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## Amity Proposed Budget Increase Less than 3%

By Bettina Thiel - Orange Town News Correspondent

Amity School Supt. Dr. John Brady is proposing a 2.86% budget increase for the 2013-14 school year. If approved, the Amity budget would increase from this year's \$43.6 million to a \$44.8 million budget in 2013-14. "We continue to strive to present a budget that is reasonable and can be supported by all three member towns," Brady wrote in his budget overview posted on the District website.

There are several budget "drivers," line items that push up the bottom line. The biggest one is the increase in salaries and benefits which combined add up to an over \$1.1 million increase.

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## University of New Haven to Purchase Hubbell Site

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The University of New Haven has made an offer to purchase the 47 acre former Hubbell Electronics headquarters to use as a campus for several of its graduate programs.

According to UNH President Steven Kaplan, the property's existing attached buildings totaling about 70,000 square feet can easily be converted into classrooms, science and computer labs, and faculty offices. In addition, the site offers both underground and surface parking. The university plans to move its graduate programs in the College of Business, including its Executive Masters of Business Administration, to the new branch campus.

"We hope to complete the purchase later in the spring," Kaplan said. "The property will help alleviate space issues on the main campus in West Haven and will attract graduate students from nearby Fairfield County because of its convenient location." According to an article in the New Haven Register in 2010, Hubbell Corp. was asking \$6.9 million for the property.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli said UNH would be a welcome addition to Orange. "It seems to be an excellent, quiet fit and it would be an absolutely gorgeous campus setting," he said. UNH and town officials have met several times to discuss land use requirements but Zeoli said he has not been informed of a closing date. According to Zeoli, UNH will be responsible for paying the town approximately \$180,000 annually in taxes. "It's very important that the taxpayers and residents of Orange do not have any loss of tax revenue from the sale of this property," he said.

The property was built by the Clark family in the 1950s as a headquarters for the Asgrow Seed Company which later moved its operations to Michigan. The site continued to be used as a "quiet use" property when the Hubbell Corporation bought it in the 1970s, Zeoli said.



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Something about their heritage makes sisters Colleen and Kelly Shaw feel like dancing – Irish step dancing that is. The two Racebrook Road School students have joined their extended family’s tradition of learning the fast-paced and energetic dance style as soon as they started first grade.



Laura Fantarella



Colleen and Kelly Shaw

Kelly, 11, and Colleen, 8 both dance at the The Kathleen Mulkerin School of Irish Dance, in West Haven that has continued “teaching a love for our common Irish heritage and the Celtic spirit of the dance for over 70 years” according to its website. The Shaws were inspired to start dancing after years of watching their older cousins perform in the school’s annual recital.

The girls look pretty professional as they demonstrated a classic jig to a lively Irish tune, their backs ramrod straight and their feet kicking, swinging and stepping at lightning speed to the music. When they first began dancing, students wear the soft shoe similar to a ballet slipper called a “ghilli.” Once they prove their proficiency by performing the “hornpipe” dance they graduate to the “hard” shoe that makes the distinct clogging sound unique to Irish dance. Colleen is still waiting for her first pair of hard shoes.

Both girls like the speed and athleticism of the dance. “I like that it’s really challenging,” Kelly said. “It’s not easy, it’s pretty complicated.” Colleen added, “once you’re done learning the

easy steps the music gets faster and faster!” Both agree that the friends they’ve made at the studio just add to the fun. And performing at venues like the Racebrook School talent show and its St. Patrick’s Day celebration and marching in the Milford St. Patrick’s Day parade encouraged several of their school friends to take the class as well. Classmates Julia and Alexandra Hurlburt and Annie Driscoll are now hooked as well.

Parents Mary and Matt, are glad their children are learning a bit about their Irish roots. “We think St. Patrick’s Day is the most important holiday of the year!” Mary said. The girls will wear the traditional Kelly-green Irish dance garb and perform March 3 in the school’s annual recital. Since parents don’t get a chance to watch practices throughout the year, the Shaws say they are always surprised and proud when they attend the recital and see how much the girls have mastered. “The classes are getting bigger and bigger,” Mary noted. “Its popularity has exploded in the past few years.”

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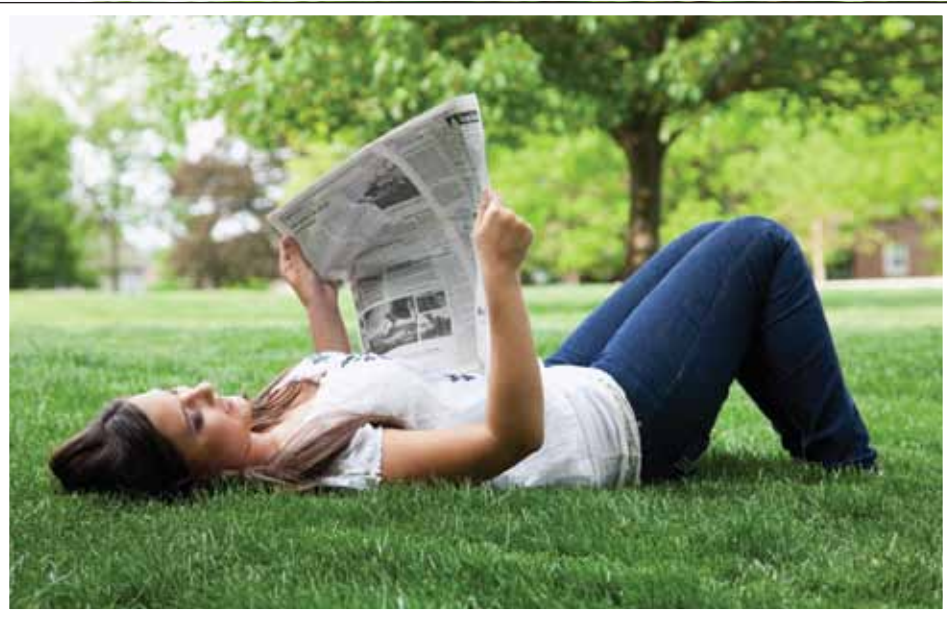
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## Committee to Seek Input on Commission Study

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

If the Park and Recreation Commission were granted one wish, it might be that one day the Fred Wolfe Park would be a mecca for recreational activity in town, complete with a dog park, running trek, ice skating, a "water squirt pad" for children, lighted soccer and lacrosse fields, a musical stage for concerts and performances and a pavilion with restrooms and concessions.

It's likely all that attended last month's Park and Recreation meeting were dreaming of such possibilities when town resident and landscape architect Tom Travella of Fuss and O'Neill presented a plan for future development of the property based on its master study of the area. The \$20,000 study was commissioned by the town so there is a professional plan in place to help the town proceed systematically with improvements to best use the 68-acre property.

According to Park and Recreation Commission chairman Joe Lembo, though the price tag could be as high as \$7 million if everything on the five-phase plan were to be included, projects could be implemented over a period of years, or even decades, and federal grants and donations could help offset the costs. "It is a phenomenally ambitious plan for the park - a pie in the sky - Lembo said. "It's a beautiful plan, if only we had the money. But at least down the road, we will have a plan in place and we'll be able to put the fields and buildings in the right place. Taxpayers' dollars are hard to come by and when you do spend them you want to get the most for your money." As important to Lembo and the rest of the Commission, is having public spaces that are multi-use and multi-generational, offering something for everyone. "We'd like to see the taxpayers getting something for their money. We try to give people as much as we can in terms of recreation," he said.

Lembo, who was on the original Fred Wolfe Park planning commission said the current four soccer fields were put in quickly. "Then nothing else, no bathrooms, no permanent parking lot, no concessions," he said. Over the coming months the Commission will seek public input to determine which of the first phase of improvements, like fencing and amenities, will be priorities. "We can start to do a few things and know we are doing them in the right way," Lembo said. "In the meantime, everyone will drift off and dream a little about having a running trek and ice skating and having that concert."

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**Committee Requests  
Security Enhancements  
at Orange Schools**

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Just days after the December shooting in Newtown revealed the vulnerability of schools across the world, the Orange Board of Education began to take a close look at safety and security in the four Orange Schools. A committee of more than 20 formed, made up of police and fire officials, members of the school board, administrators, principals and residents.

On Monday, Jan. 28, members of the committee appealed to the Orange Board of Finance for \$730,000 to make improvements and updates at all four schools.

Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin assured the board of finance that there is nothing ‘knee-jerk’ about the proposal. After a dozen meetings in six weeks, the ad hoc school security committee made five recommendations that they refer to as ‘mitigations.’

“We use that term because these are enhancements that will mitigate a potential situation,” McMullin says. She knows that some acts are not preventable, but administration can put the proper measures in place that would minimize the impact of any acts that could occur.

“By design, our schools have been centers of our community,” says McMullin. She’d like it to remain that way. “If we get too locked down, we send a message to kids that our world is a dangerous and fearful place.”

The five mitigation measures include the installation of rapid call buttons at all four schools, installation of an ID badge entry system, new classroom door locks, a state-of-the-art video surveillance system and modifications to the entries at the schools.

The rationale is that sally ports or security windows with monitors will add a level of security at the schools. According to Deputy Chief of Police Anthony Cuozzo, a monitor would give a rapid assessment to each person coming in to the school. He calls it ‘an opportunity for human intervention.’ The board is still discussing which schools will have sally ports versus service windows.

The recommendations also include assigning a trained school resource officer (SRO) to the schools on a full-time rotating basis. The SRO is seen as a prevention and a mitigation measure. He or she will have an unscheduled, unannounced presence throughout the schools on a daily basis. The SRO will also work with students on contemporary issues of bullying, communications media, substances and decision-making.

After brief conversation, the board of finance agreed to fund the \$150,000 rapid call button and ID badge entry system at all four schools from the town’s general fund.

The rapid call buttons will replace the current school announcement systems and will include a mass notification system with a one-step push of a button to make both a pre-recorded loud speaker announcement and a 911 call simultaneously. This system will also automatically release the fire doors in the event of an emergency. The ID badge entry system will include ID card readers to open locked entryway doors on color-coded lanyards. With this system, school doors will remain locked at all times (as is the practice now). Teachers and staff wearing colored lanyards will be easily recognizable to children as people who can help.

“Technology will be taken advantage of in ways that it hasn’t in the past,” McMullin says. A \$430,000 video surveillance system will include cameras installed at entrances, playgrounds, in offices, in common areas and down hallways, monitored from multiple computers. Recordings can be preserved for future needs. The committee considers the system useful for acts of vandalism, missing children or in the event of an accident.

The estimates are soft, according to Schools Facilities Administrator Mike Luzzi. The request also includes a new \$125,000 wireless backhaul system for the police department.

“This system will make communication more robust,” explains Police Chief Robert Gagne. “The key with this new system is it’s not just radio, it’s data and video, live feed video. We could monitor what is going on at schools in real time,” he says. “This request is not just in reaction to what happened in Sandy Hook, these are basic security measures. Response time is critical and this system could make response time much faster.”

On the whole package, Gagne says, “These are basic security measures that need to be taken to keep the children safe. It’s not something we want, it’s something we must have to ensure safety of children. The time has come where we have to get this done.”

The remaining \$700,000 (including the \$125,000 for the wireless police system) will be added to the \$14.5 million bond package that the town plans to present to the town this spring. The salary for a full-time student resource officer will be discussed as part of the police department’s budget requests.

According to First Selectman James Zeoli, if the bond is voted down, the bond committee will have to make a choice to go back to residents with the same plan, or present a new one.

“This is all new ground we’re treading on because of what happened in Sandy Hook,” says Luzzi. “How can we put a price tag on students’ safety? These are needs, not wants.”



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## Orange Schools Seek Support for \$8 Million Bond

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Residents of Orange will be asked to vote on a referendum this spring. The total proposed bond package is \$15 million and includes repairs to town roads, High Plains Community Center and at all four schools. Projects include replacement of Race Brook School's 54-year old boiler. The current system, original to the building, was built for a 32,900 square foot school. Over 16,000-square feet have since been added. If the bond is approved, Race Brook School would also receive a new roof and new windows and doors.

A new roof at Turkey Hill would replace the 50-year-old one that exists there now. A new boiler and windows would also be installed. Improvements to Peck Place include a new roof, unit ventilators and a new drop-off circle. Repairs would also be made to the façade at Mary L. Tracy School. Administrators believe that combining the roofing projects would achieve more favorable bidding. All work would be completed before school opens next August.

*("Bond" continued on page 6)*



## Colonial Day at Turkey Hill

On January 25th, Fifth Grade students at Turkey Hill School participated in Colonial Day. Students took part in such activities as baking their own corn bread, making their own hornbooks, as well as playing such games as Nine Men's Morris and Cat's Cradle. William Rotko exclaimed, "I didn't realize that the colonial people had it so hard. They didn't have anywhere to go to get supplies. They were very self-sufficient." Students were also able to dress up as colonial children as they experienced a simulated day in the life of a colonist. Nicholas Ricciardi commented that it was very surprising to learn how they entertained themselves. "It was cool how the little kids would play with paper dolls on Sundays, because it was a quiet day of rest and these toys were less noisy." Prior to this activity, students studied aspects of colonial life and jobs, as well as the economy and geography of the original 13 colonies. Fifth Grader, Anthony DiStefano expressed how he loved making the friendship pillows, "Because it is just a great, easy way to show how much you love your best friend."

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"These are infrastructure needs that have to be done," says Board of Education Business Administrator Kevin McNabola. The original plan called for a \$14.5 million bond, but an additional \$800,000 was added to cover costs of security enhancements at the four schools on the recommendation of the Board of Finance. "It was a \$14.5 million final number, but then the tragedy [in Newtown] happened and this thing took a whole new shape," McNabola says.

As far as how much the bottom line would be to residents, McNabola says, "I can't answer that yet. The grand list and revaluation project is not complete, and we need that final list—the grand list revenue—to base the tax increase on." The Board of Education's last time bonding projects was in 2004. All projects except the façade at Mary L. Tracy School qualify for a 23% possible reimbursement.

The \$15 million package includes \$5 million for paving town roads and \$2 million for improvements at the community center, the library and the police station. The Board of Selectmen will set a date for a town meeting to inform residents about the proposed bond at its meeting on February 13.

**Breakdown of Costs for School Repairs**

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- \$1.3 million Turkey Hill boiler
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## ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

### Bucknell Announces Dean's List

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2012-13 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Those students from your circulation area who met this standard are: Douglas I. King, Orange, CT 06477, son of Brian and Rita King of Orange, CT, and a 2012 graduate of Amity Regional H S, Woodbridge, CT.

### Pennsylvania College of Technology Dean's List

The Penn College Dean's List includes all full-time students who have a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or better. **Aaron R. DeMaio**, Orange, Bachelor of Science, Residential Construction Technology and Management: Building Construction Technology Concentration.

### Dana Murray Named to UCONN Dean's List

Dana Murray, daughter of Paul and Cara Murray of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Connecticut. To be awarded this designation, a student must complete the semester with a GPA among the top 25 percent of students enrolled in their school or college.

A student on the pre-medical course of study, Dana is in her senior year at UConn in Storrs. She is also the Vice President of the Women in Math, Science, and Engineering club on campus. Dana volunteered at Smilow Cancer Hospital in the summer of 2011 and interned as a research assistant at Yale University School of Public Health in the summer of 2012. She is employed by Dr. Regina Johnston at the EyeCare Center of Orange.

### UConn Announces Dean's List for Fall 2012

Storrs, Conn. -- The University of Connecticut recently announced the students who attained the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester. To make the Dean's List, students must be taking at least 12 credits, finish the semester with a grade point average that is among the top 25 percent of students enrolled in their school or college, and have no grade below a "C." The following Orange students have been named to Dean's List: Megan Aconfora, Nyle Bradley Blanck, Justin Anthony Bunnell, Katelyn Elizabeth Cimmino, Niall Redmann Dammando, Marc Nicholas DeMattie, Katey Marie Della-Giustina, Katherine Anna Holden, Aimon Iftikhar, Mark Edwin Lightowler II, Sabrina Mae Maher, Dana Murray, Rachel Pendergast, Ivan Peng, Emily Rose Post, Morgan Starr Radin, Katie Elizabeth Shelnitz, John Patrick Taylor, Joseph Michael Tessitore, Sally Kathleen Trapp, Morgan Grace Turner, Grant John Watkins, and Maria Yorgakaros.

### Dean's List for Western New England University

Springfield, MA-- The following students have been named to Dean's List at Western New England for the fall semester of 2012. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher. Students from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Joseph R. Tomaselli, a Sophomore majoring in Exploratory Business and Jillian I. Ball, a Senior majoring in Psychology.

### Mazzabufi Newly Enrolled at Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its list of newly enrolled students for the spring 2013 semester. Jennifer Mazzabufi of Orange, CT is attending Eastern this spring. Mazzabufi's major is Pre-Early Childhood Education. "We are pleased that Jennifer has decided to attend Eastern and has the opportunity to experience the benefits of our liberal arts education while enjoying student life on our beautiful campus," said Ned Harris, Director of Enrollment Management. Harris notes that Eastern students come from 162 of Connecticut's 169 towns, from 26 other states and from 44 other countries.

