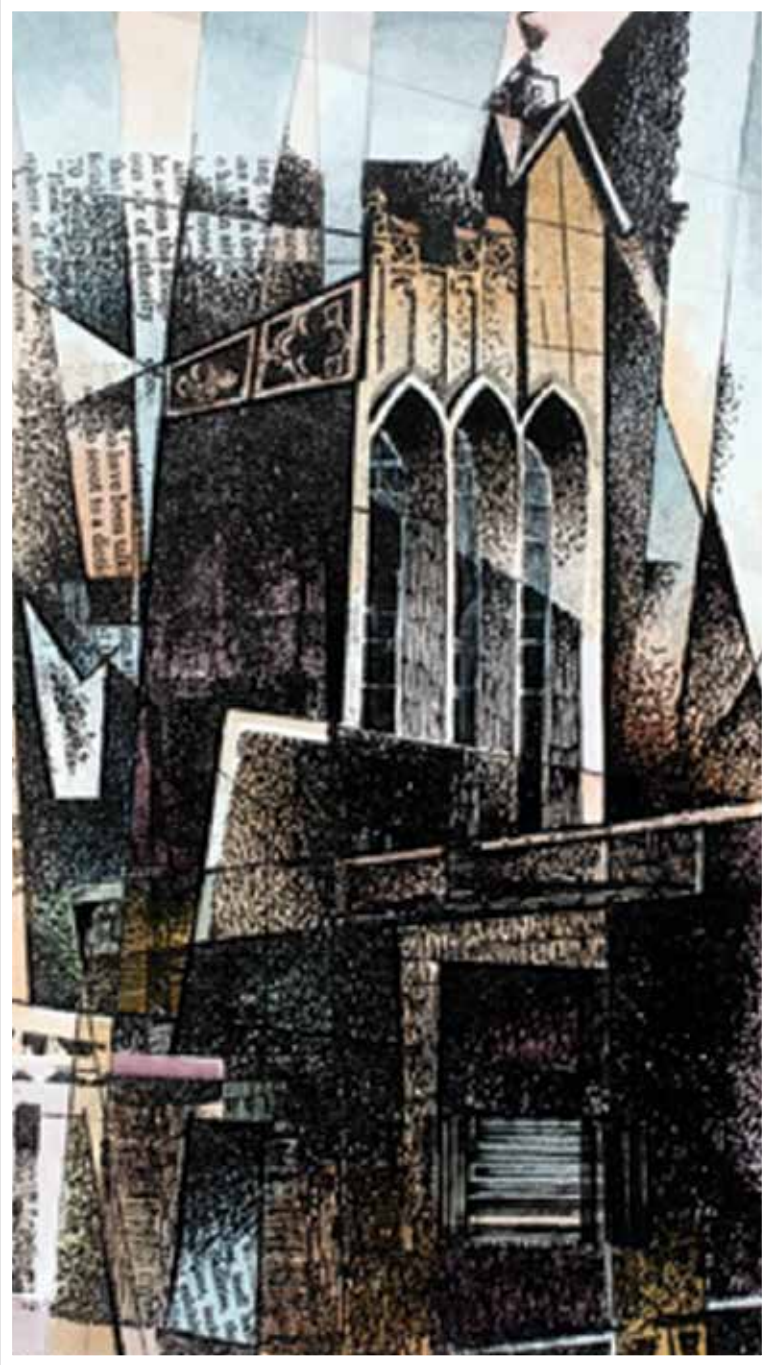
Weber of Shelton. Paintings will be on display from March 2nd through March 31st. A reception will be held on March 12th from 5-7 pm. For library hours call (203) 891-2170.

AUDITIONS FOR NEIL SIMON'S "BROADWAY BOUND"

The Orange Players will be holding auditions for Neil Simon's Broadway Bound on Monday, February 23 and Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. @ High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd. in Orange, CT. The script calls for 6 main characters, 4 men and 2 women. You may prepare a short monologue of your choosing or a "side" from the script

will be provided. If you have a headshot and theater resume please bring them with you. The show is directed by Kevin Miller of Stratford, CT and will run May 8- 10th. Rehearsal will begin in March. For further information or questions, contact Marianne Miller at (203) 795-3906/marianne_miller@sb-cglobal.net or visit the website at www.orangeplayers.net

ARTS & LEISURE



Daniel E. Rosner



John O'Neil

“VISIONS NEAR AND FAR” ART EXHIBIT FEBRUARY 2015

An exhibit of color photographs by local photographer John O'Neil and paintings and prints by local graphic artist/water-colorist Daniel E. Rosner will be on view in the Gallery Room of the Case Memorial Library in Orange during the month of February 2015. There will be an artists' reception, Thursday, February 12, from 5 to 7 pm.

