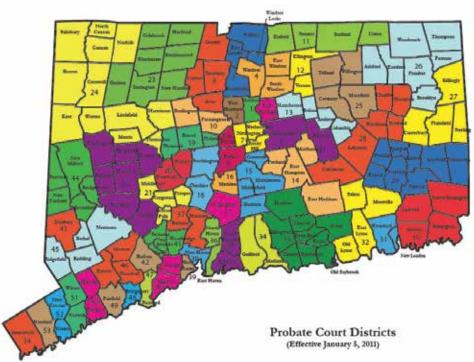
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Proposal To Merge School Districts Causes Concern

By Melissa Nicefaro

With over 1,000 new bills before the General Assembly in the January session, one in particular is causing quite a stir in the tri-town BOWA community: Senator Martin Looney's Proposed Bill No. 454, An Act Concerning the Creation of Regional School Districts. If the bill were to pass as is (with redistricting based on existing probate map), the Orange school district would be merged with Milford; Woodbridge would be merged with Ansonia, Derby, and Seymour; Bethany would be merged with Hamden.

In a news release, State Representative Charlie Ferraro shared concerns 'about a Democrat proposal to regionalize school districts based on the current Probate Judge map, which means Amity Regional School District #5 would be broken up.' Ferraro, who represents Orange, Milford and West Haven, said, "This proposal would penalize a school district that already regionalizes," said Ferraro. "I haven't heard from local officials who believe that this is a good idea. You would think Democrat lawmakers would consult with their boards of education, first selectmen, and mayors before proposing something so ridiculous."

State Representative Themis Klarides agrees. "This proposal to mandate the regionalization of all Connecticut's schools is completely misguided. If you look at the current probate map, there will be students from around the state with impossible commute times to school, this plan doesn't make sense. Left as is, the plan will break apart already regionalized school districts like Amity for example, which is made up

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Tax Break For Vets **Hearing Postponed**

By Laura Fantarella

The Board of Selectmen wants to know how residents feel about a plan to eliminate income restrictions on a federal benefits program so all veterans who live in town can get a break on their property taxes.

Currently, about 150 vets who live in Orange can take advantage of the benefit which allows a \$20,000 reduction in their property tax assessment or \$640 tax cut each year. Doing away with the income restriction will open up the program to about another 450 vets - meaning \$368,000 in lost tax dollars that will have to be made up by the rest of the town residents.

The proposal will be discussed February 13 at a public hearing at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at the High Plains Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Under the current ordinance, veterans must make no more than \$60,200 if single and \$67,900 if married. The state recently passed an ordinance giving municipalities the option of doing away with or setting their own income thresholds. Since 2017 the tax benefit totals \$96,000 for the 150 vets participating in the program, if it were to include all vets in town, the shortfall in residential property taxes will be an additional \$272,000. The numbers of participants fluctuate depending on deaths and property sales.

The ordinance to reduce veterans' property assessments - originally by \$10,000 - was first proposed in 2004 by Orange native and Clerk of the Veteran's Affairs Committee at the CT General Assembly Paul Tarbox. In 2017, the Orange Board of Selectmen was the first in the state to increase

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Orange Lawmakers Discuss Major Issues Impacting State

State Representatives Themis Klarides, Charles Ferraro, and Kathy Kennedy hosted a legislative office hour on January 14 at the Case Memorial Library where they talked about the 2019 session, listened to residents and took dozens of questions about issues impacting the state. The lawmakers talked briefly about the current legislative session that started on January 9th and gave residents a handout of the most recent major issues report that is produced by the nonpartisan Office of Legislative Research - residents can find the report by visiting www.cga.ct.gov/olr.

A majority of the conversation centered around three major topics: the state budget, tolls, and the legalization of marijuana. In addition, residents expressed their concerns about the cost of electricity.

"Hosting office hours to hear from constituents is one of the best ways for us to connect with residents and to learn more about issues impacting our districts," said Rep. Klarides. "I will continue to host frequent office hours throughout the session to give residents the opportunity to come to talk to me directly. But, if you can't

make one of my office hours please contact me at Themis. Klarides@housegop.ct.gov."

"It was great to see so many people come out to speak to us about the issues impacting the state," said Rep. Ferraro. "I continue to hear from residents and small business owners that this state is unaffordable and I completely agree. We should be talking about reducing taxes and not about placing tolls throughout the state."

Rep. Kathy Kennedy said, "I want to thank everyone who came out to our office hours. I enjoyed the candid and informative conversation we had on the major issues to be debated this session. From bans on plastic bags and straws, to the legalization of marijuana, to the concerns of small business owners, and the pitfalls of bringing tolls back to our state, it was obvious to me our constituents are very in-tune with what is going on in Connecticut and how they want to see real meaningful change."

Residents can contact the representatives by calling 860-240-8700 or by visiting their websites - RepKlarides. com, Rep. Ferraro.com, or Rep. Kennedy.com.