### Bryant University Students Named to Dean's List

The fall semester Dean's List at Bryant University includes the following area residents:

Steven Bishop, a Junior in Finance from Orange  
Samantha Rimler, a Junior in Marketing from Orange

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### Local Students Named to Sacred Heart University's Dean's List

Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn., has announced the Dean's List for the fall semester 2012. To receive this honor, a student must achieve a 3.6 grade average, based on a 4.0 scale. The following students made the fall 2012 Dean's List:

Kimberly Ball of Orange, John Brandes of Orange, Kathryn Bruder of Orange, Holly Johnson of Orange, Marisa Papa of Orange, Gregg Pizzi of Orange and Sara

Warncke of Orange.

For additional Sacred Heart University news, please visit <http://www.sacred-heart.edu/aboutshu/news/>.

### Alexa-Nicole Sliby Makes Siena College's Deans' List

Loudonville, NY -- Alexa-Nicole Sliby, a resident of Orange, CT was named to Siena College's Deans' List for the Fall 2012 semester. Sliby is a senior biology major at Siena. To be named to the Deans' List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89. Sliby was one of 733 students to be named to the Deans' List for the Fall 2012 semester.

### Area Residents Named to Dean's List at Quinnipiac University

The following area residents were named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the Fall 2012 semester:

Lorie Borelli of Orange, Sarah Clark of Orange, Shannon Denny of Orange, Kelli Rafferty of Orange, Cameron Ratliff of Orange, Christine Rotko of Orange, Hayley Spragg of Orange and Christopher Vendola of Orange. To qualify for the dean's list, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 with no grade lower than C. Full-time students must complete at least 14 credits in a semester, with at least 12 credits that have been graded on a letter grade basis to be eligible. Part-time students must complete at least six credits during a semester.

For more information, please visit <http://www.quinnipiac.edu>. Connect with Quinnipiac on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/quinnipiacuniversity> and follow Quinnipiac on Twitter @QuinnipiacU.

### Endicott Announces Dean's List Students

Beverly, MA- Endicott College is pleased to announce the Dean's List students for fall, 2012. 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", and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester. The following students have met those requirements: Lauren Helen Melkus is the daughter of Carl & Gail Melkus of Orange, CT. Lauren is a Sophomore majoring in communication.

### Roger Williams University Announces Fall 2012 Dean's List

Bristol, RI -- The following local residents are among those to be named to the Roger Williams University Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester:

Orange, CT resident Michael Aiardo, majoring in Architecture; Orange, CT resident Adam Watts, majoring in Criminal Justice; Orange, CT resident Leora Novick, majoring in Dance; Orange, CT resident Jonah Schwartz, majoring in Economics; Orange, CT resident John Dunleavy, majoring in English Literature; Orange, CT resident Jane Depgen, majoring in Graphic Design Communications; and Orange, CT resident Kaitlin Muttitt, majoring in Psychology

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.

### Fall 2012 Dean's List at The University Of New Hampshire

Durham, NH -- Rachael DePalma of Orange has earned Highest Honors for the fall semester of the 2012-2013 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.

### Meredith G. Santaus Named to St. Lawrence University Dean's List

Canton, NY -- Meredith G. Santaus of Orange has been selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall 2012 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. To be eligible for the Dean's List at St. Lawrence University, a student must have completed at least four semester units and have an academic average of 3.6 (based on a perfect 4.0 scale) for the semester. Santaus, a member of the class of 2016, graduated from Amity Regional High School.

### Jillian Ball Named to Dean's List at Western New England University

Jillian I. Ball of Orange, CT, has been named to the Dean's List at Western New England for the fall semester of 2012. Ball is a Senior majoring in Psychology. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.30 or higher.

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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.

Upcoming Issue Deadline	Upcoming Issue Dates
February 22nd.....	March 1st
March 15th.....	<i>Easter/Passover Issue</i> March 22nd
April 5th.....	April 12th

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

## FROM OUR READERS

### The Orange VNA: Efficient, Caring and Knowledgeable

At the end of September, 2012, I contacted the Orange Visiting Nurses to help in what I thought was going to be a quick recovery from minor surgery. It is now 15 weeks later and I am still recuperating! During this time I have had to rely on the help of many of the nursing staff, with the very special Therese Marino coming most frequently as my primary care nurse. The level of expertise and professionalism of each of the nurses is amazing. They are prompt, efficient, caring, patient, and knowledgeable. When I am completely healthy again, I am going to miss their weekly visits! The residents of Orange can be assured they will be in the hands of professionals if they need medical assistance from the outstanding staff of the Orange Visiting Nurse Association.

Thank you,

*Barbara Coyle*

### Orange Nativity Display... We Did It! It Was Beautiful! We are Grateful!

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

We thank our Co-chairmen Marianne Bauer and George Guiliotis and the crew that gathered to construct and disassemble the display. It was wonderful to observe the excitement and joy of this very diverse group as they performed this labor of love. They were: John and Bess Agapiou, Roy Arbour, Rich, Lisa, Colby, Justin and Aedan Altorelli, Bill and David Bratz, David Byrne, Gregg Guiliotis, Justin Grande, Harriel Kral, Lee, Tricia and Molly Lasto, Lorraine Liebel, Robb McCorkle, Jim, Marcy, Christopher, Pat Winkel, and Ryan Wohlert. We also received assistance from Phil Grande and from members of the American Legion Post 127.

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

In conclusion, a very special thanks to all the individuals and organizations who helped us to make this project possible and who helped us to remind everyone of the true meaning of Christmas.

Sincerely,

*Dotty K. Guiliotis*

### To The Editor

I read with great interest the letter in the January 18, 2013 issue from Deborah Sessel regarding her issues with dogs at the Racebrook Tract. My wife and I are long term recreational permit holders with the Regional Water

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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.**

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## ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

# Dangers that Lurk in Popular Teen Apps Addressed at Amity High School

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

If you think you know what your teenagers are doing on the Internet, think again. That was the message at a presentation held at Amity High School in mid-January. The presenter, Scott Driscoll, spent 24 years in law enforcement working with youth. He has posed under cover as a teenager to lure pedophiles out of hiding and then used his experience to start Internet Safety Concepts, a company that hosts conferences and presentations for adults and students. He says that though the Internet has virtually put the world at our fingertips, there are dangers that even some of the best parents are not aware of.



Vuze and Frostwire. “All it takes is one click on ‘yes’ and you’ve allowed people to come into your hard drive,” he says. iHeartRadio and iTunes are much safer choices, according to Driscoll.

The presentation was attended by about 200 parents. The high school students attended their own presentation during the school day. “It’s not that we don’t trust our kids, it’s that they just get sucked in so easily,” Says Driscoll. He advises parents not to take matters into their own hands if they find out their child is communicating with someone questionable online. “Call the police, don’t try to handle it on your own,” he says.

While introducing Driscoll, Amity Principal Charles Britton explained, “We are hoping to start a conversation about how students are using the internet and all of the devices that attach to the Internet.” Britton describes the Internet as a valuable instructional resource when it’s used properly. He says computers and cell phones are providing some students with a sense of anonymity, resulting in behaviors that are uncharacteristic and downright bad. He compares the faceless interactions of those on Twitter and Facebook to driving: “Think of the nicest person you know. They get cut off on the Merritt Parkway and they turn into a raving maniac! They would never behave that way if it was face-to-face, and the same thing is happening with students online.”

He says the language used by students—yes, even some of the best students—is grotesque and unbelievable at times. “There is a certain level of responsibility and ethical use that students should have. These interactions are not private, they will follow you for a very long time,” he warns. “Children still think they can be anonymous,” Driscoll says. “Ten years ago, they would have gotten away with that, but not today.” Emails that are used to bully or tease another student are easily traced via an IP address that accompanies every electronic mail. “If you wouldn’t say it to someone’s face, it had better not be on the Internet,” he says.

Driscoll warns of the permanent record that a teen’s online presence creates, and encouraged parents to go home and search their child’s name and email address on Google. He says that colleges are doing this when they receive applications and using their findings in their admissions decisions. “All it takes is one poor choice and it will come back to haunt you,” he says.

Driscoll and Britton agree that social networking is providing a new path for bullies to reach their victims at virtually any time of the day. “There used to be a time when home was safe, where there was a break from bullying,” Driscoll says. “But now, this stuff is serious. We’re losing kids all over the country and we have to do something about it.”

Some teens are putting each other at danger with their actions from behind a computer screen, but they’re also endangering themselves. Many are unknowingly exposing their personal and private information, allowing it to fall into the wrong hands as pictures are shared on Instagram and Facebook.

Not only are teens telling each other way too much about their daily lives via social networks, the thousands of photos they’re sharing are quite revealing. Driscoll says, “The metadata that follows a picture provides the date and time it was taken, as well as the longitude and latitude and with a click, anyone is able to see where you are by using Google Earth. Parents want the GPS on a phone, but by using a people locator such as Banjo, a stranger can get the GPS coordinates with a detailed map.”

As for the appropriateness of photos being shared by teens, Driscoll urges kids to pose the question, “Am I ready for the world to see this picture?” SnapChat, a popular new app that teens use to share photos and videos also has hidden dangers, according to Driscoll. Teens, feeling a false sense of safeness that the photos truly do ‘disappear’ after a few seconds are sharing revealing and inappropriate photos of themselves and others. Easily saved in as a screen shot, the photos are now permanent and easily sharable.

Driscoll urged parents to keep an eye on their kids’ activity online, even in purchasing and sharing music on certain sites such as The Pirate Bay, Bitland,

As a law enforcement officer, Driscoll investigated Internet crime, some involving him going online under cover as a teenager. Other investigations involved possession and distribution of child pornography, online bullying and harassment, identity theft and enticement of minors. In 2010, he co-authored a book with Laurie Gifford Adams: ‘www.R U In Danger.net,’ a guide for families and educators on what dangers lurk on the Internet and how we can all be safe.



### ORANGE KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If your child is turning five on or before January 1, 2014, it is time to register for kindergarten!!

Please contact Mary L. Tracy School to receive a kindergarten registration packet:

Telephone: 203-891-8028

Email: [kregistration@orange-ed.org](mailto:kregistration@orange-ed.org)

If you are leaving a telephone message, or sending an email, please give your child's name, date of birth, address, and telephone number.

Registration packets will be mailed in February with a date and time of your appointment in March.





## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### Grants Available from the Orange Foundation

Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for grants to be distributed in the spring of 2013. Funding is available for projects benefiting the residents of Orange. Those eligible for grants include non-profit organizations, parent-teacher organizations, and service organizations.

According to Janice Lettick, Distribution Committee Member and Chair of Grant Distribution, "Since it began giving out grants, the Foundation has distributed over \$128,000 to various local civic and community organizations. The grants range in size from \$500 to \$1,500. We encourage Orange community organizations to apply for funding to support their activities." Past recipients include: Camp Cedarcrest; Orange Little League; Special Olympics; Silverbrook Estates; and the Orange Community Recycling Committee.

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2013. Applicants are encouraged to complete the online form available at [www.OrangeFoundation.org](http://www.OrangeFoundation.org). Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.



### Amity Class of 1973 40th Reunion

Attention all graduates of the Amity Class of 1973 – Save the date! Saturday, November 30, 2013, 7pm to midnight, Grassy Hill Country Club, Orange, CT. Plans are underway to celebrate the 40th Reunion. Pass the info on to fellow alumni. We are in the process of creating a master data base in order to get out future info to all. Please provide your name, address, phone number(s) and email address to: [paula.cofrancesco@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:paula.cofrancesco@reg5.k12.ct.us). We are on Facebook: Amity Reunion (Woodbridge, Female).

### Come See Chris Herren

Chris Herren, a basketball legend from Fall River, Massachusetts, realized his dreams by playing for the Celtics in the NBA, only to lose it all to addiction. Drug-free and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008, Chris has refocused his life to put sobriety and family above all else.

In 2009, Chris launched "Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren". Off the court, Chris continues to share his story with audiences in the hopes of reaching just one person and making a difference in their life. With the release of his memoir, *Basketball Junkie* in May of 2011, Chris was approached by hundreds of people and their families looking for assistance in their road to recovery. Inspired by their stories, Chris formed The Herren Project to educate at-risk populations on addiction and help others in taking the first steps toward recovery and a life of sobriety.

The presentation will be on Tuesday, February 12 at 7pm in the Amity High School Auditorium. It is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6pm. Seats are first come, first served.

### Orange Masons Offer Scholarships

Orange Masons, in association with Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89, are offering two "Medical Scholarships" for \$1,000 each to college students 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 daughter, 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, 2013. For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email [hcbypolly@yahoo.com](mailto:hcbypolly@yahoo.com), Subject: Scholarship.

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### Relay for Life Planning Meetings Scheduled

Meetings for the planning of this year's Relay for Life are currently scheduled as follows. All meetings will be held at High Plains Community Center starting at 7:00 PM unless noted.

Meeting Dates: February 10th\*, March 25th, April 22nd & May 20th.

\*Kick Off at Orange Hills Country Club Starting at 4:00PM. Team Captain Packets will be available at this time. This is a great time to ask any questions or become part of a Relay Committee. If you are going to attend this kick off, would you please email BOW Relay for Life [bowrelayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:bowrelayforlife@gmail.com) with who is coming so we can properly prepare with light refreshments.

### Love to Crochet?

Join the Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild! We are a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA), a non-profit group of enthusiastic crocheters in the southwest area (New Haven County) of Connecticut. We meet monthly to share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems, and generally have a great time crocheting! Please feel free to join us, there are NO FEES! Just bring along any project you are working on or one you may need help with. We meet at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange CT, 203-891-2170 (library only).

Saturdays, 10AM - 1PM on the following dates for 2013: March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7.

Our meeting room is on the 2nd level (the small meeting room). There is an elevator available (wheelchair accessible). Visit our website at <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>. Have a question? Email us at [HOTSCrochet-Guild@Live.com](mailto:HOTSCrochet-Guild@Live.com). Like us on Facebook (Hooked on the Sound) and follow us on Twitter (@HOTS\_Crochet). Happy Yarning!

### West Haven High School Reunion

West Haven High School Class of 1977's 35th reunion will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 7-11 pm at the Country House, 990 Foxon Road, East Haven. For more information and to register, go to [www.whhsclassof1977.com](http://www.whhsclassof1977.com) or contact Betsey Pesapane at [pez0559@yahoo.com](mailto:pez0559@yahoo.com) or (203) 764-7561.



## The Orange Foundation Invites Residents to Participate

The Orange Foundation was established in 1974 by former Probate Judge Charles Flynn to serve the residents of our town. The Foundation has made financial contributions to residents for 36 years by awarding annual scholarships to high school and college students to assist them in achieving life goals and by awarding grants to support community organizations that benefit Orange residents. Over the past 36 years the Foundation has distributed \$379,825 in scholarships and \$133,22 in grants. In 2012, 8 Orange students were awarded scholarships.

Many former and current Orange residents have made major contributions to the Foundation, which coupled with wise investment, has allowed the Foundation to continue to serve the community. Robert Archambault, who has served as President of the Foundation since its inception, invites Orange residents to contribute to the Foundation's work by establishing a designated fund honoring a family or individual or to contribute to an already existing fund. There is also a general fund. To obtain information about making a donation or bequest to the Foundation, call President Robert Archambault at 203-795-3716 or go to [thearchambaults@optonline.net](mailto:thearchambaults@optonline.net). All donations are welcome.



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## HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

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

### Teen Tech Talk

Rabbi Wainhaus of Or Shalom and the Orange Senior Center would like to match 9th grade students with the Orange Senior Center's seniors for one-on-one instruction on how to use an i-Phone or i-Pad, February 11 at 4:00pm. The kids need the hours for school and the seniors need the knowledge so let's get together! Call the Orange Senior Center (203) 891-4784 to register.

### Orange Lions Club Valentine's Pizza Party

Tuesday, February 12, 1:30 pm, the Orange Lions Club will sponsor pizza from Reno's for the Orange Senior Center Valentine's Pizza Party. Ashly Cruz will perform her Italian Show. Thank you Lions! Call the office (203) 891-4788 to reserve a seat.

### Safety in Numbers

The Or Shalom Synagogue 9th Grade Social Action Team in cooperation with Community Services is offering a service to Orange residents. The children, with adult supervision, will adhere numbers to your mailbox at no charge. These numbers are helpful in finding your house in case you need to call emergency personnel. Just call Community Services and we will take your name, address, and phone number and contact Or Shalom. An adult from the synagogue will call you to set up a mutually-agreeable time.

### Call for Nominations for Living Treasure Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 8, 2013 for the 2013 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website at [www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov), <http://orangeseniors.org/>, or Facebook/Orange Senior Center. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 10, 2013. Nominees must be current residents of Orange and at least 65 years of age. As a volunteer, they must have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for individual residents or enhanced the Orange community. The 2012 honorees were Marianne Bauer, Joseph Cuzzocreo, and Charles Flynn.

### AARP Tax Aide Program

Starting February 6, 2013 this year's free income tax assistance is provided at the Senior Center by the AARP Tax-Aide program for low to moderate income taxpayers of all ages, with special attention to those 60 and older. Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 9am to 12pm. Call the center to make your appointment.

### Lunch & Learn

On March 14, 11:30am to 1:00pm, Lunch & Learn the Orange Visiting Nurse Association and Orange Health Care will present "...". Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be served. Call the center to register. All are welcome!