The title of the exhibit, Visions Near and Far, is a reference to the contrast

between Rosner's architectural images and O'Neil's close up photographs of details of classic automobiles. The exhibit will be open during library hours -- 10 am to 8 pm Monday and Thursday, 10am to 5pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10am to 4pm on Saturday (closed Sundays).

The Case Memorial Library is located at 176 Tyler City Road in Orange.


ARE YOU THE BEST SINGER IN NEW HAVEN COUNTY?

Come on down to Karaoke Heroes in New Haven and show us what you've got!! Join us for the Voice of the Parade Contest! The winner will take home a Golden Microphone Award and will also win the honor of marching in the 2015 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade! The Parade is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2015 at 1:30 PM!

Sign up at Karaoke Heroes, 212 Crown Street, New Haven, CT from 7:15 to 8pm on Thursday, March 5th, 2015. The contest begins at 8:15. The

cost is \$5.

(In-house raffle, prizes, and 2015 Parade Merchandise available.) Judges: Jon McMillan (local professional singer) and Fiona Stewart, 2013 Parade Queen. Each contestant may sing one song. Prizes for best female performer, male performer, and best group performance (2 to 4 singers) will be awarded. All contestants must sign up the night of the event and be present to win. Decisions will be final. Hope to see you there!



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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



2014 FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Orange Fire Marshal Tim Smith has announced the community winners of the 2014 Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest, a statewide competition for fourth and fifth graders which was held from October to December. The contest is a cooperative effort of elementary school teachers and sponsors: The Connecticut Fire Marshals' Association, Office of The State Fire Marshal, Connecticut Fire Chiefs' Association, State Board of Education, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and The Connecticut FAIR Plan (representing the insurance industry). The 2014 theme was "Fire Prevention: Everyone/Everyday". Approximately 30,000 children from over 130 communities designed and produced the posters. The winners from each county will be exhibited in locations throughout Connecticut, including the State Capitol. From these, one poster will be chosen to be reproduced and distributed as Connecticut's 2015 poster to promote fire prevention within the state. Fire safety education is important as a means of preventing injuries, death

and economic loss. The contest brings awareness to children, their parents and the community of ways to prevent fires and to reduce damage. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office is pleased to announce the local contest winners. They are Adele Bidon, 4th grade, and Ariel Han, 5th grade, students at Race Brook School. The Fire Marshal's Office would like to thank the students, administrators and teachers from the Peck Place, Race Brook and Turkey Hill schools for their support and participation. Two important fire prevention measures are having and practicing a Home Escape Plan and installing smoke detectors. A working detector cuts the risk of dying in a fire by one-half. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office Community Detector Program provides and installs 10 year lithium battery alarms and/or carbon dioxide alarms, free of charge to Orange residents. If you have questions regarding fire safety or wish to have alarms provided and/or installed, please contact The Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.



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SHARING VALENTINE'S DAY WITH YOUR POOCH

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

February 14th is a special day to express love for sweethearts with flowers, candy or a romantic dinner. This year remember your furry, four-legged valentine, too! Make the day extraordinary by including your canine companion in the day's festivities.

Indulge your pooch with a "pet spa day." An aromatherapy spa treatment will relax your dog's cares away. Start with a warm bath and blow dry, and finish with a well-deserved massage. Your dog will return home rejuvenated.

Try a night away for two. Getting out of town with your dog is a fun way to bond outside of the home. Whether you go down the road or somewhere exotic, there are many dog-friendly hotels that are more than happy to accommodate you and your pup.

Get some exercise. A spirited walk and a picnic in your local dog park is a great way to burn energy and spend some quality time together. Who knows—maybe your canine will find a valentine, too.

If outdoor therapy isn't for your dog, maybe a little retail therapy is! Spend time together on a shopping spree at your favorite pet retailer or boutique. Clothing and accessories aren't the only things that will spoil your dog. How about a luxury pet bed that will send your dog to an ultra-comfortable dream world? You both will sleep easy knowing this purchase was meant to pamper.

Remember this special day forever by having a one-of-a-kind pet portrait made of your dog. You

will appreciate the elegance and joy that this artwork will bring for years to come.

Give your furry friend a new toy. Nothing says "Be My Valentine" like a pink or red heart-shaped chew toy. Be sure it is dog-safe and your four-legged friend will get hours of enjoyment out of a new plaything. Plus, those cute little toys scattered throughout the house are just little reminders of how much you love your pup.

Dinner and a movie are a fun way to spend Valentine's Day with your beloved pooch. Pick your favorite animal-related movie, and curl up with your pup and your favorite snacks. What's better than a good movie, fun food, a blanket and a best friend?

Cross off your annual vet check-up from your list. An annual vet visit for a thorough check means extra peace of mind on this special day.

Bake some homemade dog biscuits for your pooch. If baking isn't your forte, pick up gourmet treats at a local pet boutique. Even our furry friends deserve to have their tummies pampered on Valentine's Day.