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Rep. Kennedy Joins Fire/EMS Caucus

State Representative Kathy Kennedy (R-119) attended and will be a member of the bi-partisan Fire & EMS Caucus meeting at the State Capitol on January 15th.

The bipartisan caucus was created in 2017 to bridge the gap between the General Assembly and the state's first responders with the intent of providing our firefighters and EMS workers with the support they need. The members believe that fire services are a top priority for municipal governments, and the state, and want to ensure that there continues to be an open

dialogue between those who serve in these capacities and the governing body of the state. Several members have a background in fire service with many currently serving with their local volunteer fire companies.

Rep. Kennedy, who was the first civilian female Fire Marshal in the State of Connecticut, said, "Our Fire and EMS workers and first responders provide an incredible and brave service. Anything we, as legislators, can do to support better equipment, or improve training or work conditions is crucial to them doing their dangerous job."









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<u>Upcoming Issue Date</u>	<u>Issue Deadline</u>
March 8 St, Patrick's Day Issue	. March 1
April 12 Easter and Passover Issue	. April 5
May 3 Mother's Day Issue	. April 26
Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank you.	

FROM OUR READERS

Former Amity Board Member Opposes Proposed Redistricting Bills

I am in opposition to both proposed Senate Bills 457 and 454 regarding forced consolidation of smaller school districts. These proposals would tear apart the Amity Regional School District #5 and eliminate Town control over the Bethany, Woodbridge and Orange elementary schools. Both Bills are detrimental to the exceptional school results currently experienced by our children. Call your representative and state senator in Hartford immediately to express your concerns over loss of local control of our education system.

As past Board Chair of the Amity Region 5 District with over 13½ years of experience with the Amity District, I can tell you first hand that Amity #5 Regional schools and the Town elementary schools aren't broken and do not need the benevolence of the state government to help us make things "better".

From time to time we have discussed as Towns and the Regional District the possibility of regionalizing our entire K-12 system and many cost savings might be possible, but that should be a local decision of the Towns, not forced upon us from on high. If Senate Bill 454 passes through the legislature we may have to seriously reconsider adding the elementary schools to the

Amity Region 5 District as there is an exemption for regionalized K-12 Districts from this nightmare of a bill and doing so would save the Amity District from ceasing to exist and our elementary schools dispersed to other new regional districts. I suggest our Town Fathers work on a "just in case" committee to implement this escape clause as Town votes would have to approve this change to the Regional District's structure and significant planning is required.

From Proposed Senate Bill 454: "That part III of chapter 164 be amended to create a commission responsible for developing a plan to implement regional consolidation of school districts, and that such plan shall (1) realign those school districts with a total student population of fewer than forty thousand students, except those regional school districts that provide instruction for grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, in manner similar to the probate districts set forth in section 45a-2 of the general statutes, and require such school districts to join a regional school district,..."

Senate Bill 457 could result in schools outside BOW being forced into our Regional District. These bills are currently being reviewed in education committees in the legislature.

Thomas P. Hurley Former Amity Region 5 Board Chair



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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



CT-STEM Fair Announces Chamberlain Keynote Speaker

Largest Regional STEM Fair Affiliated with International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)

Nearly 500 people, students, judges, volunteers, and staff, will participate in the 19th Annual CT STEM Fair on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Amity Regional High School in Woodbridge. This is the third year of the Fair's International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) affiliation. First place winners are eligible to represent Connecticut at the 2019 ISEF competition held in Phoenix, AZ from May 13th-17th, 2019. The Fair is sponsored by the CT STEM Foundation, Inc. (www.ctstemfoundation.org).

Students from 15 schools in Fair-field and New Haven counties will participate in this year's fair. The CT-STEM Fair anticipates close to 200 team and individual projects this year. Students are currently finalizing their research projects or research proposals so they can compete for over \$8,000.00 in prizes.

This year's keynote address will the given by Dr. Stormy Chamberlain, UCONN Health Science Center's Associate Director of the Graduate Program in Genetics and Developmental Biology. Dr. Chamberlain holds the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Endowed Assistant Professorship and is the recipient of the Women of Innovation award in Research and Leadership from the Connecticut Technology Council.

The Fair is seeking judges to help evaluate research projects on the day of the fair. Volunteers with a background or expertise in a STEM field are invited to register online at http://ctstemfoundation.org/register-to-judge or email the judging coordinator directly at judges@snet.net.

The Connecticut STEM Foundation, Inc. is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Its mission is to foster interest among pre-college Connecticut students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Our

objective is to instill in them understanding and appreciation of the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and to help them become scientists, citizen scientists, and enlightened citizens prepared to navigate a world in which STEM is ever more important.