### St. Patrick's Day Cabaret

First Cabaret Night of 2013 will be a St. Patrick's Day Theme. It should be a fantastic show! Join us on Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30 to 7 pm. Maggie Carchrie Music and Dance of the Scottish Highlands will be performing traditional Irish Songs and Scottish Dance. Coffee and dessert will be served at 5:30 and music begins at 6 pm. Dessert provided by Maria Biondi of the OVNA. Tickets are \$5 pp and are available in advance at the Senior Center starting February 1.

### Friday at the Movies

February 15, at 1:00pm, "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". British retirees travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Starring Judi Dench, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith. Call the center to let us know you are coming.

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# Slossberg Appointed to Gun Violence Task Force

State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Orange, Woodbridge) was selected by Senate Democratic Leadership to be a member of the Special Bipartisan Task Force on Gun Violence Prevention and Children's Safety. "In the wake of recent events in Newtown and ongoing issues with mental health services in Connecticut, it is encouraging that both parties are willing to come together to work on these problems," said Senator Slossberg. "It is unfortunate that we have been brought to this moment by such a tragedy, but we can no longer avoid having a conversation about the availability and delivery of mental health services in our state."




Gayle Slossberg

Members of the task force will conduct a review of current law and make recommendations on potential legislation to prevent gun violence, enhance school security, and ensure the availability and delivery of mental health services in Connecticut. Recommendations will be provided to Senate and House leadership with the goal of producing a bipartisan emergency certified bill in late February.

The task force has designated working groups to focus on three core issues: gun violence prevention, school security and mental health. Senator Slossberg will serve on the mental health working group. "The obstacles facing those who need help are unacceptable, and this is a discussion that I plan to continue as Chair of the Human Services Committee," said Senator Slossberg. "I wish to thank Senators Williams and Looney for affording me the opportunity to participate on this critical task force."


The first full meeting of the task force was held on January 18th.



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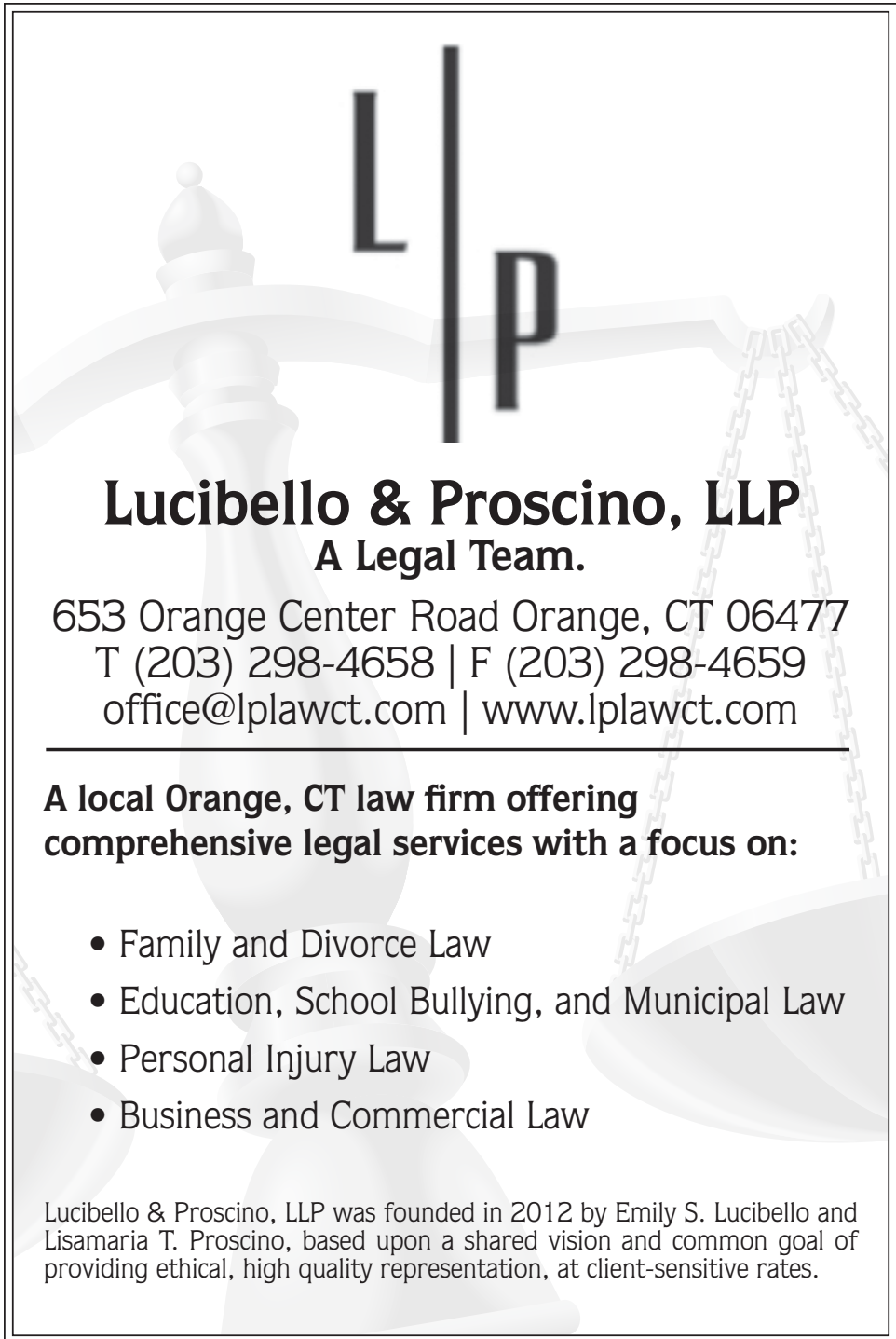
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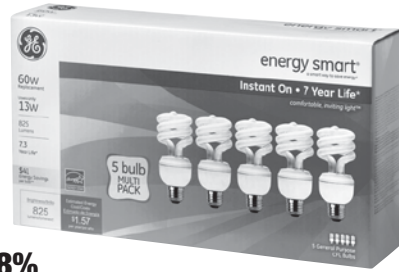
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## From the Desk of the Municipal Agent *By Denise Stein*



It's that time of the year again, the winter doldrums. Its been cold and downright nasty forever and a day. It's hard to get up in the morning; it's hard to get outside and so much easier to stay inside where it is warm and toasty. Well I agree with all of that but getting out doing something will make you feel so much healthier.

Take a walk, go to a lecture or take a day trip to somewhere in this wonderful state of ours which has many indoor attractions. Don't forget that our library has free passes to many of our great tourist attractions which will save you money on your admission.

I write this as it is very important to get out in the winter to keep up those spirits. As the old expression goes, "I need to knock off the cobwebs that have gathered on me". The other important factor is the snowball effect - the more you stay in the house, the more you will want to stay in the house.

Even if you just take a ride down to the senior center to say hi to friends, have a cup of coffee, we would love to see you. Don't forget to come into the office and say hi to the staff too.

See you soon.



On January 14th, The Orange TRIAD hosted a Sheltering at Home Panel which was well attended. The presenters at the panel shown above are from left to right, Maria Biondi LPN, OVNA, Stacey Hafen American Red Cross, Tim Smith Orange Fire Marshal, Assistant Police Chief Anthony Cuzzo, Al Mushin CERT, and Tino Russo CERT. We also want to thank the United Illuminating for their generous grant which made it all possible.

## O.V.F.D. Auxiliary Pancake Supper

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 4th annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange. Menu includes Pancakes, Eggs, choice of Bacon or Sausage and beverage.



Orange Volunteer Fire Department

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

## Karate Classes Offered by Orange Parks and Recreation

The Orange Parks and Recreation is offering karate classes for ages 4 to adult. Classes start March 19, 2013 at the High Plains Community Center. Superior Karate offers a family discount and also teaches in Stratford, Trumbull, Ansonia and Monroe. For more information, contact Chris Sansonetti at 203-783-9768 or visit [www.superiorkarate.net](http://www.superiorkarate.net).

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Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed on Monday, February 18 in observance of Presidents Day.

## Children

**Note: Please pre-register for Children's Programs**

### Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

### Winter Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Mondays at 4 p.m. This storytime session includes a craft.

### Magician Brian Flint

Wednesday, February 20, 2 p.m.: Colorful fun for the entire family with lots of audience participation. See someone float in the air! For children ages 4 and up. Registration is highly recommended and begins two weeks prior to the program date.

### Winter Teddy Bear Story Time

Monday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.: Wear your pajamas and bring your bear! For children ages 2-5. Registration is highly recommended and begins two weeks prior to the program date.

## Teens

### Book Chat Cafe

Tuesday, March 5, 2:15 p.m.: For teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center. See Mrs. Goss for more information!

## Adults

### Oscar Ballot Contest

Fill out a ballot with your predictions for the 2013 Academy Award winners! The prize is an Oscar DVD of your choice.

Monday, January 15: Ballots available at the Library.

Sunday, February 24: Academy Awards show.

Monday, February 25: Winners of contest announced at the Oscar film showing.

### New Year New You!

Learn how to save money, get organized, get fit, reduce your stress, and eat healthier at the Library!

**Yoga Dance:** Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.: Restorative yoga and gentle breath-based dance brings joyful physical activity and healing to the body and spirit and is great for all ages and capabilities, particularly those with physical limitations. Please pre-register.

**Finding Calm in the Chaos:** Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m.: Join Alicia Davis, LMT from Centers of Wellness, for this informative and rejuvenating workshop where you will learn simple yet effective ways to create internal balance and physical well-being. Learn how to remain calm, centered and focused in the midst of fast-paced, multi-tasking busyness...anytime, anywhere. Rescheduled from Monday, February 4. Please pre-register.

**Eating for Optimal Health with Chef Claire Criscuolo:** Monday, March 11, 7 p.m.: Claire Criscuolo of New Haven's landmark restaurant Claire's Cornercopia will teach you delicious, practical, and painless ways to incorporate fruits and vegetables into your diet without quitting your job, hiring a personal chef, and hiring a maid. Please pre-register.

### Oscar Films

Monday, February 11, 7 p.m.: Flight. An airline pilot saves a flight from crashing, but an investigation into the malfunctions reveals something troubling. Oscar Nominations: Actor in a Leading Role, Original Screenplay. Matinee showing: Wednesday, February 13, 1 p.m. Registration is highly recommended for all films and begins three weeks prior to the program date.

Monday, February 25, 7 p.m.: Argo. A dramatization of the 1980 joint CIA-Canadian secret operation to extract six fugitive American diplomatic personnel out of revolutionary Iran. Oscar nominations: Best Picture, Actor in a Supporting Role, Adapted Screenplay, Film Editing, Original Score, Sound Editing, Sound Mixing. Matinee showing: Wednesday, February 27, 1 p.m. Registration is highly recommended for all films and begins three weeks prior to the program date.

Monday, March 4, 7 p.m.: Beasts of the Southern Wild. Faced with both her hot-tempered father's fading health and melting ice-caps that flood her ramshackle bayou community and unleash ancient aurochs, six-year-old



Hushpuppy must learn the ways of courage and love. Oscar nominations: Best Picture, Actress in a Leading Role, Directing, Adapted Screenplay. Matinee showing: Wednesday, March 6, 1 p.m. Registration is highly recommended for all films and begins three weeks prior to the program date.

### Genealogy Workshop

Thursday, February 28, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will teach you how to research your family history. A new topic is covered each month. Please pre-register.

### Books and Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 19, 10 a.m.: Join Books and Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of Adriana Trigiani's novel The Shoemaker's Wife. Copies are available at the circulation desk. Refreshments will be served. Please pre-register.

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### Art in the Library

Thursday, February 7, 5-7 p.m.: Meet artist Marjorie Jacobs at the opening reception for her exhibit of oils and watercolors. Artwork will be on display from February 2-28.

Thursday, March 7, 5-7 p.m.: Meet artists Joan Handschumacher and Jacklyn Massari at the opening receptions for their displays of watercolors, photography, poetry, pencil and charcoal works. Artwork will be on display from March 2-31.

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Jennifer Stephens Named to Dean's List at Salve Regina University

Jennifer Stephens of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Salve Regina University. Stephens is a senior majoring in Elementary Education. To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.6 with no grade below a "B" in that semester.

### Margaret M Destefano Named to Dean's List

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average.

### Local Full-Time Eastern Connecticut State University Students Named to Fall 2012 Semester Dean's List

Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester. Full-time students from Orange are:

Dana Blydenburg '16 - Psychology major; Taylor Flanagan '15 - Pre-Secondary Education Certification and Undeclared major; Lauren Gray '14 - Psychology major; Robert Lin '16 - Accounting major; Daniela Marchitto '13 - Elementary Education and Individualized major; Michael Mastrianni '16 - Computer Science major; Kyle Mullins '16 - Business Administration major; Julie Pinciario '15 - Pre-Early Childhood Education and Psychology major; Christina Rully '13 - Sport & Leisure Management major

### Anfal Nyhan Receives Faculty Honors at Trinity

Anfal Nyhan of Orange, CT, a member of the class of 2014 at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., has received Faculty Honors for the 2012 fall semester. To earn Faculty Honors, a student must achieve a semester grade point average of at least a 3.667 with no individual letter grade below B-minus.

### Gabrielle Cella Named to Dean's List at Tufts University

Tufts University recently announced the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester. Among these students is Gabrielle Cella of Orange, CT, class of 2015. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

### Area Residents Named to Dean's List at Fairfield University

Fairfield University has announced that the following Orange residents have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester:

Tyler Bishop, Kevin Drenzek, Samantha Kelly, James Mooney, Gregg Pizzi & Robert Schwartz.

### 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 2012.

Anna Brosler, Freeman Demirjian, Joseph Ianniello, Todd Josselyn, Molly Kehoe, Jake Schpero & Michael Ulrich.



## Investors like you are now more concerned about affording long-term care than being able to retire securely

Provided by Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

Investor concerns always evolve with the changing economic landscape. But recently, the converging factors of rising health-care costs and increased life expectancy have resulted in the primary worry being the financial consequences of supporting themselves in old age. And, for the first time ever, long-term care issues are more pressing than retirement.

In a recent survey of over 2,000 affluent investors reported in UBS Investor Watch—a quarterly research publication that tracks the trends of current investor sentiment—26% of investors indicated their largest personal concern was affording long-term care. That was more than those who indicated their biggest worry was retirement (14%). And in a sweeping nod to the growing importance of this issue, younger investors, ages 25-49, reported seeing long-term care as more important than their older counterparts, ages 60 and older (33% vs. 18%).



"We're beginning to see a major shift in what investors see as their most important personal issues," Mike Ryan, Chief Investment Strategist for Wealth Management Americas and Regional CIO for the U.S., said as he unveiled the new report. "The impact of growing long-term and health-care costs cannot be disputed," he concluded.

Other anxieties about the macro environment persisted, including concerns about an increasingly intractable political situation in Washington. Seventy-six percent of investors are highly concerned about the political climate in Washington, surpassing concerns about rising healthcare costs (67% were "extremely / very worried") and the size of U.S. national debt (66% were "extremely / very worried").

Mike Ryan commented, "We see today's investors as adaptive creatures. In this environment, neither euphoric nor despondent, they are more pragmatic and practical. They've tempered return expectations, but acknowledge participating in the markets is necessary to grow wealth."

While there's no shortage of issues to be concerned about, the report found that overall confidence is higher among investors and significantly higher among those who create and follow a financial plan.

Seventy-three percent of investors who consistently follow a financial plan feel "excellent / very good" about their financial situation and the ability to reach their goals, as opposed to 31% who feel "excellent / very good" and don't have a plan. Furthermore, advice was shown as central to helping investors feel more confident, with 68% saying "receiving good advice to make smart financial decisions" is "very / extremely important."

If the trend toward higher healthcare costs and long-term care costs continues, as most would expect, the need for planning for the future will become more important than ever. If you're an investor who shares these concerns and has the desire to create a plan to move forward with more confidence, connect with Richard Zorena today.

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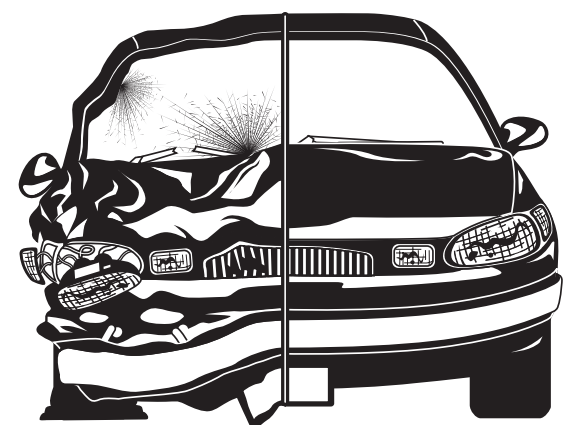
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**Salaries**

This is the second year in a 3-year teacher contract. After accepting a zero-percent increase for the current school year, the contract calls for step increases next year and 1.5% salary increase for those who have reached the top of the step chart.

**Curriculum changes**

In addition, the district will have to implement changes to its curriculum and program to adhere to the new common core standards. Some ten teachers from the district will take part in a training program next summer, Brady said. It will help teachers “weave” the new standards into the existing program of studies. These are not new content areas, but programs designed to improve literacy and problem-solving strategies. So far, the common core requirements effect English Language Arts instruction and math, but “science is coming,” Dr. Brady said. The costs the district will incur to meet these changes add up to \$220,000, and are grouped under a rubric Brady refers to as “Unfunded and under-funded mandates.”