It doesn't really matter how you spoil your dog this Valentine's Day as long as you both have fun. Whether you opt for simple or extravagant, make it a safe and enjoyable holiday for both you and your furry best friend.

Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com.



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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your natural Arian leadership qualities make you the person others will follow in tackling that important project. But don't get so involved in the work that you neglect your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor sorting through your possessions, both at work and at home, to start giving away what you don't use, don't need or don't like. Relax later with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That's why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes between colleagues at work or between relatives or personal friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll get lots of support from others if you own up to your mistake quickly and include a full and honest explanation. Learn from this experience so that you don't repeat it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There might be some early confusion over a major move, whether it's at work or at home. But once you get a full breakdown of what it entails, it should be easier to deal with. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Creating order out of chaos, even in the most untidy spaces, should be no problem for organized Virgos. So go ahead and do it, and then accept praise

from impressed colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Whether it's for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A meeting that was promised quite a while back could finally happen. So be sure you're prepared with everything you'll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don't be surprised at what you might learn.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Letting yourself be bathed in the love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult time faster. Good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an uncanny gift for reaching out to all people and creating bridges of understanding among them.

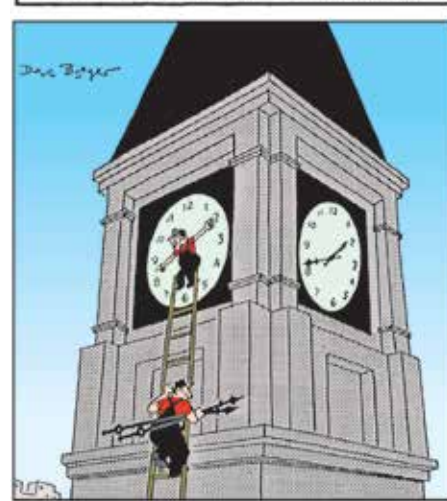
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3. Montana State
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5. Binghamton
6. Vermont
7. Colgate
8. Cleveland State
9. Notre Dame
10. Maine

Source: The Weather Channel

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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DOG TRAINING 101: JUMPING NOT ALLOWED

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My grandchildren recently got a 6-month-old puppy, a spaniel/Doberman mix. He's rambunctious, to say the least. Are there any easy lessons to teach "Farley" not to jump up on people when they visit? -- Lanny S., via email

DEAR LANNY: Jumping up is a common issue in dogs. There definitely are ways to train Farley to not jump when visitors arrive, but for any training to work, everyone in the household needs to be on the same page so that his training is reinforced.

Your best weapon in the no-jumping battle are the basic "sit" and "stay" commands. Train Farley to sit on command, and then train him to stay in the sitting position for gradually longer periods. (Get him to sit for 10 seconds at first, then extend that incrementally.) Once he understands and obeys those commands, begin training him to respond to the doorbell the way you want him to.

Set up a daily session where one person (the trainer) stands with Farley on a leash, several feet back from the door, and another person (the helper) goes outside.

When the helper rings the doorbell, tell Farley "sit," then "stay." Next, have the helper come inside; again, tell Farley to sit, then stay. Finally, bring Farley to the helper, still on the leash. Tell him to sit, then stay; the helper should not try to pet or speak to Farley during this training session.

This will take a few sessions ... maybe more than a few. Repeat it daily, and have the kids do it daily, too. Whenever a real visitor comes over, repeat the commands. Remember not to scold Farley during training; stick to firm commands followed by lots of praise or a treat when he follows them.

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

The Garden Bug

Yarrow

BY BRENDA WEAVER

This herb prefers well-drained soil in full sun, but can be grown in less ideal conditions. It is considered a very good "companion" plant, repelling some insect pests while attracting good, predatory insects such as wasps and ladybugs. Native Americans used it to relieve pain and swelling, treat wounds, reduce fevers and aid in restful sleep.

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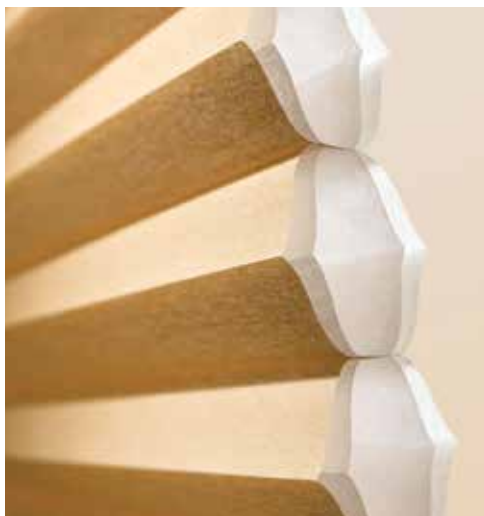
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