CT STEM advocates for STEM and seeks to inspire and educate students, academics, parents and other members of communities in Fairfield and New Haven Counties. The Connecticut STEM Fair is the Foundation's flagship event. In addition to sponsoring the Connecticut STEM Fair each year, the CT STEM Foundation has supported advanced teacher training, has held some extraordinary events for students to see the practical application of science via field trips and lectures, and has a scholarship program for high school seniors participating in the annual Fair. This year we are initiating both a state-wide essay competition and a state-wide laboratory equipment donation program. We are also initiating scholarship programs for summer study both for high school students and for middle school students.

The Connecticut STEM Fair was started in 2001 as the Westport Science and Engineering Fair. Over the last 17 years it has grown in size and in its geographical reach to encompass schools in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

In 2016 The Foundation became an affiliate of the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) and selected 3 of the 2017 CT STEM Fair students to participate in ISEF. This award is now the top prize awarded at the CT STEM Fair.

The Fair promotes critical thinking skills, and motivates students to pursue science and engineering after high school.



Local Named Candidate In U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Mounisha Anumolu, a graduating senior at Amity Regional High School, has been named one of more than 4,500 candidates in the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2019.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 54th year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and community. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields. Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year's senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth. All Scholars are invited to Washington, DC in June for the National Recognition Program, featuring various events and enrichment activities and culminating in



Mounisha Anumolu

the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 600 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and activities.

Mounisha is the daughter of Venu and Durga Anumolu, and can be reached at mounisha723@gmail.com.

For more information about the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, parents and students can call the U.S. Presidential Scholars Office at 507.931.8345, or send an e-mail to PSP@scholarshipamerica.org.

Bridges Accepting Kasdan Scholarship Applications

Shaun Mee, Chairman of Bridges Healthcare, Inc. announced that applications are now being accepted for The Barry Kasdan Scholarship for the pursuit of a Graduate or Undergraduate Degree in Human Services. Eligible applicants must reside in one of the towns located in Bridges' service region, or be employed or related to a Bridges employee.

Criteria For Awarding The Scholarship

We anticipate awarding two \$1,000 scholarships in 2019. The successful candidates must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a Bridges employee,

or spouse, child or grandchild of a Bridges employee, or a resident of Ansonia, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Seymour, Shelton, West Haven, or Woodbridge Connecticut;

- 2. Must be pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in Human Services; and
- 3. Must have completed at least two semesters of college.

To request an application please contact smee@bridgesmilford.org. Completed applications are due no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

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Front row left to right: June Lin, Sophia Liu, Jennifer Luo, Sreenidhi Tadepalli, Maggie McDonald; Middle row: Nick Digiovanni, Si Ru Liang, Marin Cunningham, Jenna Chizmadia, Emilia Dottori, Kyra Shevis, Robert Pergolotti; Back row: Emma Kirck, Aanchal Poddar, Sophia Cossitt-Levy, Frank Cavallaro, Grace Mahon, Athanasia Zikos, Zoe May, Ana DeBassio; Peer tutors who were not in the photo: Millicent Fuller, Jesse Palermo, Lucas Ketchian, Giovanni Bonazzoli [Photo by Jen Marganski]

Peer Tutors At Amity Middle School

How do you get your child to ask for help in school? The Amity Middle School Orange has a good idea.

Twenty students in the eighth grade were trained by the Counseling staff to become peer tutors. Once the training was complete each peer tutor chose what subject he or she wanted to instruct. This year the Peer Tutor training program was designed to help seventh grade students. Eighth grade peer tutors were paired with seventh grade students. They met during Academic Success, which is held during

the last period of the day, and worked together one or two times per cycle.

Originally teacher recommendations were used to find peer tutor students, but the program has become so successful that seventh grade students are asking for peer tutors on their own. Popular subjects studied are: math, science, and Spanish. Next year there are plans to expand the program so that more peer tutors will be able to help more students. This good idea seems to be working quite well at Amity Middle School in Orange!

Lucy Scillia Scholarship Available To Orange Seniors

Applications are now open for the Lucia Scillia Scholarship, a \$1,000 award sponsored by the Friends of the Case Memorial Library. The Lucy Scillia Scholarship is available to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Orange and is continuing their education at an accredited institution of higher education.

Lucia Scillia devoted much of her life to instilling a love of reading in children. After a fulfilling career as a school librarian, Lucy continued to share her love of books through a variety of activities. Among her many achievements is the establishment of the library at the former Sacred Heart-

St. Peter's School in New Haven, where she served as the school's volunteer librarian. Lucy was also a longtime member of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library, served on the Orange Town Library Commission, and was active in library fundraising efforts.

The application deadline is April 30. To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must submit an application, references, and high school transcript. To download the application visit www. casememoriallibrary.org/lucyscillia. Applications should be received by mail or dropped off in person at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT 06477.