The new teacher evaluation introduced by the state will also require some changes. Standardized test results are now part of the teacher evaluation. However, the CMTs and CAPT are administered only in grades 7, 8, and 10. As a result, the district will have to purchase a new program to administer tests in the other grades.

There is \$87,000 in the budget for new textbooks. Teachers will need to prepare for the new generation of state tests, which replace the CMTs and be implemented in 2015. The new tests are much more rigorous than the current ones, Brady said.

**Hockey Team**

The budget provides for a girls hockey team in 2013-14. Up until now, Cheshire, Amity and North Haven had a combined girls hokey team. However, Amity expects to have 21 players next year, and by law will need to offer its own program, Brady said. The most expensive part of a hockey program is the rental of ice time, he said. But if Amity were to cut the girls hockey, the district would risk a Title IX complaint.

**Program enhancements**

The Amity Board of Education’s Curriculum Committee approved several small program expansions, which combined add up to \$97,000. Amity will offer two new science classes next year, one a combined physics and engineering class, which combines the theoretical approach of physics with an engineering component. The other new class will be an oceanography class.

In addition, the school will have to increase its Spanish and French class offerings in response to increased interest in these classes. With the school changing from a 7-period schedule to an 8-period schedule last year, it gave students the opportunity to sign up for more electives. As a result, more students are signing up for foreign language, Brady said.

**Technology**

Given that the school has not kept up with its technology plan these past few years in order to keep budget increases low, the 2013-14 budget provides \$279,000 in computer and other technology upgrades. There also is \$31,000

earmarked for a digital photography lab. Currently photography is taught “the old way,” by developing film. However, in today’s increasingly visual world, students need to be familiar with digital photography. So the decision was taken to turn one of the darkrooms into a photo lab, while still preserving one darkroom.

**No roll-overs**

This year the district will not have any money left over to put into next year’s budget, as it has done in past years to keep tax increases low. It means that \$300,000 rolled over in the past few years now need to be made up.

**Savings**

The proposed budget also shows several areas that come in lower than in the previous budget. Debt service, both in principal and interest, was down by \$375,202. A major contributing factor is the refunding of bonds to take advantage of the low interest rates and the District and Member Towns’ excellent bond ratings. In addition, the proposed budget cuts 3.2 full-time equivalent teaching positions at the high school, or a reduction in salaries and benefits of \$276,653. It is not determined yet where those cuts will be made, Brady said.

**Buildings and grounds**

In addition to the Photography lab, the district is suggesting to install netting for the baseball field to prevent foul balls from leaving the field (\$24,462); re-sod crown of football field which is in bad shape (\$16,000); asphalt sealing and crack repair of parking lot (\$22,000); paint high school track and several smaller items.

At both middle school campuses the locker hinges do not work properly and need to be repaired, he said.

The superintendent’s proposed 2013-2014 budget increases total expenditures by \$1,247,837, or 2.86 percent. If approved as presented, the budget impact on the three towns would be as follows:

Bethany’s share would be \$8,746,849, which represents a \$155,202 increase (1.81%).

Woodbridge’s share would be 13,101,944, which represents a \$716,749 increase (5.79%).

Orange’s share would be 21,793,804, which represents a \$1,106,104 increase (5.35%).

Even if the numbers seem high, per pupil expenditure at the Amity district level are lower than at the state level or any of the three elementary school districts that feed into Amity. “Amity Regional School District No. 5 spent \$7,687 of expenditures for instructional staff and services compared to the State average of \$8,155. We even spent less than our member towns’ elementary school systems,” he wrote in his budget presentation. According to 2010 numbers supplied by the State Department of Education, Bethany’s per pupil expenditure were \$7,879; Orange \$8,939 and Woodbridge \$11,000.

In spite of tight budget years, the school has seen many of its students recognized. “Our students have made us proud with outstanding achievements in academics, arts and athletics,” he wrote. “Amity high school has been rated #4 of 193 high schools in the state and the District has been rated as #7 of 165. Most recently, Amity sophomores outperformed all others in the DRG (Districts Reference Group) at the advanced level of the CAPT (Connecticut Academic Performance Test).”



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6th grade participants in the Bee: (left to right) Gina Driscoll, Dorothy Parniawski, Victoria Gottesman, Tucker Wright, Anthony Esposito, Khaled Jarad, Ryan Miller, Lindsay Carloni, and Cailey Esposito

### Esposito Wins Race Brook School's Geographic Bee

Congratulations to Anthony Esposito, who won Race Brook School's school-level competition of the National Geographic Society's Geographic Bee, held on January 11th. Cailey Esposito was 1st runner-up and Tucker Wright & Victoria Gottesman tied for 2nd runner-up. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round of competition in the 25th Annual National Geographic Bee. Anthony and the other school-level winners around the state will now take a written test; up to one hundred of the top scorers in Connecticut will be eligible to compete in the state Bee on April 5, 2013. Each state winner will then participate in the national championship rounds May 20-22, 2013. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership to the society, and trip to the Galapagos Islands! We wish Anthony the best of luck!

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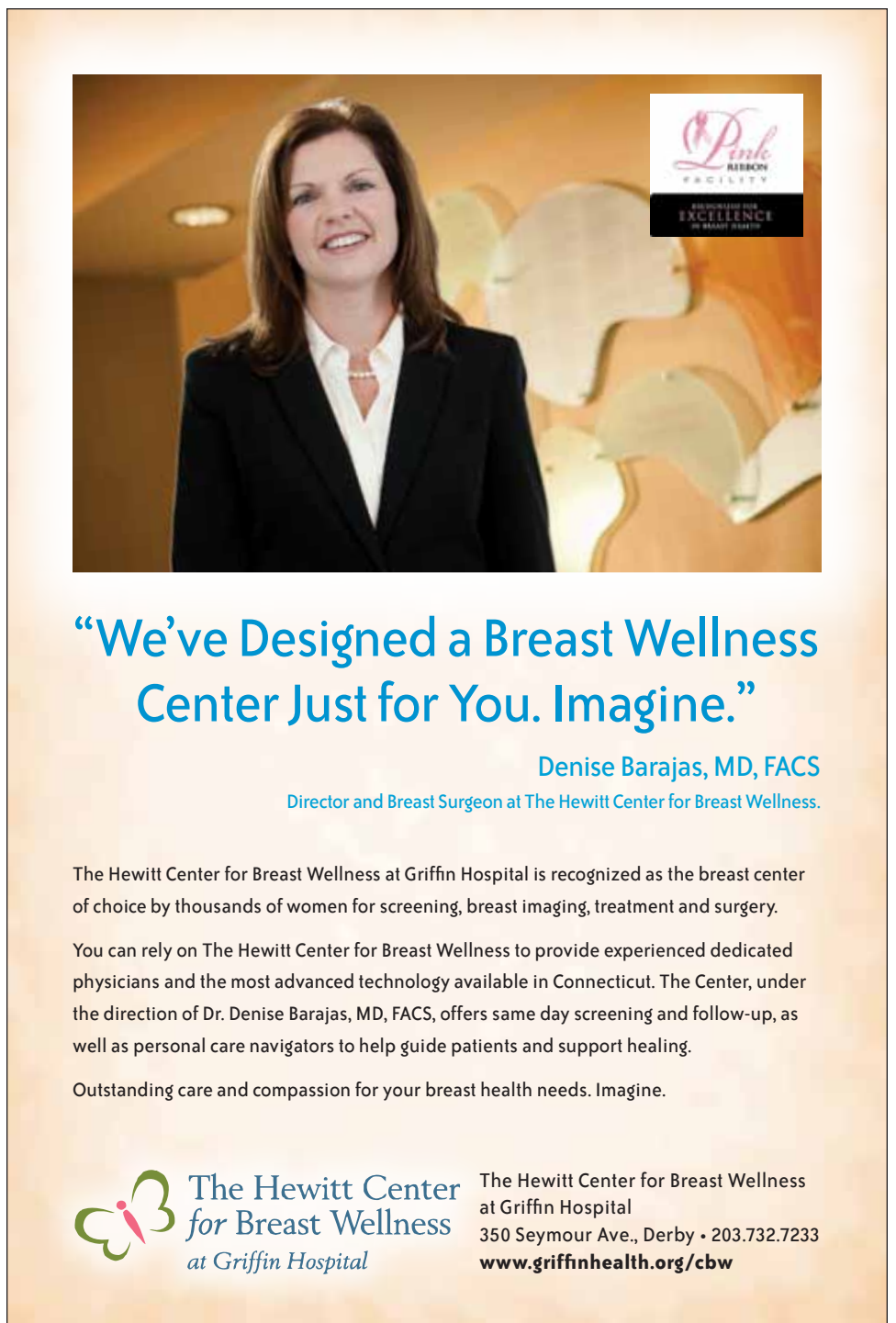
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**celebrity extra**  
by cindy elavsky

**Q:** I am so excited that “Dallas” is back on TNT for its second season. I am, however, sad about **Larry Hagman’s** death; watching his last episodes of “Dallas” are bittersweet, to say the least. How is the cast holding up? -- Mary Anne M., via e-mail

**A:** I spoke with series veteran **Linda Gray** recently, and while she is, of course, in mourning for her best friend, she shared some fond memories she had with Larry. “From day one, it was magic to work with him, and it never stopped being magic. He was a joy to watch, and looking into those baby-blue eyes and go, ‘You little rat, what are you doing now?’”

“When Larry and I worked together, it was really like a ping-pong game. It wasn’t a tennis game; it was faster, like ping-pong. It was like, I’m going to throw you something, and I don’t know what you are going to do, but you’re going to give it back to me, and it’s going to be fast and it’s going to be intense, but I’m going to hit it right back to you, so be careful.”

“It was just extraordinary to work with him. And he was a great, generous actor. I remember in 1978, I was coming at him (in a scene between Sue Ellen and J.R.) and just yelling at him or something, and he gently took my shoulders and moved me; I didn’t realize it, but I had gotten out of my light. Now another actor would have thought, ‘Let her bury herself. She’ll be in the dark; I’ll be in the light. Perfect.’ But he wasn’t like that. He was gentle like that. He was gentle with me. It was absolutely an unspoken chemistry that happens so rarely in life, and I was blessed.”

**Q:** When will “Army Wives” be back? -- Bea W., Fort Worth, Texas

**A:** It’s almost time! The seventh season of Lifetime’s hit drama will return with 13 all-new episodes, beginning



Linda Gray

Sunday, March 10, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. This season brings new challenges, including a heartfelt and final goodbye to one of the wives in what is being billed as “one of the series’ most dramatic and pivotal moments.”

**Q:** I need my Don Draper fix! When will “Mad Men” return? -- Diana W. in Tennessee

**A:** AMC has confirmed that the sixth season of “Mad Men” will premiere April 7 with a two-hour episode, which has been written by series creator **Matthew Weiner**. Series stars **Jon Hamm, January Jones, Elisabeth Moss, John Slattery** and **Christina Hendricks** are all set to return.

**Q:** Is “Grimm” returning to TV? Most of the other shows have returned from winter hiatus, but “Grimm” has not. I hope it did not get canceled. — Don R., via e-mail

**A:** Never fear, Don. “Grimm” is just taking a slightly longer break, and will return with all-new episodes on Friday, March 8.

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## "Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



### Romantic Restaurants for Valentine's Day 2013

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## Park & Rec Commission Gathering Information on Potential Dog Park

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Joe Lembo was not surprised to see a recent Letter to the Editor in the last issue of the Orange Town News from a frustrated resident who suggested a dog park in town might be preferable to bringing dogs to the town's open space parcels. The writer recounted several uncomfortable run-ins with dogs and their owners in several of the town's wooded walking trails.

But the idea was already on Lembo's radar; in fact it was on last May's Park and Recreation agenda as a proposal to look into the possibility of building a dog park in town. "I'd been talking to people around town and heard they were taking their dogs to parks in other towns. We have a lot of property the town has purchased for open space – wouldn't it be nice if people didn't have to take dogs to other towns?" Lembo said. "Park and Rec is ahead of the curve on this thing."

So he and Park and Recreation Director Dan Lynch began gathering information, contacting officials in area towns that have dog parks like Shelton, Hamden and even out of state, to get their feedback. What Lynch and Lembo heard were various success stories about the camaraderie the park fostered among the dog owners themselves and the pride and responsibility they felt in keeping their parks clean and well-maintained. Lembo's interest in a public place for pooches also coincided with the Park and Rec Commission's hiring of a Trumbull-based planning company, Fuller & O'Neill to develop a comprehensive master plan for the development of the Fred Wolfe Park. Since town resident Tom Travella, a landscape architect with Fuller & O'Neill would be working on the plan, Lembo asked him to look around town and make recommendations where might be the best place to implement a dog park.

First Selectmen Jim Zeoli is a dog lover who doesn't love the prospect of a dog park in town. "I understand there's a lot of interest but I don't feel we really need it. Orange is suburbia, with large yards, and plenty of places to take dogs to wander and roam," he said. But he's keeping an open mind while he gathers information about the town's liability. "Building a fenced in yard is the easy part, I need to know more about our liability exposure. It would be on town property, town provided, what if an animal or person is injured?" he said.

Lembo agreed town liability could be "a game stopper." "Obviously we do not want to open the town to any liability risks. The Park and Recreation Commission will discuss the dog park proposal at an upcoming meeting.

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Water Color: (one 2-part session; students need to do both sessions): February 20th -Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and February 21st -Time: 3 pm to 5:30 pm.

Drawing: (one session): April 15th Time: 9 am to 3 pm. Interested parents should email John Ulatowski at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov).

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## HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

# Love Letters from the Past...



Peter R. Forbes, born in Canada in 1804, was the son of Adam Forbes. His father served in the War of 1812 and his grandfather served in the cavalry in General Gates' army during the Revolutionary War. Cynthia's family owned a large farm on the Milford Turnpike, now Route 1. In 1831 Peter settled in Orange carrying on a butcher business for many years but later in life he became a farmer.

He married Cynthia M. Downs of Orange and they had 4 sons, Henry, David, Nathaniel and John. John followed in his father's footsteps as a farmer and his three brothers were carriage makers. Below are two love letters written by Cynthia and Peter.

New Haven June 5th, 1830

Esteemed Friend,

I have now an opportunity sooner than I expected of answering your letter which I took from the office on the 4th. My brother returned from sea last week. I came in town on Friday to stay until the next day, found your letter and knowing I should have no other chance of putting a letter into the office within a week or two, I stay over the Sabbath on purpose to write an answer. I know (sic) this you are anxious to hear that I have safely arrived and once more pleasantly situated at home. I must tell you how very fortunate I was in having company on my journey. I found onboard the packet a Mr. Beecher and Lady. In acquaintance of my Father they were going directly to New Haven and I kept them company. We arrived in Albany on Thursday Morning at 10 o'clock took a boat in the afternoon so that my passage was again in the night by which means I lost a fine view of the scenery of the Highlands. We landed at New York the next morning found the New Haven boat had just left and we were obliged to stay there at a boarding house until Saturday morning, arrived at New Haven in the afternoon staid at my Brothers and hour then had an opportunity of riding home. I little knew of anxiety I caused at home Mother was so anxious for my return she had made herself sick.

You wish to know whether my mind was the same as when I left you, can you think otherwise. I hope not, if you change your mind do let me know it immediately must I blame you if you do after receiving this awkward letter. I scarcely know what I write here is a young Lady in the room very weary to know what and to whom I am writing. I have not yet had courage to tell my Mother of my future prospects. I must soon yet I am a little afraid. I do not know when to expect another letter from you therefore be not disappointed if it should be some time before I answer your next. I shall call at the post office every time I am in town in hopes of hearing. Excuse my poor composition and blunders, affection will overlook every defect. I believe I have no more to write. I am sensible less would have become me better.

Through the blessing of divine providence we are all in good health. I remain yours affectionately, Cynthia M. Downs.

Note: This letter was addressed to Mr. Peter R. Forbes, Utica, Oneida County N.Y. Cynthia's trip had been to Canada to visit relatives.



Utica July 8th 1830

Dear Cynthia,

I received your letter the 11th of June which I sea with joy to think you are safe at your Father's house and had the glad fortune to find company. I have been anxious to hear from you but my (sic) of writing is the cause of my not receiving a letter before we talked of not writing to each other but once a month it seems long to wait for an answer yet we must not think any thing hard as our life is hard to be separated so long from each other it would be in vain to write oftener as we know what we talked of when we was together let us continue of the same mind and in a few weeks we shall see each other again if providence spares.

I have three months yet to stay and then I shall come as soon as possible as I am here deprived from seeing you. I shall not delay one moment but start as soon as possible. I hope you will excuse my poor composed letter and think how hard it is for me to write a letter to you – was it to a relative that I had to write it would be different but to a sincere friend as I hope you (sic) I can find but little to write I would be glad to know if you made the thing known to your Mother that we spoke of and what she has said in favor of it. Do let me know as I am anxious to know. I have no more to write at present but I remain your sincere friend till death.

Peter R. Forbes

Note: This letter was addressed to Miss Cynthia M Downs, Orange, New Haven County Conn.

In a letter from Peter to Cynthia July 17th 1831, he tells Cynthia that he is well and hopes she is as well. He goes on about his sister being ill and that "I have a more dear friend than I can express on paper". He plans to arrive in town in October noting it is a year since he started. One would assume he means the work in Utica. He goes on to say, "I hope the longest time we shall ever be parted again. Two months and a half will soon pass away and then we shall see each other. I have no more to send but my tender love to you and likewise to your parents and friends." He signs it, "I remain yours Peter R. Forbes".