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Happy Birthday To Head Custodian At Middle School

On December 21st the teachers, staff, and students at Amity Middle School in Orange honored Phil Ianniello, Head Custodian, on his birthday. Phil has worked at Amity for 34 years and has worked with generations of both students and parents in Orange.

Phil is always on the job ready to help, and everyone appreciates all that he does. The school community surprised Phil during a recent pep rally. Everyone sang, "Happy Birthday," and honored him by wearing his "signature" mustache.

Elmer F. Manley Memorial Scholarships Available

Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89, is offering two "Medical Scholarships" for \$1,000 each to a college student studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a 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 current social interests within their chosen field, along with a current official school transcript. [Transcripts must be sent directly from your school.]

Send To: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Elmer F. Manley, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2019. Your full name, address, email and phone where you can be reached must also be included. For further information, call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbypolly@yahoo.com, Subject: Scholarship.

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Achievements Amity Regional High School

Raymond Z Lu, son of Z Jason and Yuan Lu, a junior at Amity Regional High School, earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Only around two-tenths of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2018, only 2,760 out of more than 2 million graduates who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1–36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

Dean/President's List Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT – Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) President Zulma R. Toro is proud to announce the students who earned a spot on the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. To achieve this academic distinction, an undergraduate student at CCSU must carry at least 12 academic credits during the semester and earn at least a 3.50 GPA out of a possible 4.0 GPA. The students from Orange who earned a place on the Dean's List are: Madison Flanagan and Hilde Gehr.

Dean College

Franklin, MA -- Dean College is pleased to announce that Stephanie Durkee of Orange has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester.

Eastern Connecticut State University

Willimantic, CT -- Eastern Connecticut State University recently released its fall 2018 Dean's List for full-time and part-time students. Orange students are: Maggie Lasto '21, who majors in Art is a full-time student; Megan Lasto '21, who majors in Art is a fulltime student; Mollee Lasto '19, who majors in Health Sciences is a full-time student; Dominic Livoti '19, who majors in Environmental Earth Science is a full-time student; Stephanie Satonick '20, who majors in Elementary Education and English, is a full-time student; and Nuala Tzovolos '21, who majors in Psychology is a full-time student. In order to be eligible for Dean's List, students must have a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

Elon University

Shayna Goldblatt has been named to the President's List for the 2018 fall semester at Elon University. The President's List is composed of students with no grade below an A-minus in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Goldblatt is the daughter of Mr. Mitchell R. Goldblatt and Mrs. Abby L. Goldblatt of Orange, CT.

Abby Noyes, of Orange, made President's List for Fall 2018 at Elon University in North Carolina. Her GPA was 3.925. She has a double major of Spanish & International Studies with a minor in Economics.

Emerson College

Boston, MA -- Jaden Esse, a resident of Orange, CT, has been named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. Esse, who is majoring in Media Arts Production, is a member of the class of 2022. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Ithaca College

Ithaca, NY -- Kayla Abreu, an Orange resident majoring in Occupational Therapy at Ithaca College, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

Lasell College

Newton, MA -- Daniel Chodos, a Sport Management major at Lasell College, was named to the fall 2018 Dean's List. Chodos, an Orange native, is a member of the Lasell College class of 2021. To be named to the Dean's List, a student needs to complete at least 12 credits as a full-time student and achieve a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

McDaniel College

Westminster, MD -- Charles Csejka of Orange has been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the McDaniel College Fall 2018 Dean's List with High Honors. Highest honors are earned for a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher, high honors for a grade point average of 3.70-3.89, and honors for a 3.50-3.69 grade point average. For more information about McDaniel College, visit www.mcdaniel.edu.

Providence College

Grace Whitman, a resident of Orange, CT and a member of the class of 2022, has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Fall 2018 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

Quinnipiac University

Hamden, CT - The following Orange students were named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester at Quinnipiac University: Colby Altorelli, Nicole Antaya, Brianna Caruso, Collin Fischman, Jeremy Gustafson, Michelle Kiska, Phillip Nam, Caroline Rafferty, Lauren Salatto-Rosenay, Bret Schneider, Sarah Smeriglio, Lana Suleiman, Jessica Szkotnicki, and Aby Varghese. 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.

Roger Williams University

Bristol, RI -- Select students have been named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a GPA of 3.4 or higher are placed on the Dean's List that semester. Those from Orange named to the Dean's List are: Anne Marie Allen and Catherine Dunleavy.

Siena College

Loudonville, NY -- Myles Allen has been named to the Siena College Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester. Allen is from Orange, CT. To be named to the Dean's List, a student's grade point average for the semester must be between 3.5 and 3.89.