There appears to have been a previous letter from Cynthia but it is not in the collection at the Mary R. Woodruff Research Center of the Orange Historical Society. The 1850 Census records reveals the possibility that Henry had died prior to that time as the 1840 census shows two children between the ages of 5 and 10 and in 1850 only three of the sons are listed age 15, 7 and 5. Each letter was published as written with some minor punctuation and paragraph structural changes, to make the reading easier.

## Orange Historical Society News

### OHS Launches New Website

The Orange Historical Society (OHS) wishes to announce its new website, created by OHS member Bob Belletzkie. Using the updated Weebly, Inc. site, Bob was able to create a history of the town with dropdown menus that will change periodically, keeping the readers up-to-date on the activities of OHS and additional historical information of the Town of Orange. A photo exhibit of Scobie Postcards is planned, showing the town as it looked in the early 20th century. The address is the same: [www.orangehistory.org](http://www.orangehistory.org). Check it out.

### OHS Antique Shop

Looking for an unusual gift? The Orange Historical Society Museum Antique Shop is open every Saturday from 10-3 with unique antiques and collectibles. It's not too late to shop for that perfect Valentine's Day present. Forget the candy and flowers this year and buy something from the past. The shop is located at 605 Orange Center Road. For information, call 203 795-3106.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Formalwear Shop Has a New Orange Owner

Lucille's Bridal/Val's Formalwear has been an Orange staple for over 40 years. If you have visited in the last month you may have noticed somewhat of a change, a "new look". This is because it is now under new ownership. A longtime Orange resident, Antonietta Catania, is now the power owner of Lucille's Bridal. She was born and raised in a small town outside of Naples, Italy and developed a deep love of fashion and interior decorating while admiring the stores of Caserta. Antonietta moved to Connecticut when she was in her twenties and started her family. When her two daughters were in school she started working at a bank, for which she was employed for twenty years. This working experience gave her a deep understanding of good customer service and the ways in which to help the customer achieve an optimal experience. However, Antonietta always knew she wanted to do something more, something that incorporates what she has always loved, fashion and design. That is why she was delighted to acquire Lucille's Bridal. Antonietta looks forward to touching the many lives of brides and their wedding party on their special day, as well as those girls going off to their proms. She would be delighted if you would come and visit so she can make your special day complete.

*("From Our Readers" continued from page 8)*

Authority (RWA) which allows us access to 9 Water Authority properties for hiking, cross country skiing and, in some of the areas, mountain biking. When the Racebrook Tract was an RWA property it used to be patrolled by RWA enforcement employees to be sure that folks on the property had a permit and were not violating the rules.

When the town purchased the property and opened it to the public the new rules posted included letting people walk dogs with the stipulation that the dogs be leashed and the owners had to clean up after their pet.

The first problem I encountered after the town acquired the property were people riding ATV's at high speeds on the trails, but that seemed to be short lived as I'm sure more than one Orange resident complained and action was taken, the ATV's have disappeared.

The next problem was the men hanging out in cars backed into parking spaces in the parking lot just sitting there with no interest in hiking or mountain biking. It was obvious why they were there (Creepy). I give credit to Jim Zeoli and the Orange Police Department for sending in plainclothes officers to investigate and take care of the problem quickly. Those men seem to have moved on.

Regarding the dogs, first let me say that most of the people I meet are friendly and the dogs are also but the unleashed dog problem is real. There is a percentage of dog owners that have their dog off the leash but as soon as they see someone approaching will leash the dog. That having been said, I personally have been jumped on by large dogs while hiking, knocked off my mountain bike by a dog chasing me and been threatened by loose dogs that have a problem with anyone but their owner. I've walked past folks holding back what are obviously vicious dogs straining at the leash to get to you (and you know what the result would be). When I mention to people that have their dog loose that there's a universal leash law in Orange, I get responses that range from silence to "expletive deleted". I also find it odd that the signs at the entrance to the trail regarding dog regulations have been vandalized yet other signs haven't been.

My wife would be the first to say that I'm an avid dog lover, when we first met I had a rescued Greyhound and a Dalmatian. I used to bring the dogs with me (on a leash) when hiking all the time. I've enjoyed dogs since I was a child. Unfortunately my wife has severe allergies and it's not possible to have a dog in our home. I certainly harbor no prejudice against people that enjoy dogs responsibly, but Racebrook is there for enjoyment of all the people and, as in most things in life, there are rules to abide by. I for one would not like to see dogs relegated to a fenced in "dog park" and banned from the trails but it will take a realization by dog owners that they too must abide by the rules to avoid an outcome such as that.

*Joseph Hannon*

### Professor Veronica Hendrick Awarded Fulbright Scholarship to China

Veronica Hendrick, an Associate Professor of Literature and Law at John Jay College of Criminal Justice (CUNY), has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship that will allow her to lecture in China in 2013.

Hendrick will be based at Shanghai International Studies University and will be lecturing in five provinces throughout China on her field of American Literature and Law. She will be working with graduate students interested in the field, and hopes to influence the way in which literature is written about and studied. She plans to use material from her recent book, *Servants, Slaves, and Savages: Reflections of Law in American Literature* (Carolina Academic, 2012), to discuss the changing status of bound labors in the colonial and early American periods.

She will also be teaching an undergraduate course in American literature utilizing fiction with a justice studies theme. Her research project investigates the types of Chinese-American literature taught in English in China and the cultural exchange it symbolizes. "This will be my fifth journey to China," said Hendrick, "and I'm looking forward to an extended stay that will develop my cultural understanding and expand my research agenda."

The Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars and the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



*Veronica Hendrick*

### Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Cinco de Miles Road Race

Autism Services and Resources CT (ASRC), has partnered with the Orange Chamber of Commerce to present the Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Cinco de Miles Road Race. The race will begin at the High Plains Community Center on May 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Dri-fit tee shirts will be given to the first 400 runners to register. The course is a 5 mile run through Orange, beginning and ending at High Plains Community Center. Runners and walkers can register at Active.com, fees are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the event.

The race, according to Carol Smullen, Chamber Executive Director, "Is a fantastic development opportunity, bringing people from all over the State to Orange. The Chamber is excited to offer this dynamic event promoting health and wellness, as well as supporting great causes and driving traffic to the area." Extensive marketing and promotion of the event will give the Sponsors high visibility and recognition throughout the state, along with the opportunity to market their products and services. Call 203-795-3328 to be a sponsor.

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# Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

## St. Valentine's Day



*To-morrow is Saint Valentine's day,  
All in the morning betime,  
And I a maid at your window,  
To be your Valentine.  
Then up he rose, and donn'd his clothes,  
And dupp'd the chamber-door;  
Let in the maid, that out a maid  
Never departed more.*

—William Shakespeare,  
*Hamlet, Act IV, Scene 5*

Numerous early Christian martyrs are named Valentine. The Valentines honored on February 14 are Valentine of Rome. Valentine of Rome was a priest in Rome who was martyred about AD 269 and was buried on the Via Flaminia. The flower crowned skull of St. Valentine is exhibited in the Basilica of Rome. Other relics are found in the Basilica of Santa Pressede, also in Rome, as well as at Whitefrier Street in Dublin, Ireland.

Valentine of Terni became bishop of Terni about AD 197 and is said to have been martyred during the persecution under Emperor Aurelian. He is also buried on the Via Flaminia, but in a different location than Valentine of Rome. His relics are at the Basilica of Saint Valentine in Terni (Basilica di San Valentino).

The Catholic Encyclopedia also speaks of a third saint named Valentine who was mentioned in early martyred under date of February 14. He was martyred in Africa with a number of companions, but nothing more is known about him. Saint Valentine's head was preserved in the abbey of New Minister.

February 14 is celebrated as St. Valentine's Day in various Christian denominations; it has, for example, the rank of 'commemoration' in the calendar of Saints in the Anglican Communion. In addition, the fest day of Saint Valentine is also given in the calendar of saints of the Luthern Church. However, in the 1969 revision of the Roman Catholic Callender of Saints, the fest day of Saint Valentine on February 14 was removed from the General Roman Callender and relegated to particular (local or even national) calendars for the following reason: "Though the memorial of Saint Valentine is ancient, it is left to particular calendars, since, apart from his name, nothing is known of Saint Valentine except that he was buried on the Via Flaminia on February 14." The feast day is still celebrated in Malta where relics of the saint are claimed to be found, and also throughout the world by Traditionalist Catholics who follow the older, pre-Second Vatican Council calendar. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, St. Valentine's Day is celebrated on July 6, in which Saint Vallentine, the Roman presbyter, is honored.

Stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine", an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, it is also said that he cured his jailers daughter. However, stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and--most importantly--romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

### Valentine's Day Wines

The most romantic thing you can do with your significant other is to share some wonderful wines. To start the evening on a festive note, you can't go wrong with bubbles. "Champagne" is probably the most romantic word in wine, but there are alternatives that fit the Valentine's mood. One



is the La Vie en Rose sparkling wine from Domaine du Pas Saint Martin in France's Loire Valley (\$17). It costs a fraction of the price of true champagne, yet provides atmosphere with its vibrant red color. Geek alert: It's made using the "methode ancestrale" with a single fermentation rather than the induced second (bubbly) fermentation used to make champagne and most other sparkling wines. It is also made from an obscure grape called grolleau noir, so wine lovers can quietly cross another variety off their century list when their dates aren't looking.

The Beaujolais cru called Saint Amour probably enjoys higher sales in February than in any other month. Look for the bottling from Georges Duboeuf (\$16); it's pleasant, fruity and food-friendly. After all, you want the wine to facilitate, not dominate, your evening. White wine lovers should consider the Hugel pinot blanc called Cuvee les Amours from Alsace. Its richness makes it an ideal partner for winter seafood dishes.

Of course, in any Valentine's Day meal, dessert is the piece de resistance, the mood-setter for the rest of the evening. If you're indulging with a rich chocolate dessert, I recommend two approaches with wine: First, port matches chocolate's intensity with power. Benjamins Port is an Australian product that is quite pleasant and at about \$13.99 very inexpensive. One of my very favorites is Presidential Port which is matured in wood for 20 years and the alcohol content is 20%. It has a great balance and at about \$35.00 is a bargain. The second approach is to balance chocolate's richness with a lighter, fruitier wine. I recommend brachetto and other sweet, fizzy, low-alcohol reds from northern Italy as ideal playmates for chocolate.

Now this category seems poised to become the next fad, capitalizing on the meteoric rise in sales of moscato. Even Yellow Tail, the popular Australian label, last month introduced Sweet Red Roo (\$8.99 At Firelight in Orange), citing a 246 percent increase in U.S. sales of sweet wine last year.

Unless you're courting an animal-rights activist, you might not want to go with a critter wine for Valentine's Day. So I suggest sticking with a brachetto, such as the widely available Rosa Regale from Banfi (\$25) or La Romantica from Vinchio-Vaglio Serra (\$24). This winery has a cheaper, lighter version called La Passione. The category is growing: Red Dream from Rinaldi (\$23) is made from the malvasia grape and is somewhat richer and sweeter than brachetto. Another popular malvasia is the delightful Fracchia Antichi Giochi Casorzo called Voulet (\$14). If that doesn't sound particularly romantic, it does in Italian.

One final piece of advice: Don't play the song "My Funny Valentine", (Is your figure less than Greek? Is your mouth a little week? When you open it to speak, are you smart?) You could get a good bottle of wine thrown at you! Play nice, you'll be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Ray.Spaziani@gmail.com.



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Church of the Good Shepherd

#### Shepherd's Café

Church of the Good Shepherd has opened The Shepherd's Café. The Shepherd Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that needs or would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Church services are available at 12:30 for those who would like to attend. There will be menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. This is a new ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and a partnership between the church and Community Services. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road, and there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.

#### Ash Wednesday, February 13th Service Schedule

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes with prayer.

#### Faith Community Conversation on the problem of violence in our Culture

7pm, Monday, February 25th at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange. The discussion is sponsored by the Orange Interfaith Clergy Fellowship and moderated by the Rev. Ann Ritonia. Child Care is available.

#### Lenten Series

##### A Moveable Feast-Lent 2013 • Celebrating the Eucharist

(Fridays)

February 15 Contemporary Praise Eucharist: Church of the Good Shepherd, Orange

February 22 Traditional Rite I Eucharist: Trinity, Seymour

March 1 Solemn High Mass: Trinity, Seymour

March 8 Table Eucharist: Church of the Good Shepherd, Orange

March 15 Taize Eucharist in the Round: Church of the Good Shepherd, Orange

The celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the primary form of weekly worship for Episcopalian Christians. The Book of Common Prayer provides the framework for our Eucharistic celebration, but within that framework there exists a variety of traditions and practices that shape how we conduct and experience worship. Join us during Lent as we explore some of these traditions and practices, share a meal and reflect on our experience of worship.

6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres

6:20 pm Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm Simple Soup Supper and Discussion

Sunday Evenings February 17, February 24, March 3, March 10 and March 17th

6:30 -7:30 pm Lenten Spirituality

7:30 pm Contemplative Compline

### Ashes to Go

Imagine: It's an ordinary weekday, and in the middle of your daily tasks, you stumble into a moment of prayer. The street corner, the coffee shop, or some other ordinary place is suddenly a place where God has come to meet you. The church has come out from behind the comfortable pews and doors to be in the places where the rubber meets the road. It's Ash Wednesday, and you're invited to wear your ashes, to claim repentance, grace, and deep relationship with God for the challenges of your daily life.

The Reverend Ann Ritonia of Church of the Good Shepherd, 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT, and teams of two are going out into the world as a part of "Ashes to Go," a nation-wide, grassroots movement that is about bringing spirit, belief, and belonging out from behind church doors, and into the places where we go every day. It's a simple event with deep meaning, drawing on centuries of tradition and worship to provide a contemporary moment of grace.

Look for that moment of grace on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. You will find it along the Boston Post Road in Orange or at the Milford Train Station from 6:30 to 8:30 am. In the evening, search the Connecticut Post Mall in Milford between 4 and 6 pm. Or, come to Church of the Good Shepherd at noon or 7 pm for a more traditional experience. All are welcome!

### Holy Infant Church Upcoming Event

The Holy Infant Parish Families 27th Annual Lenten Prayer Service and Meal to Curb Hunger and Homeless Awareness will take place on Tuesday March 5th, 2013, 6:00p.m. at Holy Infant Church followed by a soup supper in the church hall. Guest Speaker will be Nicole Larizza, clinical nutritionist. All proceeds go to the Community Soup Kitchen Donation. Cost is \$3 children, \$5 adults, and Maximum \$15 per family. Delicious soups and breads will be provided. Bring dessert to be shared. For tickets call 203-795-9425.



Holy Infant Church

### Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events

**Coffee & Learn with Rabbi Wainhaus** on Wednesdays, 11:00 am: Each week, the Rabbi addresses interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Hot Topics, Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. These classes are held every Wednesday through March (no class February 20). All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (Coffee And) are served.

**Men's Club Shabbat**, Friday, February 22, 7:00 PM: The Or Shalom Men's Club will lead Services. All are welcome.

**Purim Services:** All are welcome to join us as we celebrate Purim. The Evening Service will be February 23 at 6:15 pm followed by the Megillah at 6:30 pm.

**Shabbat Across America**, March 1: Or Shalom will join synagogues around the country to celebrate "Shabbat Across America". The dinner will precede the service at 6:00 pm with the Service at 7:00 pm. For information and reservations, contact the office at 203-799-2341.

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

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

**Services:** Sunday mornings: 9:00 am, Monday mornings: 7:30 am, Thursday mornings: 7:30 am, Friday evenings: 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat-refreshments. Saturday mornings: 9:30 am

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Congregation Or Shalom

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**HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

**Orange Congregational Church Welcomes Interim Senior Minister**

There's a new face at the big white church on the green! After a bittersweet retirement farewell to Senior Minister The Reverend Tod King last September, the Orange Congregational Church now welcomes The Reverend Suzanne Wagner as the Interim Senior Minister.

Rev. Wagner joins the OCC community with critical experience as an interim minister. She was formerly the Interim Sr. Pastor at Wilton Congregational Church in Wilton, CT, the Interim Pastor at Olivet Congregational Church in Bridgeport, CT and Associate Pastor at First Church Congregational, Fairfield, CT where she was on the ministry staff since 1999.



Reverend Suzanne Wagner

The job of an interim pastor is a very specific type of ministry. It will be Rev. Wagner's goal over the next 1-3 years to guide the congregation as they transition from Rev. King's productive 27 year ministry into the next stage of the church's life, including determining what type of pastor is best suited to becoming the next "settled" senior minister.

This transition is an exciting time for the church community! It's a time to reflect on the past, assess the present, and look into the future. Rev. Wagner will be integral in helping the church discern its strengths and weaknesses, areas for growth, and ways to continue to work together as a strong community of faith. "I am very excited to be here and to explore new avenues during this special time at Orange Congregational," said Rev. Wagner. "They have a strong foundation from which to build an exciting and spirit-filled future."

Rev. Wagner will work closely with the existing staff and the members of the church throughout her tenure as the Interim Senior Minister. "It's been a relief and a delight to welcome Suzanne, after this fall with all of the transition and wondering what the future held for our church community. I look forward to working with her and seeing all the ways in which we can help God's Spirit come alive even more fully here at OCC," said Rev. Lee Ireland, OCC's Associate Minister, who has served the church in this capacity since 2008. "It's a joy to walk with a fellow 'ANTS' grad, but, having done so many Interim ministries myself, I also know this will be a great time for the congregation."