Southern Connecticut State University

Southern Connecticut State University has announced those Orange students named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List: Mariam Alijan, English major; Abigail Adam, Math major; Taylor Bova, Education major; Abigail Chamberlain, Psychology major; Lydia Cooper, SED major; Madison Correia, SED major; Madison Csejka, English major; Anastasia Esposito, Business major; Shane Gallagher, EXS major; Christopher Hughes, Education major; Kiersten Ignatowski, Education major; Justin Mancini, Business major; Blair Massimino, IDS major; Gia Mentillo, 1111 major; Danielle Mixon, Nursing major; Max-Anthony Natale, Nursing major; Hanna Natalino, Nursing major; Jessica Paradis, Nursing major; Kaitlyn Paradis, Business major; Aidan Reilly, History major, Jared Smith, MDS major; Mary Spodnick, Psychology major; William Steinbeck, Education major; Korynne Sullivan, Psychology major; Alyssa Weisberger, Business major; Blake Wetter, 1111 major; and Reena Yu, STAR major. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must attain a 3.5 or higher GPA.

University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL -- Ryan Gunning of Orange, CT, was named to The University of Alabama (UA) President's List for fall 2018. A total of 12,332 students enrolled during the 2018 fall term at UA were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or to undergraduate students who take

less than a full course load.

University of Delaware

Newark, DE -- Students from Orange who have been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2018 semester are: Rebecca Kaplan and Morgan Guadagnoli. To meet eligibility requirements for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time and earn a GPA of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester.

University of New Hampshire

Durham, NH -- The following Orange students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the fall 2018 semester: Jillian Gusciora with High Honors; and Veronica Pisano with High Honors.

University of New Haven

West Haven, CT - The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven for the fall, 2018: Abdulaziz Essa A Aldossary, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Michael Allen, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Majid Mansour M Alotaibi, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Fire Science; Jacqueline Boccarossa, College of Business, Bachelor of Science, Undeclared - College of Business; Harley Dematties, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Undeclared - Arts & Sciences; Caryl Fisher, College of Business, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Kelly Grindall, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Kelly Grindall, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, National Security Studies; Amanda Hudson, College of Business, Bachelor of Science, Accounting; Maximilian Oeges, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, National Security; Kimberly Simone, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice; Rebecca Spargo, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology; and Catherine Withington, College of Business, Bachelor of Science, Business Management.

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, RI -- The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that more than 5,500 undergraduates have qualified for the fall 2018 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

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

From the Fire Marshal



Tips For A Fire Safe Winter Season

Winter has arrived with snow, ice, and cold temperatures. The use of wood burning stoves, fireplaces and space heaters to help defray the cost of home heating fuel and utilities has increased. Although these are all major factors in residential fires, many of these fires can be prevented. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office recommends the following tips for a safe winter season.

If there is a fire hydrant near your home, please aid the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow. Then, if needed, it can be easily located. Clear snow away from all doorways, so several exits are available. If windows are used as emergency exits, be sure they open easily. Practice using them. Home escape ladders are also suggested.

Do not overload the circuit when using an electric heater. Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance cord. Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.

Never use a range or oven for heat. This is a safety hazard as well as a potential source of toxic fumes.

Be sure fireplaces and wood stoves are installed properly. Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned, if necessary. Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire. Do not break apart synthetic logs or use more than one at a time. They may burn unevenly and release high levels

of carbon monoxide. Keep a screen in front of the fireplace opening. Never close the damper when hot ashes are in the fireplace or discard them in or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and away from the house. Put out the fire in a fireplace before going to bed.

Inspect exhaust parts on kerosene heaters for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shutoff. Use only the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. Never use fuel burning appliances without proper ventilation as coal, kerosene or propane can produce deadly fumes. Keep flammable liquids in approved metal containers outside the house in a well-ventilated storage area. Never fill the heater while it is on or hot. Refuel outdoors and avoid overfilling.

Never burn charcoal indoors. It can give off high levels of carbon monoxide.

Use hot water or an UL labeled appliance, such as a hair dryer, to thaw frozen pipes. Do not use a blow torch or open flame.

Have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home and smoke alarms in all sleeping areas also.

Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.

If you have questions or concerns about fire safety or prevention, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 203-891-4711, Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com.

Agency On Aging Of South Central CT Is Moving!

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut (AOASCC) will relocate its office to 117 Washington Avenue, Suite 17 in North Haven, 06473 beginning January 28th. We expect to be fully settled in and back to full operations on or by January 31st. Phones will be disrupted from January 25th to January 27th while equipment is relocated — urgent calls will be directed automatically to our answering service and on-call care managers.

From our President & CEO, Ted Surh: After many years of being in New Haven, we are moving! We want to thank all those in the New Haven community who have been partners and advocates to us and expect this partnership to continue. Our new location in North Haven will be more convenient for those coming to the office and the cost savings will allow us to maintain our services into the future.

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O.V.F.D. Auxiliary Pancake Supper

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 10th annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday, March 13 at Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange. Menu includes Pancakes, Eggs, choice of Bacon or Sausage and beverage.