The members of the congregation are also looking forward to working with Rev. Wagner during this time of discernment. Ron Rosenberg, the current chair of the Church Council (the OCC's lay leadership) said, "We are very fortunate to have Rev. Wagner joining OCC and the greater Orange community at this time. Congregation members have enthusiastically welcomed her and seconded the belief of the OCC search committee that she is ideally suited to lead us through this transition into our next chapter."

Prior to Rev. Wagner's service as an Interim Minister, she has a rich career history. She was ordained into ministry in the United Church of Christ in 2002 after earning her Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Center, MA where she was named to the Jonathan Edwards Honor Society. Her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree was conferred in 1974 from William Woods University in Fulton, MO with a major in watercolor painting. Additionally Rev. Wagner has studied at the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel where she spent a yearlong Sabbatical of learning and reflection. She is active in the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, and currently sits on the board of the Anti-Defamation League, Connecticut Region.

Together with the rest of the OCC congregation, Rev. Wagner invites all members of the local community to visit the church--whether for Sunday worship or one of the many events in the robust life of the congregation--and be part of this exciting time.

To learn more about Rev. Wagner or the Orange Congregational Church, visit our website: [www.orangecongregationalchurch.org](http://www.orangecongregationalchurch.org), or call us at 203-795-9749.



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## I Love You, You Love Me

By Roberta L Nestor

Such simplicity in those words, I love you, you love me...what's mine is yours and what's yours is mine. Decades ago these simple words described an "I Love You Will". It was commonly used by married couples whose situation didn't warrant complex estate planning. For married couples with simple or traditional family dynamics it might just work. However, most of us no longer have simple family dynamics.

So, here is a story about Jack and Diane. Second marriage for both and most of the assets is Jack's. When they got married 30 years ago, Diane was a homemaker and since Jack had such a good income, she never had to go back to work. Jack wanted to make sure that Diane was taken care of in the event of his death. He also wanted to make sure his children from his first marriage would inherit everything after Diane's death. And, by the way, Diane also has 2 children from her first marriage.

So, Jack thought the best way was to leave the house to Diane and give her life use. That way she would always have a home. He also thought it was best to leave her as the primary beneficiary on all of his investments, knowing that she didn't have any substantial savings of her own and she would need money to maintain living in the house.

When Jack died the financial tug of war began:

Jack's children didn't believe that they should have to wait until Diane's death to get their inheritance and they want her to pay them the value of the house now with the proceeds from their Dad's investments.

Diane is adamant! This is the way her husband wanted his estate and she refuses to give in to his children, ensuing what appeared to be several ugly confrontations with Jack's children. Even her own children were getting involved to protect their mom.

Jack's children took legal action through the probate courts. The law suit lingered for several years only adding to the bitterness of the two families. However, Jack's will stood up in court and Diane did not have to sell the house, nor did she have to give any money to Jack's children.

Once this legal battle was settled, Diane decided to do some of her own estate planning. She changed her will naming her two children as the sole beneficiaries as well as designating them on investments she inherited from Jack, leaving nothing to Jack's children. At Diane's death, Jack's children inherited the house that had declined in value and nothing else.

Nothing happened the way Jack planned! And, sadly this hypothetical story plays out in real life quite often. To accomplish the goals Jack and Diane needed comprehensive estate planning. They needed professional guidance on how to protect income and security for Diane as well as protection for his children so they would have their inheritance.

Some of you may be familiar with "AB Trusts", an estate planning tool that is commonly used with second marriages. The B Trust can be drafted to take care of the surviving spouse during his or her remaining lifetime, but also to protect the principal for the benefit of the deceased spouse's children or other beneficiaries - this is particularly important when planning for blended families when each spouse has a different set of final beneficiaries.

Blended families can face many financial obstacles and if you love your spouse and your children you need to plan properly. Protect your family and learn about the many legal ways to say "I love you".

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## Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



## Honeymoon Tips: The "How-To's" After the "I Do's"

Your honeymoon is an important part of your wedding, and a much needed romantic getaway after the big day. Whether you choose a Caribbean cruise, relaxing at an all-inclusive resort or taking in the wonders of Paris, planning ahead will assure a wonderful honeymoon with memories that will last a lifetime.

Begin early and share the planning. To ensure that you both enjoy the honeymoon, make all the decisions together (by the way, this is good advice for any decisions you need to make as a newly married couple). Take time to discuss and consider the destination that's perfect for both of you. If you're not sure of the destination, decide what type of vacation you want (cruise, all-inclusive resort, adventure vacation, cultural trip) and then narrow down the list of destinations.

Plan Ahead. Make your reservations at least 6 months in advance to take advantage of early booking discounts and the best accommodations. Check your calendar, how long do you want to be gone? If just a few nights, look for something close to home. If a week, try to limit your transportation time. If you can travel for 10 days or more, the sky's the limit!

Set a tentative budget. Talk about expectations and priorities from the very beginning and decide where to splurge and where to cut corners. All-inclusive resorts and cruises make your budgeting much easier, because these packages include practically everything. A honeymoon registry is a great way to help defray the cost.

Make time for yourselves. Pad your honeymoon schedule with generous amounts of free time so you're free to relax rather than always feeling rushed and pressured. Your honeymoon should be stress free!

Packing. Always "cross-pack" your clothing. Be sure to put identification inside your luggage, just in case it's lost. Pack a carry-on bag with valuables, prescriptions, suntan lotion, swimwear, travel documents, and sunglasses, just in case you have to wait for your room.

Brides, use your maiden name. Unless you're planning a delayed honeymoon, you won't have time to change the name on your passport and driver's license. Use your maiden name on visas, airline tickets, etc., so the name matches the name on official documents.

Most importantly, leave the actual planning to a professional. For stress-free honeymoon planning, seek out the expert advice of a travel agent like me. I'll save you money as well as time, two things that couples planning their wedding and honeymoon often find in short supply!

Leslie Marsh, ECC owns and operates Cruise Planners of Orange. You can contact her at 203-799-2367 or [leslie@getreadytocruise.com](mailto:leslie@getreadytocruise.com).

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The finished third floor has both office and bedroom potential. This home sits on a double lot and has a cedar shed gardens, tree and shrubbery for privacy. With a myriad of wood accents throughout that would catch any architects' eye, this home is a true catch.



## Death Notices



### Donna Lin

Donna Lin, 50, formerly of Rocky Hill and Newington, joined the angels above on Tuesday (November 20, 2012). She is the second born daughter to Elsie Lin and the late Dr. Paul Lin of Orange, CT. Donna also leaves behind two sisters, Paula Lin of Orange, CT, and Monica Golec of Newington, CT, as well as brother-in-law Christopher Golec and Goddaughter and niece Mia Golec, both of Newington.

Donna received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/French from Duke University and her Masters Degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina. She later received her Juris Doctorate from the University of St. Louis and became a member of the CT Bar Association. Donna held legal capacities in various entities such as CABA and CHRO. She enjoyed serving as a Mediator and Arbitrator appointed by different governors for Hartford and Middletown districts within CT.



Donna Lin

Donna was known for her strong spirit to survive and devoted herself to helping others. Despite chronic health issues and physical limitations, she made time to volunteer in her community. Donna enjoyed serving in soup kitchens, being involved with the Rocky Hill Community TV and reading as a gifted lector at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Newington and St. James Roman Catholic Church in Rocky Hill. Donna was an active member for various boards and commissions over the years. Her most recent involvement which she thoroughly enjoyed was reading for the blind through CRIS Radio in Windsor, CT.

Donna's passions included watching the Food Channel, tanning on the sunny beaches in FL, reading books from the Cora Belden Library in Rocky Hill, and savoring an orange sherbet cooler from Friendly's. She deeply expressed gratitude to those who volunteered to take her to and from dialysis faithfully three times weekly. Donna had the utmost respect for Dr. Michael T. Lawlor and was very appreciative to the medical staff, Craig and the Pastoral Services team, and the administrative staff at Hartford Hospital, ICU, 7I, for the excellent care and compassion given to her during the last three months of her life. Donna's family would like to thank extended family and close friends who visited Donna in the hospital for hours at a time and on a regular basis, especially to those who gave her spiritual support.

Funeral services were held at the Brooklawn Funeral home, 511 Brook Street, Rocky Hill followed by a Mass of Christian burial in St James Church. Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, tax-deductible donations can be made to CRIS Radio, Donna Lin Memorial, 315 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT 06095.

### Leroy D. Willis

Leroy D. Willis, 82, of Orange passed away on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at his home. Husband of the late Evelyn Wolyniec Willis, he is survived by a loving granddaughter, Colleen Schroeder of Orange. In addition to his wife, Mr. Willis was predeceased by his daughter, Debbie Willis Schroeder, son, Wayne Willis and three brothers, Victor, William and Joseph Willis.

A son of the late Liam and Alice Crossland Willis, Mr. Willis was born in New Haven on November 1, 1930. He proudly served in the US Army, had been employed by Armstrong Rubber, Co. and owned and operated Willis Construction Company.



Leroy D. Willis

His funeral service took place at Beecher & Bennett-Taylor, 410 Campbell Ave, West Haven on January 26th. Interment with military honors followed in Orange Center Cemetery. Condolences in Mr. Willis' memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 38 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854 (800)227-2345.

### Catherine (Garay) Esposito

Entered into rest, Jan. 25, 2013, Catherine Geraldine Cioffi Garay Esposito, 84 of Bethany; born in Bronx, NY, April 22, 1928, daughter of the late Rafael & Fannie Cioffi. After high school she married the late Roy Garay and lived in Queens where she raised her children Joyce, Julian and Jacalyn. In 1966, she moved to CT and married Clement N. Esposito who loved and cared for her over the past 38 years She was the best mother anyone could have and could whip you up a sweater or a tray of manicotti in no time, or beat the pants off

you in ping pong or bowling. She loved and spoiled her animals and always had a card to send for any occasion. Kay had major health problems in the last 4 years, the culmination of which took her away from us way too soon. She will always be in the hearts of her husband & children, sister Ann, niece Carol, daughter-in-law Syndi, step-son Steven Esposito, grandchildren Ashlee, Aaron, Emma, Courtney & Steven, great-grandchildren Salvatore, Joseph, Edward & Elliana.

Funeral services were held at MARESCA & SONS FUNERAL HOME 592 Chapel St.. Offer condolences at [www.marescafuneralhome.com](http://www.marescafuneralhome.com).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Milford Camera Club Meetings**, Wednesday, February 13, 2013 and Wednesday, February 27, 2013 (4th competition subject: Interiors), 7:00pm, Margret Egan Center, Room 139, 35 Matthew Street, Milford, free and open to the public. For information, email [www.milfordcameracub.org](http://www.milfordcameracub.org) or call Rich Medica at 203-258-6143 or email [rmedica@fairfield.edu](mailto:rmedica@fairfield.edu).

**First Congregational Church of West Haven Ivory & Gold Concert**, Sunday, February 17, 2013, 2:00pm, a musical ensemble celebrating the greatest examples of American jazz, ragtime, Broadway and gospel hits, tickets \$10/pp, \$8/seniors, children under 12/free. For further information please contact the church at 203-933-6291 or email [firstchurch1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:firstchurch1@sbcglobal.net).

**Bridgeport Art League**, Oil Painting Techniques Demonstration, Monday, February 18, 2013, 11:45am, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Community Center, 25 Church Street, (right of the Huntington Green), Huntington, CT, demonstration by artist/instructor Diane Napolitant, coffee and dessert served, free to the public. For more information, call Diane at 203924-6074.

**Maplewood of Orange Presents "Discussion on Reducing Readmissions to the Emergency Department"**, Robert J. Ricciardi of VITAS, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 1:30pm, 245 Indian River Road; light lunch served, reservations required to 203-795-317.

**OVFD Auxiliary 4th Annual Pancake Supper**, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange, seating at 5:00pm and 6:30pm, \$10/adults, \$5/children, 10 and under/free. Tickets must be purchased in advance from any auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc., 286 Boston Post Road, Orange. For more information, contact Lynn Knight at 203-799-2592 or [www.orangevfd.com](http://www.orangevfd.com).

**Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild**, Saturdays, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2013; 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, visit <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, Email [HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com](mailto:HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com).

**Holy Infant Church Women's Guild Bus Trip**, Andy Cooney's "Forever Irish" show, featuring Andy Cooney's Irish Sopranos, the Andy Cooney Band, and Irish Step Dancers, Tuesday, March 12th, Aqua Turf, Southington, \$72/includes the show, lunch, bus, and gratuities. Lunch choice/corned beef and cabbage or baked scrod, vegetable, potatoes, dessert, and coffee. The bus leaves the Holy Infant Church parking lot at 10:15 am. For reservations and information, please call (203)799-2379.

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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

1. **Mama (PG-13)**  
Jessica Chastain,  
Nikolaj Coster-Waldau
2. **Zero Dark Thirty (R)**  
Jessica Chastain, Joel Edgerton
3. **Silver Linings Playbook (R)**  
Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence
4. **Parker (R)**  
Jason Statham, Jennifer Lopez
5. **Django Unchained (R)**  
Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz
6. **Movie 43 (R)**  
Emma Stone, Stephen Merchant
7. **Gangster Squad (R)**  
Sean Penn, Ryan Gosling
8. **Les Miserables (PG-13)**  
Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe
9. **Broken City (R)**  
Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe
10. **Lincoln (PG-13)**  
Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **Looper (R)**  
Joseph Gordon-Levitt
2. **Ted (R)**  
Mark Wahlberg
3. **The Bourne Legacy (PG-13)**  
Jeremy Renner
4. **The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)**  
Christian Bale
5. **Total Recall (PG-13)**  
Colin Farrell
6. **Trouble With the Curve (PG-13)**  
Clint Eastwood
7. **Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)**  
animated
8. **The Watch (R)**  
Ben Stiller
9. **Dredd (R)**  
Karl Urban
10. **Men In Black 3 (PG-13)**  
Will Smith



Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz**  
"Thrift Shop"
2. **Bruno Mars**  
"Locked Out of Heaven"
3. **The Lumineers**  
"Ho Hey"
4. **Justin Timberlake feat. Jay Z**  
"Suit & Tie"
5. **Taylor Swift**  
"I Knew You Were Trouble"
6. **will.i.am & Britney Spears**  
"Scream & Shout"
7. **Swedish House Mafia feat. John Martin**  
"Don't You Worry Child"
8. **Rihanna**  
"Diamonds"
9. **Justin Bieber feat. Nicki Minaj**  
"Beauty and a Beat"
10. **Phillip Phillips**  
"Home"



Justin Timberlake

Top 10 Country Singles

1. **The Band Perry**  
"Better Dig Two"
2. **Gary Allen**  
"Every Storm (Runs Out Of Rain)"
3. **Hunter Hayes**  
"Wanted"
4. **Florida Georgia Line**  
"Cruise"
5. **Jason Aldean with Luke Bryan & Eric Church**  
"The Only Way I Know"
6. **Taylor Swift**  
"We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together"
7. **Randy Houser**  
"How Country Feels"
8. **Blake Shelton**  
"Sure Be Cool If You Did"
9. **Tim McGraw**  
"One of Those Nights"
10. **Zac Brown Band**  
"Goodbye In Her Eyes"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Keira Knightley in "Anna Karenina"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Feb. 18, 2013.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Argo" (R)** -- During the Iran hostage crisis of 1979, 52 Americans were taken captive, but six managed to avoid capture. CIA operative Tony Mendez (Ben Affleck) has to devise a scheme to rescue the six survivors hiding in the Canadian embassy. The plan: pretend Mendez is a Hollywood producer and the civilians are a movie crew scouting locations for a science-fiction movie. It's a true story too weird to doubt, even for the Iranian revolutionaries.

"Argo" has won a ton of awards and honors, including Oscar nominations for everything from editing to Best Picture. Affleck directed the movie, and gave it a '70s feel that is a welcome change of pace from contemporary thrillers. It's an intriguing narrative with peeks into American foreign policy and the big-headedness of Hollywood.

**"Anna Karenina" (R)** -- Based on the story by Russian author Leo Tolstoy, this adaptation takes a love affair and injects a new level of lush romanticism. Anna (Keira Knightley) is married to an frigid but well-seated government official (Jude Law) in St. Petersburg. She travels to Moscow to settle a dispute, and finds herself in a quandary of her own when she falls for a young army officer (Aaron Taylor-Johnson.)

It's such a saturated and elegant viewing experience that the screen practically drips. The drama and the passion is underscored by theatrical settings and visual flourishes. Whether or not the actual story pulls you in depends on your vulnerability to star-crossed lovers in elaborate costumes.

**"Undeclared" (PG-13)** -- This documentary follows the struggles of a Memphis high-school football team. In 2009, The Manassas Tigers were on a 110-year losing streak. Bill Courtney is a volunteer coach with the drive to take beaten-down team to their first win in a playoff game. It's moving to see a grown man spout sports cliches when you know he truly means them. While the coach is the focal point of the story, the film really sinks in because you get to feel for the players -- real inner-city kids hungry for a taste of success.

**"Fun Size" (PG-13)** -- On Halloween night, teenager Wren (Victoria Justice of Nickelodeon's "Victorious") gets saddled with babysitting her 8-year-old brother while their mom goes partying with her 20-something boy toy. The little brother promptly disappears in all the holiday hubbub, kicking off a wild night of and teen shenanigans -- with a little bit of searching mixed in. It's not as touching or poignant as the John Hughes movies it draws from, but "Fun Size" has plenty of chuckles for the pretty tame teen romp that it is.

1. "Beach Baby" was a one-hit wonder for which group?
2. In the song "TSOP," what do the initials stand for?
3. Name the 1969 Shocking Blue song brought back to life in 1986 by Bananarama.
4. On which album did "Throwing It All Away" appear?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "The blues they send to meet me, won't defeat me."



1. The First Class, in 1974. It was sung by Tony Burrows, well known for providing lead for groups that don't flourish. 2. The Sound of Philadelphia, which was the theme song for the television music show "Soul Train." The song was sung by MFSB, which stood for Mother Father Sister Brother. MFSB was actually a group of studio musicians. 3. "Venus." The song has been widely used, including in the films "The Brady Bunch" and "Remember the Titans." 4. "Invincible Touch," in 1986 by Genesis. 5. "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," sung by B.J. Thomas in 1969. The song was written for the film "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Thomas had been recovering from laryngitis, which gave his voice the needed hoarseness in the film version.

Sudoku answers on page 38

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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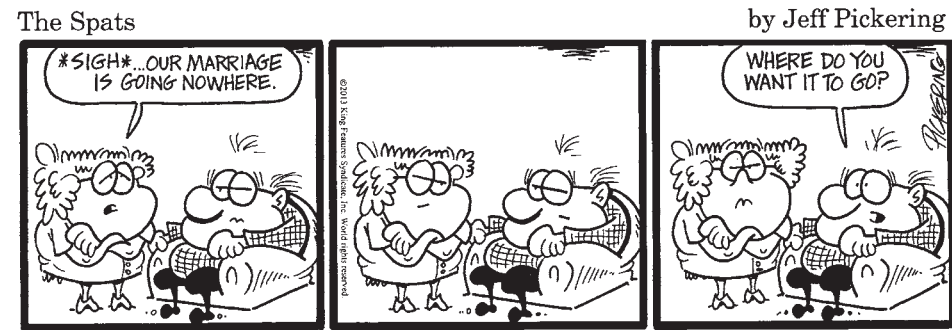
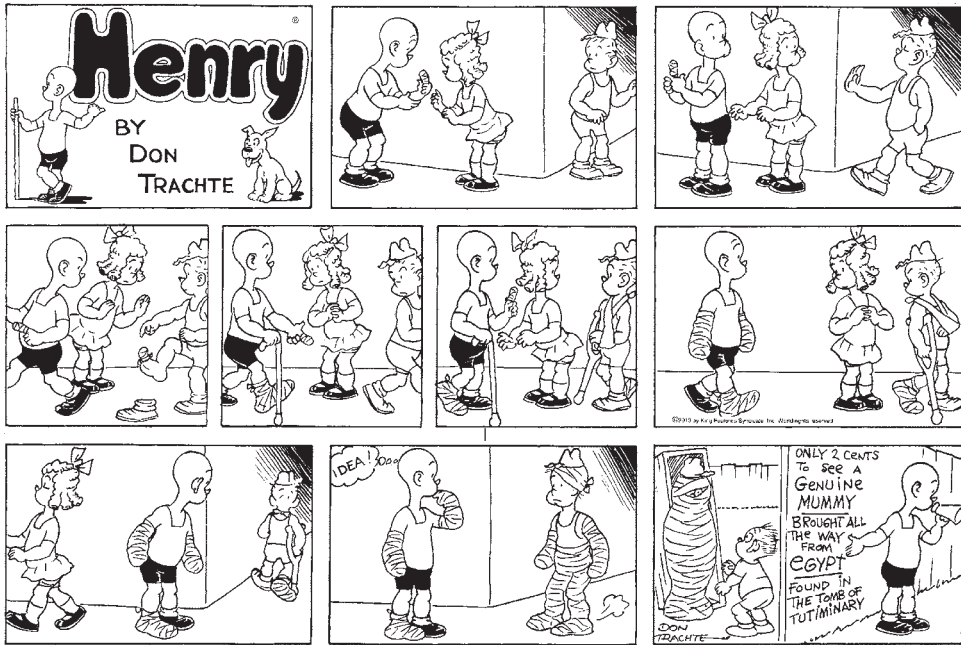
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Shirley Jones

HOLLYWOOD -- On Sunday, Feb. 24, untold millions of movie fans around the world will tune into the annual Academy Awards. Every year the current nominees and stars appear onstage to receive and present awards. But, what about the past winners and nominees who don't go to the actual red carpet event? Where do they watch Hollywood's biggest night? For 23 years, the "in" crowd has attended a \$1,000 a plate Oscar viewing party, held this year at the swank Beverly Hills Hotel and hosted by music agent Norby Walters.

Expected to attend this year's party are past winners Shirley Jones ("Elmer Gantry," 1960), Maximilian Schell, ("Judgment at Nuremberg," 1961), George Chakiris ("West Side Story," 1961), Richard Dreyfuss ("The Goodbye Girl," 1977), Martin Landau ("Ed Wood," 1994) and Jamie Foxx ("Ray," 2004). Past nominees include Shirley Knight ("Dark at the Top of the Stairs," 1960, and "Sweet Bird of Youth," 1962), three-time nominee Diane Ladd ("Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," 1974, "Wild at Heart," 1990, and "Rambling Rose," 1991).

Also expected are Rip Torn ("Cross Creek," 1983), Sally Kirkland ("Anna," 1987), Danny Aiello ("Do the Right Thing," 1990), Bruce Davison ("Longtime Companion," 1991), Robert Forster ("Jackie Brown," 1997) and Peter Fonda ("Ulee's Gold" 1997). They will mingle and mix with the likes of Toni Braxton, "Twilight's" Peter Facinelli, Ed Asner, Kevin Dillon, John Schneider and the perfect "10" herself, Bo Derek, to name just some of the 100 stars. If you're not at the Oscars, it'll be THE place to be!

It looks like Sony Pictures is considering throwing in the towel and getting out of the movie business. It

has sold its U.S. headquarters building in New York City for \$1.1 billion to "strengthen its financial foundation and business competitiveness for future growth," and is denying it's looking for a buyer for the movie division, which includes the studio in Culver City (which was formerly Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer) and the vast Columbia Pictures library of films and TV series. Meanwhile, Blockbuster is closing another 300 stores, leaving just 500 stores nationwide. Some 3,000 employees will be affected.

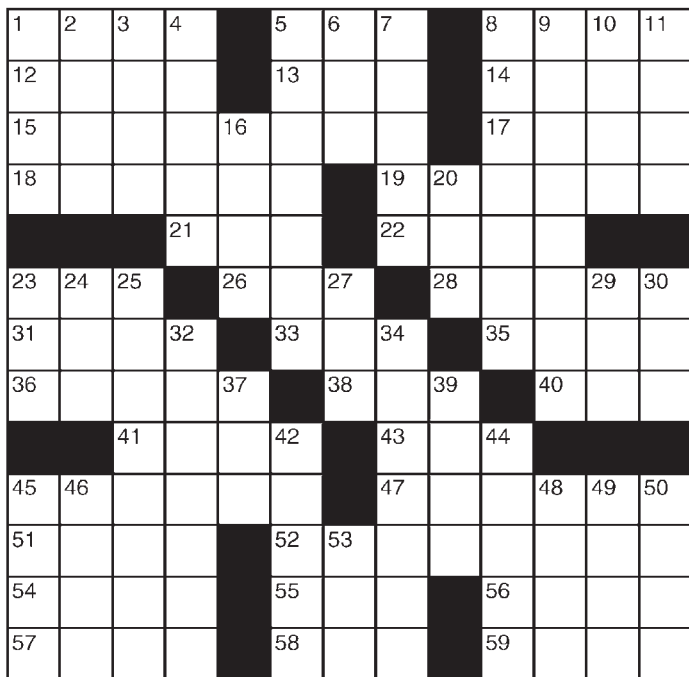
While Universal/NBC recently announced it was cutting jobs, prompting Jay Leno to take a pay cut in order to keep his full staff, Disney/ABC announced it was giving its chairman-CEO Robert Iger a 20 percent pay raise. With the acquisition of George Lucas' "Star Wars" franchise, "The Muppets" and just about anything animated, and the success of "The Avengers," the No. 3 box-office grosser of all time at more than \$1.5 billion, it's not surprising the Disney board gave Iger a whopping \$40.2 million paycheck this year. So much for the fiscal debt!

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ACROSS

- 1 Houston acronym
- 5 Sternward
- 8 Streetcar
- 12 Winged
- 13 — goo gai pan
- 14 Like a moray
- 15 End of an illness
- 17 Performances
- 18 Sycophants
- 19 Implant
- 21 Help
- 22 Entrance
- 23 Melody
- 26 Allow
- 28 Wild West show
- 31 "Star —"
- 33 Flop
- 35 Ginormous
- 36 Unspoken
- 38 Wager
- 40 Decay
- 41 Rhyming tributes
- 43 Airport overseer (Abbr.)
- 45 Move up and down
- 47 Busy
- 51 Gumbo need
- 52 Flinched
- 54 Nasty stinger
- 55 Cistern
- 56 Journalist Lisa
- 57 Caustic



- chemicals
- restaurant
- 30 Morsel for Dobbin
- 58 Acapulco gold
- 9 Flute's cousin
- 32 Abducts
- 59 London gallery name
- 10 Sax range
- 34 Actually
- 11 1990s video game
- 37 Sleuth, for short
- 16 Bride's cover
- 39 Mexican entree
- 20 Neither partner
- 42 Electronic control system, briefly
- 23 Lawyer (Abbr.)
- 44 At an angle
- 24 Playwright Levin
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— **Weekly SUDOKU** —  
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## ARTS & LEISURE

### Show Me The Funny!

23 year old Orange resident Coury Brown, co-owner of Owen Bros. Entertainment of Stratford, CT, is introducing his company's first live comedy series on March 7th of this year, premiering at Bridgeport's Bijou Theatre. The Bijou, located at 275 Fairfield Avenue, is one of the oldest theaters in the United States. "The location of the venue in this prime downtown neighborhood is perfect for incorporating a club-style comedy series into a theatre setting," says Brown. "It offers a unique comedy experience for both the guests and the performers. We hope that people will save themselves a trip to New York City and join us at one of the nation's few remaining historic theaters for a guaranteed good time."

The idea of the series is to introduce Connecticut residents to some of the rising stars in stand-up comedy. "We're combining national touring acts with some of Connecticut's premiere young performers" says Brown. "We want to make Southern Connecticut part of the east coast's comedy circuit. There's a new generation of really talented young comedians out there and we want to make them more accessible."

Brown, a long-time resident of Orange, attended Amity Senior High School and graduated in 2008. After graduating, he attended the Lee Strasberg Theater and Film institute with hopes of pursuing a career in acting. In 2010 he set his sights on comedy and hasn't looked back since. "I started doing stand-up two years ago, and I have a lot of fun with it. Booking and promoting has taught me a lot about the business side of entertainment, but I'm still a performer at heart." He and his cousins, Darren and Garrett Owen, both of Stratford, began the company in the Owen's home, but have since moved operations to its offices located on Main Street in Stratford. The name of the comedy series is Hilarium, and tickets are available on the Bijou's website, or by directly contacting Owen Bros. Entertainment at its offices. Visit [www.owenbros.com](http://www.owenbros.com) for more information.



### Local Scout Earned Organization's Highest Honor

#### Ceremony to be held March 3rd at Holy Infant

Tim Brown, a senior at Amity High School, earned the rank of Eagle Scout recently. The rank requires a scout to earn 21 Merit Badges on topics including emergency preparedness, finance, communications, and civic education. In addition, a scout must complete a leadership service project. Tim's project was the creation of a footbridge at the Ewen Farm Preserve. The bridge required over 100 hours of work and close to 20 volunteers. Tim chose this project because he wanted to give back to the town of Orange. The bridge is one step closer to connecting the Preserve's two parcels.

Brown has risen through the ranks of Scouting since the first grade as a Tiger Cub Scout and moved his way through the ranks until his Arrow of Light in May 2006, which is the crossing over between the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts. In Boy Scouts, Tim earned 23 merit badges. His favorite was First Aid because he feels it will be useful throughout his life. Brown says he is looking forward to the ceremony at Holy Infant Church on March 3rd. He will be honored with Marc and Michael Cerami and Frank and Matt Katchmar, all of Orange.



### McChesney Wins National Geographic Geography Bee

Rebecca McChesney, a fourth grade student at the New England School of Montessori, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 15, 2013 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. It was a close competition; Rebecca won in the final championship round by one question. In second place was Jeanette Pimentel. Third place was an eight-way tie between John Francis Jr., Srushti Balagali, Meghana Cheela, Max Liberti, Akash Cheela, Nash Chittem, Magnolia Hammel, and Rishi Vanga. All of the upper elementary students at the New England School of Montessori worked very hard, studying, quizzing one another and searching maps and globes. "This amazing group of students continuously soaks up knowledge, independently, with great motivation and joy," says their teacher, Ms. Kelly D. Moore. The school-level Bee, at which the students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 25th annual National Geographic Bee. This year's bee is sponsored by Google (visit [www.google.com/educators/geo](http://www.google.com/educators/geo)). When Rebecca was asked how she prepared for this geography bee, she replied, "I love geography! I worked on the Geography Workbook, my teacher, Ms. Moore designed and studied with my friends asking each other questions." Rebecca is very fond of physical geography and hopes to be a vulcanologist one day. When she doesn't have her nose in an atlas or immersed in a museum or documentary, she can be found on the ice. Rebecca loves playing ice hockey, and enjoys the balance between her two loves, ice and lava. Jeanette contributes her success, of placing runner-up, to working on her class geography workbook with her mother. She said it really helped to slowly and carefully examine the maps to truly understand the places she was studying. She also thinks her family's travels helped. Jeanette and her family look forward to the future, of life on their family boat, sailing around the world. The kickoff for this year's Bee was the week of November 12, with thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories participating. The school winners, along with Rebecca McChesney, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers on that test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state Bee April 5, 2013. Rebecca will find out if she has advanced to the state level of the competition by mail, addressed to her home in March. If Rebecca wins the Connecticut Bee, then the National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for her and her teacher-escort, Ms. Kelly D. Moore to participate in the Bees national championship rounds May 20-22, 2013. The first place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, and a trip to the Galapagos Islands, courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic (visit [www.expeditions.com](http://www.expeditions.com)). "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek will moderate the national finals on May 22nd. The program will air on television. Check local listings for dates and times.



## LOCAL SPORTS

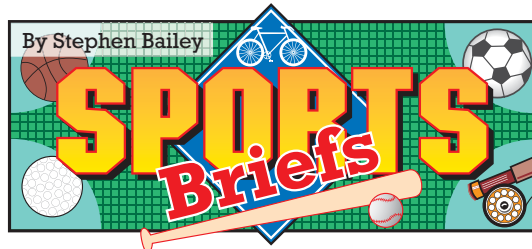
### Amity Boys' Ice Hockey Skates past West Haven to Clinch Spot in SCC Playoffs

Brett McNeil buried a breakaway goal with 1:50 left in Amity's 4-3 victory over Division-I West Haven last Thursday to propel the Spartans to the SCC Championship playoffs. McNeil and Keating Seymour split the scoring load for Amity and goaltender Nick Nuzzolo made 31 saves to hold off the Westies.

The Spartans got on the board with 5:42 left in the first period as McNeil beat West Haven goalie Mike Savino for an unassisted tally. Forty-four seconds later Seymour doubled Amity's lead off passes from Patrick Flynn and John Uscilla.

After the Westies cut their deficit to 2-1 midway through the opening frame, Seymour scored unassisted. And with just 3:42 to go in the period, West Haven scored again to pull within 3-2. West Haven found an equalizer with five minutes left in the second period — the only scoring in a very busy frame. Neither team was able to score after that point until McNeil's game-winner in the final moments.

Amity improves to 8-2 on the season while West Haven falls to 4-7.



### Spartans Boys' Basketball Rallies Past Lyman Hall

Without Gardner Broderick, the Amity boys' basketball team rebounded from a 50-43 loss to Cheshire by knocking off Lyman Hall 49-39 on Tuesday night. Zac Campbell scored team-high 18 points. With the win, the Spartans improved to 11-3 and kept pace with Cheshire atop the Southern Connecticut Conference Housatonic Division standings. Both the Spartans and Rams are now 5-1 while the Trojans dropped to 0-6 and 1-13 overall.

Campbell drained an early 3-pointer as Amity ran out to a 15-3 lead behind 6-of-9 shooting. Remi Farrell logged five of his 12 points and four of his nine rebounds before Dave Ryan made a 3 at the buzzer.

Lyman Hall outscored the Spartans 10-7 in the second quarter to pull within 22-13 at halftime. Campbell scored seven points in the third quarter, but after the Trojans canned back-to-back shots from beyond the arc, the Amity lead was once again cut to 10 at the end of the frame.

Finally, the Spartans managed to pull away in the fourth quarter, building a 49-34 lead before Farrell rejected a put-back dunk with 45 seconds left to put an exclamation mark on the victory. Amity shot 41 percent (20-for-49) while holding Lyman Hall to just 34 percent (16-for-47). Lettick finished with 10 points and a team-high 10 boards as the Spartans won the battle on the glass 36-28.