There will be an early seating at 5:30 PM and late seating at 6:30 PM. Prices are \$12.00 for Adults, \$6.00 Children

10 and under, gratuity included. 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, email Lynn@ LMK415@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.orangevfd.com.

Town Hall

Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of February 2019



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11th	Traffic Authority	Police Dept. Police Dept. Middle School
12th	Inland Wetlands Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Board of Selectmen7:30 pm	Town Hall
14th	Community Services Comm7:00 pm	НРСС
18th	Family Counseling Advisory Council9:00 am Orange Board of Education	HPCC Mary L. Tracy HPCC Town Hall
19th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:00 pm	Town Hall
20th	CERT7:00 pm Recycling Cmte7:00 pm	HPCC HPCC
21st	Case Memorial Library Comm7:00 pm Pension Board7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library Town Hall
22nd	Emergency Mgmt Advisory Council8:00 am	Police Station
25th	Youth Services Advisory Board7:30 pm	НРСС
27th	Safety Comm9:00 am Park & Recreation Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall

Bond Construction......7:00 pm

Orange Congregational Church Happenings

Orange Congregational Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation, located at 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange. We invite you to come to our regular weekly Sunday Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our 10 a.m. worship service includes music from our choirs, a church nursery for all birth to Pre-K children, and Sunday School programming for school age children.

The Pilgrim Fellowship Youth will be hosting a Valentine's Bake Sale during coffee hour after the 10 a.m. worship service on our Laity Sunday, February 10, to raise funds for this year's Mission Trip. Our annual Pancake Supper will take place on Shrove Tuesday, March 5, 2019, from 5-7 p.m. in the church's John Ho Dining Room. Tickets will be



Orange Congregational Church

available at coffee hour beforehand and at the door. An Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for worship and the imposition of ashes.

For more information about our church community, please call the office at 203-795-9749 or visit our website at orangecongregationalchurch.



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Temple Emanuel Annual Scholar in Residence March 8-10, 2019

RABBI URI REGEV, President of 'HIDDUSH - For Religious Freedom and Equality in Israel'.



Friday, March 8

- 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat Welcome Shabbat with joy and songs (for under 5s & their families)
- 6:00 pm Shabbat dinner Please RSVP for dinner/lunch online: www.tegnh.org
- 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Rabbi Regev will speak on "The

Challenge of Pluralism in Israel: Can Israel be Truly Jewish and Democratic?"

Saturday, March 9

10:00 am Parashat Pekudei - Torah Study with Rabbi Regev.



- 11:30 am Dairy lunch. RSVP at www.tegnh.org
- 12:30 2:00 pm "Kotel, Conversion, and Rabbinic Blacklists: What Are the Effects of the Latest Conflicts on Israel-Diaspora Relations?"

Sunday, March 10

10:15 - 11:45 am "Israel heading to the polls April 9: How will the

elections impact Religious Freedom and Israel-US relations"

About our Speaker: Rabbi Regev serves as the President and CEO of the educational and advocacy Israel-Diaspora partnership, "Freedom of Religion for Israel" and of its Israeli counterpart, "Hiddush— For Freedom of Religion and Equality ". A past President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, Rabbi Regev served as founding chair, and later as executive director and legal counsel, of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC), the advocacy group established by the

This weekend is generously supported by an Anonymous TE Leave a Legacy Donor.

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Congregation B'nai Jacob Adult Education Winter 2019

Guest Speakers

Cormac Levenson, Executive Director and Lead Meditation Instructor, Elm Village, New Haven, Sunday, February 3 at 10:00am

"The Sh'ma and Mindfulness: How the practice of meditation can deepen our relationship with God" - Mr. Levenson, graduate of Harvard Divinity School, former Griffin Hospital Chaplain, student of eastern religions, and respected teacher of meditation, will lead this BJ program about Judaism, mindfulness, and relating to G-d. This is so important for our troubling times.

Christine Hayes, PhD, Weis Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University; 2015 winner of the National Book Award in Scholarship, Saturday, February 23, after Kiddush 12:30 pm

"We're No Angels: Perfectionism in Rabbinic Judaism" - What is the nature of the perfection to which humans should aspire? Beginning with the Talmudic phrase "The Torah was not given to Ministering Angels" this lecture explores radically diverse ancient Jewish conceptions of the nature of human perfection and whether or not humans can be, or should aspire to be, like angels.

Ongoing Classes Reading the Talmud Rabbi Rona Shapiro

Monday evenings 7:30 pm February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1,8,15

The Babylonian Talmud, in many ways more so than the Bible, is the core text of the Jewish people and yet it is unknown to many of us. We will explore some of its breadth and depth, looking at both stories (aggadah) and law (halacha) as we work to gain insight into the rabbinic project and its meaning for us. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is required.