### Amity Boys' Swimming Beats Branford to Remain Undefeated

Amity and Branford traveled to High Plains Pool in Orange on Tuesday both undefeated. The Spartans left with their perfect season intact while the Hornets did not. Amity won 7 of 12 events to beat Branford 95-77 after disposing of Xavier 95-79 last week.

Jacob Laster, A.J. Pite Brian Liang each recorded two victories in the meet. Laster touched the wall first in the 100-yard freestyle (50.12) and the 100-yard backstroke (59.73) while Pite won the 50-yard freestyle (23.28) and Liang took the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.52). Pite and Liang then teamed with Ben Bacal and Sam Guerra to take first in the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:36.34).

Charlie Pite won 200-yard (1:51:20) and Dylan Swanepoel claimed the 500-yard freestyle (4:48.93) as Amity improved to 8-0. Branford falls to 6-1 on the season.

### Lady Spartans Basketball Crushes Branford

The Amity girls' basketball team held Lyman Hall to just 30.8 percent shooting en route to a 44-29 victory over Branford last Thursday. Chloe Brinton and Mikaila Schmitt scored 14 points each, the Lady Spartans dominated on the defensive side of the ball and outrebounded the Hornets 41-27 to improve to 10-4 on the season. Kristen Post led the rebounding effort with a team-high 11 boards while Schmitt and Brinton added eight and six apiece.

Brinton, Janae Graham and Sarah Rives scored early to give Amity a 6-2 lead with five minutes left in the first quarter. An Elise Graham jumper gave the Lady Spartans a 23-15 lead heading into the second quarter before Schmitt finished off a baseline drive to push that cushion to 23-15 with 3:04 left in the half. Neither team scored again before intermission.

Graham canned a 3-pointer 3:28 into the third quarter to extend Amity's edge to 28-17. Lyman Hall was able to cut that lead to 28-22 with 4:30 left in the period before a Brinton corner 3 sparked an 8-1 Lady Spartans run. The jaunt gave Amity a 36-23 lead heading into the final. Brinton made three late free throws to keep the game out of reach.



This past Saturday January 19th, the Holy Infant-Lady Orange girls youth basketball team had the opportunity to play a short game at halftime of the Southern CT. State University Men's game versus Merrimack. The girls Pink uniforms were a big hit, as the theme for the day was a Coaches versus Cancer awareness day. The girls loved every minute and represented their families and parish very well.

## Amity Rugby Club

The Amity Rugby Football Club is holding an open sign-up and informational meeting for all players and parents Wednesday night, February 13th at 5:30pm at the Amity High School cafeteria 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525. The Amity Rugby Football club is in its 4th year and competes in Connecticut's State Based Rugby Organizations Division II. The club is open to any area high school students that do not have a rugby program at their school. We field two teams, an A side and a developmental side. Athletes who love a fast-paced, action-packed sport may be interested in trying rugby. No experience is necessary.

While most U.S. team sports have seen recent declines in participation, rugby has enjoyed double digit growth over the last two years. Rugby will debut as an Olympic sport at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro which will continue to fuel growth worldwide and here in the United States. For more information about rugby, visit USA Rugby's website, [www.usarugby.org](http://www.usarugby.org) and Connecticut Rugby at [www.ctrugby.org](http://www.ctrugby.org).



The 3 and 4 grade Orangemen Basketball team take a much deserved break after their second win of the weekend. The team is coached by Rich Altorelli.





## LOCAL SPORTS



Dylan Gherlone, from Orange, and his team the CT RiverHawks Squirt A, took second place in the Fire and Ice Tournament held in Westfield, MA. The tournament took place over Martin Luther King Weekend and the CT RiverHawks went undefeated until ultimately losing in overtime to the Westfield Jr Bombers 3-2 in the championship game. Dylan had 1 goal and 3 assists during the tournament.

## Fun Sportz Camps to Be Held in February

Camps are run locally in Orange, North Haven, Milford, and West Haven. Fun Sportz camps are the ideal way to expose your child to a variety of different sports. We take out the competitive pressure and put in the FUN!

Our upcoming February break camp which will be held at Amity Middle School, Orange Campus. People can register through the Orange Park and Recreation Office.

GRADES: K - 6

DATES: Tuesday, February 19th – Friday, February 22nd

TIMES: Session 1: 9am – 12pm/Session 2: 9am – 3pm

WHERE: Amity Middle School

COST: Session 1: \$100/Session 2: \$140

Featuring SPIRIT WEEK! Every day will be a different theme – sports day, pajamas day, wacky clothes day, etc.

More information can also be found on the website - <http://www.fun-sportzamerica.com>.

## Soloway to Play on Team USA

Benjamin Soloway has been selected as one of six male 16 and under junior tennis players to play on the USA team in the 2013 Maccabiah Games to be held in Israel July 2013. Ben is the son of Scott Soloway and Deborah Shamash of Weston, Mass. His fraternal Grandparents are Marty and Sandy Soloway, 50 year residents of Orange.

There will be approximately 6000 men and women athletes in numerous age categories in 42 sports from all over the world participating in the games. Tryouts for the tennis team were held in Brazil with finals in Philadelphia. Ben is a high honors junior playing in the number one position at the Rivers School in Weston. His Dad was a two year captain of the tennis team while a student at Hopkins in New Haven.

## Orange Twins Push Each Other Toward Conference Championships

By Stephen Bailey – Orange Town News Correspondent

Some days A.J. Pite doesn't feel like going to practice. The malaise that hovers over a daily regimen of seven hours of schoolwork followed by a two-hour workout is inevitable. Every high school athlete feels it at some point in their career.

But when A.J. tells his twin brother Charlie that he's considering missing practice today, Charlie will tell him that he's going anyway. So A.J. goes too. His competition nature won't allow any other decision.

"That's happened of a few occasions so it's motivated me to go to practice more often," A.J. said.

Added Charlie: "We push each other because we're both really competitive. We push each other every day in practice."

The Pite twins are juniors on the Spartans boys' swimming and diving team. Orange natives, Charlie specializes in the freestyle and butterfly strokes while A.J. prefers the breaststroke and individual medley. Both are heavily contributing members on Amity's 8-1 squad this season.

The hyper-competitive nature of the Pites drives them to work hard each and every day, but both were glad that they don't regularly participate in the same events.

"I think it's good that we compete in different races because it gives our team more depth and versatility in different events," A.J. said. "So I could get first in the breast stroke and he could hopefully get first in the fly."

While both Pites have been pleased with their swimming performances thus far this season, they are in different training phases. Spartans coach Todd Rainey trains his swimmers to peak during championship season. So Charlie is still cutting his 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly times down to the personal-best marks he set at the CIAC Class LL State Championship meet last year (1:49.20, 53.40).

A.J. on the other hand is swimming into uncharted waters. He's set personal bests in almost every race he's swam this season, recently lowering his 200-yard individual medley time to 1:58.60 and breaking the minute barrier in the 100-yard breaststroke at 59.97.

"I think until States, I'm going to keep improving a small bit on each event," A.J. said. "But when States comes and we rest for it, I should drop a lot of time because that's usually what happens. Just gradual drops and then at States you drop a lot."

That's when Rainey eases up on the training sessions and rests his team. That's also when the Spartans don championship swimsuits, which also help to shave seconds off their times.

"I've been approaching my best times," Charlie said. "However I don't really expect to beat those times until the end of the season when I'm fully rested and wearing a fast suit."

Amity hopes to claim its second straight runner-up finish in the Southern Connecticut Conference behind state powerhouse Fairfield Prep. The Spartans will then go on to contend with Glastonbury and Staples in LLs with Prep and Greenwich likely duking it out for the championship.

Charlie has high hopes for those big meets given the team's success thus far. He credited the winning in part to senior leadership from captains Sam Guerra and Matt Cucurello, as well as Brian Liang, Dylan Swanepoel and Jacob Laser, among others.

"They're all just really motivating and they work hard every single day," Charlie said. "Even on tough days, during midterms and winter break, where we have doubles, everyone just works really hard. It's a really good environment."

A.J. believes the team could give Prep and Greenwich a scare in States and then State Opens. Their depth — which gives them such a dramatic advantage in the regular season — will at least be somewhat diminished by then.

But the Pites aren't looking that far ahead. Amity is coming off a heart-breaking two-point loss to Glastonbury in a dual meet on Friday. The Tomahawks won the meet on the last leg of the last relay. But Glastonbury rested up before the meet, while the Spartans didn't. The Tomahawks also wore championship suits — something A.J. said boosted the Spartans' confidence despite the tough result.

"They only beat us by two points now while wearing the suits," A.J. said. "At states when we all wear them too we should definitely get revenge on them then."

Added Charlie: "Swimming is a lot of hard work and dedication. You go through hard times with your team and it really brings you close."

Amity expects to suffer only one more loss before SCCs, a dual meet against Prep. Then the second season starts and the Spartans will have their chance to avenge that close defeat.

Until then, Charlie and A.J. will keep pushing each other every day. They discuss both team and individual goals on a regular basis. And when the time comes, hopefully both will take home individual state titles.



# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



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"The \$386 is for the rug you wore out in the waiting room."

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"And after every third extraction you get one on the house."

# top ten

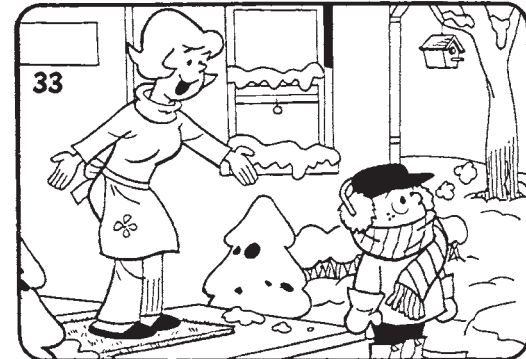
## Winter Vegetables\*

1. Artichoke
2. Bok Choy
3. Broccoli Rabe
4. Cauliflower
5. Celery Root
6. Kale
7. Radishes
8. Rhubarb
9. Snow Peas
10. Watercress

\*Listed alphabetically

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CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Number is raised; 2. Apron is shorter; 3. Hat is missing; 4. Shade is raised; 5. Scarf is shorter; 6. Birchouse is missing.

# Houstraining 101



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** How do you houstrain a dog? Does it take a long time?  
-- Soon-To-Be Dog Mom in Illinois

**DEAR EXPECTING:** Houstraining a dog -- basically, getting a dog to eliminate outside rather than whatever spot is convenient in the house -- can take anywhere from a couple of days to a few weeks. The length of time depends on several factors, including a dog's age, intelligence and your commitment to its training time.

Consistency is the key, so place that word at the top of your to-do list before bringing home your new dog. It will make life easier for you and your dog in so many areas down the road.

Houstraining itself is pretty basic. Twice a day, morning and evening (more often for puppies), take your dog outside, on a leash, to a spot well away from the house (or the neighbor's house). If you're in a city environment, scout out trees and sidewalk areas. Let your dog explore the spot while you gently encourage it to go. There are a number of command words you can use to signal that it's to eliminate. I use the truly original statement, "Go poop."

Your dog will not understand you immediately, nor will it go on command. But most dogs will pee during the walk and may defecate. (Please pick up the poop using a scooper bag.)

Accidents will occur during houstraining, particularly with puppies. Do not scold or rub the dog's nose in it. Try and catch it as soon as possible after it eliminates in the house, say "No," and immediately put it on the leash and head outside to the selected "go spot." Then bring the dog back in, clean up and try again at the next scheduled time.

Again, I've had dogs figure out the routine in a single day. Others have taken longer. Be patient and consistent, and stick to the schedule even after your dog has mastered the art of the go.

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## Bark Bytes...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

### What is Your Dog Learning Today?

Compared to our hectic schedules, our dogs have very little to do or think about every day. Often, our dogs are simply observing the activity around them. They watch us, study us, and learn from us. Our dogs, therefore, become experts in understanding our behavior patterns.

We are creatures of habit so we have routines that we follow, and our dogs learn these routines, usually very quickly. They see a pattern and learn to predict our behavior based on the pattern. More importantly, they learn to use an understanding of our behavior patterns to get what they want.

For example, putting on a certain pair of sneakers may signal to your dog there's a very good chance you're going for a walk and he's coming with you, so you find him waiting attentively at the door. He might learn that when you begin cooking dinner, his meal is soon to follow, so he'll lay down next to his bowl in anticipation.

Without any conscious effort to teach our dogs what these kinds of signals mean, they learn them anyway and act accordingly. But most dogs will do more than just react to our signals: They try to initiate a behavior from us that they have seen before.

Instead of waiting patiently by the door, Rover might decide a walk is in order and bring your walking shoes to you. Or if he's in the mood for a snack, he might bark at you from the kitchen to call you.

Whether these more assertive gestures are considered problem behaviors often is a matter of personal preference. Sometimes, they are just downright cute!

It is not uncommon, however, that we find dogs that engage in a long list of behaviors that serve to run the household on their terms. Only when an owner is confronted with a real "problem" that disrupts their enjoyment of their dog are these other controlling gestures identified and fixed.

Sometimes, we teach our dogs things we never meant to teach them. If we take Rover outside while gardening—pulling weeds and digging holes for plants—what do you suppose he's learning to do? To try some gardening of his own, of course.

With a puppy, what does he learn when we ask, "What's that? Who do you hear?"—and allow him to rush excitedly to the window to bark at any possible intruder? It's a fun game at first, but not so much when the puppy grows up believing that he has to defend your home from all of your friends.

The most common and least understood behavior we unwittingly teach our dogs comes from the subtle signals we respond to for attention: for example, a nudge of the hand, or bringing a toy or leash (or maybe something he's not supposed to have at all to initiate a game of chase).

Our dogs will use these behaviors to try to shape what we do. Most of it is quite harmless and even fun, but some of it can become annoying, and some may represent problem behaviors that require a solution. What behavior does your dog initiate that you find endearing? What would you rather he stop?

Who is responding to whom is important to dogs; it's part of how they figure out their relationships within their instinctive social structure, or pack. In the pack, leaders are the center of attention and our dogs often discover that is exactly where they sit; we have inadvertently taught them to be leaders. Remember, they learn our behavior patterns, then they respond to them, then they try to manipulate them.

Most dogs don't want to be in charge, however, because pack leadership can feel like too much responsibility. Without meaning to, we often give our dogs a feeling of too much authority, and that can be troubling and stressful for both owners and dogs.

What have you taught your dog inadvertently? What's he learning today? When you recognize his and your patterns of behavior and use those to teach him desirable actions instead, you'll be on your way to a happier dog—and a happier family.

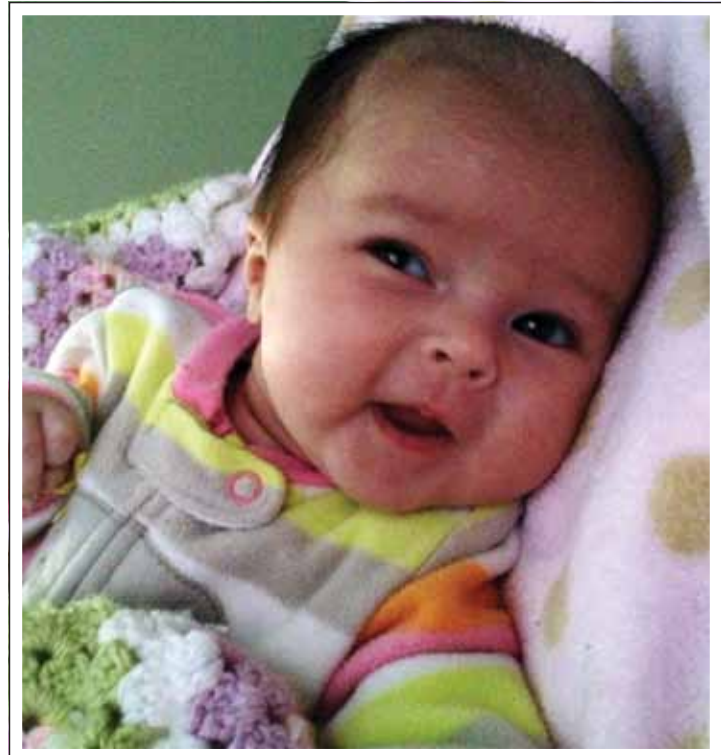
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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Ariya Dadlani

Ariya Dadlani was born December 21st 2012 weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 19.25 inches. Her proud parents are Deepak and Renu Dadlani are owners of Diamond Designs here in Orange. Her overjoyed grandparents are Sandy Dadlani of Orange and George and Lavina Chandiramani of Dallas, TX. We welcome one of Orange's newest residents.



### Alanna Grace Seaman

Alanna Grace Seaman, born December 8th 2012 to Ms. Nicole I. Manley and Mr. Shawn Seaman at Alice Hyde Memorial Hospital in Malone, New York. Maternal Grandparents Dinah and Gene A. Manley, Sr. also of Malone. Alanna is the 4th Great Grand Child of Pauline and Elmer Manley of Orange. The oldest of which is her older brother, Ian Charles 6 and Cousins, Talen Isac 6 and Kelsi Sage Manley 4 all of Malone, New York.

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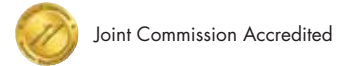
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