The Poetry of Yehuda Amichai

Group Discussion, Saturdays 1 pm



Congregation B'nai Jacob

March 2, April 13

Amichai is Israel's poet laureate. He, more than any other poet, captures the paradoxes of faith and love and "Israeliness" in familiar language and bold simile. We will take two Shabbat afternoons to explore a poem or two each time. Poems will be sent out to participants ahead of time, so registration is necessary.

NEW! B'nai Jacob Book Group

Open to all members

First meeting February 20, 7:30 pm in the B'nai Jacob Library

Join in a discussion of "If All the Seas Were Ink," by Ilana Kurshan. This memoir about a young woman's study of Talmud ties in nicely with the Rabbi's class, Reading the Talmud. "In this deeply personal and often hilarious story, Kurshan shows us how the Talmud's thousands of strange and demanding pages...become a conversation about how best to live one's life." Dara Horn.

Future books and dates will be decided by the group. Please RSVP to 203-389-2111 or cbj.receptionist@ gmail.com.

Learning and Prayer **Bread & Torah**

EVERY Shabbat Morning Before Services, 9:00 - 9:45am

Rabbi Shapiro explores the weekly Torah portion and how its story relates to our own. This year we will explore the Book of Jonah and the Five Megillot. Lively discussion over bagels and coffee. No experience necessary.

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild To Meet

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:45 pm in the Guild Hall. The program for that evening will be making valentines for the veterans at the VA Hospital in West Haven. We also ask that you bring a homemade dessert item to be given

out at the Men's Shelter in New Haven as part of the Midnight Run ministry. Suggested items are brownies, cookies, sliced breads, bars. No cupcakes, pies or items with frosting, please.

After the meeting we will celebrate St. Valentine's Day by serving wine and chocolates!



Congregation Or Shalom Events

Weekly Services Minyan Services

- > Sunday 9:00 AM
- > Monday 7:30 AM
- > Thursday 7:30 AM

Healing Circle

> Wednesday 7:30 AM

Shabbat Services

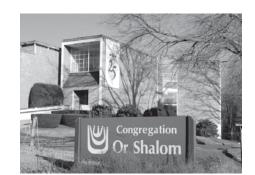
- > Friday 7:00 PM
- > Saturday 9:30 PM

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi Wainhaus

Every Wednesday, (please call the office for schedule) Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus teaches an hour-long class focusing on the ancient texts of our heritage and the light they shed on current issues. The class begins at 11:00 am and ends at 12 noon sharp. All Welcome. Synagogue office: (203) 799-2341, Website: orshalomct.org, .email: info@orshalomct.org

Our Adult Education Committee Will Be Showing, "Three Identical Strangers"

Sunday, February 10 @ 2:00 pm. The true story of identical Jewish triplets who were separated at birth, adopted by three different families and reunited by an astonishing coincidence! Their fairy-tale reunion instantly became a global sensation complete with fame and celebrity; however, it set in motion a series of events that unearth a dark secret -- a secret with radical implications for us all. This documentary film has enjoyed world-wide acclaim!



Congregation Or Shalom

Runtime: 96 minutes, Genre: Documentary. Rabbi Wainhaus will lead a discussion on this provocative film, for all who remain.

Saturday, April 6, 2019-A Night of "Magic & Mentalism"

Doors open 8:00 pm, Show: 8:30-10:00 pm, Tickets: \$36.00 per person "BYOD" (Bring Your Own Drinks!) NOTE: wine & champagne need a KOSHER label, light snacks provided. Please call the office 203.799.2341 for tickets.

ZUMBA GOLD AT OR SHALOM

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel Events

85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Avenue - Route 63 - in Westville)

Daily Services

- > Sunday 9:00 am and 5:45 pm
- Monday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- Tuesday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- Wednesday 7:00 am and 5:45 pm
- Thursday 8:15 am and 5:45 pm
- > Friday 7:00 am

Shabbat Services

- > Friday 6:00 pm
- > Saturday Morning 9:15 am

Saturday Children's Services 10:45 am

> Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm

Exhibition of Masks by Beckie Kravetz

Work by Beckie Kravetz, a sculptor and mask-maker, is on display until March 31. The exhibit will feature Purim-themed masks as well as other theatrical and art masks.

Kravetz studied at the Yale School of Drama, Taller de Madera in Guatemala, the Instituto Allende in Mexico, and the Centro Maschere e Strutture Gestuali in Italy. Her masks and sculptures have been exhibited at the Jewish Community Museum of San Francisco, Metropolitan Opera Gallery and Lincoln Center Library, Roark Gallery and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion (Los Angeles).



Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel

Study Groups

Shabbat Shalom Torah Study,

which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45 am, explores the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day, led by Professor Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, Nadav Sela, Isaiah Cooper and others.

Rashi Study Group, which meets Monday mornings at 7:45 am (at 9:45 am on 18 February) to read Rashi's commentary on the Hebrew Bible with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen, is examining First Kings.

Berakhot Talmud Study Group meets on Thursday mornings at 10 am to study Talmud Bavli Berakhot with Rabbi Tilsen.

Knowledge of Hebrew or background in texts is not necessary. Visitors and new participants are welcome.

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The First Church of Christ Concert Series

The First Church of Christ Woodbridge is pleased to announce a series of two concerts this Spring featuring Nenad Ivovic, our church organist and internationally award-winning pianist. The first concert, Prelude 4 Spring with selections from Brahms, Schumann, Poulenc & Grgin, will be held on Saturday March 9th, at 4 pm in the First Church Meetinghouse at 5 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge. Performing with Nenad will be internationally award-winning clarinetist, Milos Bjelica. There will be a reception following the concert in the Parish House adjacent to the church where attendees will have the opportunity to meet Nenad and Milos. The concert and reception are open to the public.

There will be a free will offering.

The First Church of Christ invites all members of the community to join us at 5 Meetinghouse Lane in Woodbridge for the following weekly services and special events:

Sunday Services – 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

Special Ash Wednesday Service

– Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m.



The First Church of Christ

- Sunday at 10 a.m. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year. The middle school curriculum is based on Middle School Talk Sheets which provides a

Christian perspec-

Church School

tive on how to handle common issues effecting the lives of our youth. The younger students are watching Veggie Tales which explores stories from the Bible with common concerns for preschoolers.

Middle School Youth Group for 5th – 8th graders - the February

meeting of the youth group will be on Sunday the 10th. The group will be making fleece scarves which will be taken to Chapel on the Green along with donated winter socks, mittens and gloves. For details on this meeting or the Youth Group in general contact MorganNancyAery@gmail.com.

Boy Scout Troop 907 – meets weekly on Thursdays at 7 pm.

Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday, 10-11 a.m., in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary. Bible study is open to the community so everyone in the community is welcome.

For more information on these events please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.

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Sunday Soul Service Brunch

What do you get when you combine a lively praise band with a hearty brunch and friendly people? You get a totally unique worship experience that is perfect for folks of different ages and backgrounds. The 'Soul Service' is the creation of three different churches who came together in the hopes of reaching folks for whom 'church as usual' just doesn't work for them.

The Soul Service starts with a hearty meal served at 12:30 p.m. every Sunday. Guests are free to come and enjoy what's on the menu free of charge. As one participant noted; "Real communion, doesn't just happen in church, it happens every time we break bread together." (*Note, you don't have to stay for the service to have lunch.) "It's all about getting to know our neighbors, and having a good time," said another participant.

At 1:00 p.m. the worship service begins with some lively contemporary

praise music, a brief message on the reading of the day and communion. The band, aptly named 'Soul Satisfaction' consists of twelve members who come together from four area churches to make music together. They are led by internationally known Jazz musician Fabian Ortiz. Mr. Ortiz, who also has an extensive background in liturgical music, created the group as a way "to praise God while making a joyful noise." "I come for the music, it makes me want to get up and dance, and here at this service, you can if you want to," said Maura Pasley, a 23-year old teacher from Ansonia.

So, if you are looking for something different, a place where people promise to feed you body and soul, check out this service. The Sunday Soul Service returns to Trinity Episcopal Church, 91 Church Street in Seymour, CT on Sunday, February 17th. All are welcome.

Assumption Church Welcomes New Pastor

Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Woodbridge welcomed Father Christopher Ford to take over the helm of the Parish after the retirement of Father Gene Gianelli. Father Ford came to Woodbridge from Waterbury, where he served as rector of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and Episcopal Vicar for the Waterbury Vicariate.

According to the bio published on the Assumption Church website, Father Ford was born in Hartford and grew up in Needham, Mass. As a young adult, his parents moved to Madison, where they lived the next 30 years. Father Ford attended Syracuse University where he received a degree in Public Policy: Urban Affairs from the Maxwell School of Public Administration.

Feeling drawn to the priesthood, he enrolled in St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and was ordained a priest in 1987. After serving four years in St. Francis of Assisi in Naugatuck he was appointed by Archbishop



Christopher Ford

John Whealon to graduate studies in Rome. In 1993, he received a license in Canon Law from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Upon returning home he has served in various parishes and in the Metropolitan Tribunal as both judge and defender of the bond.

His previous pastorates include St. Justin in Hartford and St. Mary in Branford.



FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

New Haven Orchestra Trip

Join us on Saturday, February 2 & May 11, 2019 for a trip to the New Haven Chamber Orchestra performing at the Fair Haven Middle School. Just leave your car at High Plains and ride with us into New Haven for this free concert. Call (203) 891-4784 to register. Departs at 1:00pm.

Orange Lions Club Pizza Party

Join us on Wednesday, February 11, for a Dean Martin themed Cabaret from 1:30—3:00pm. Jack Lynn will perform the music of Dean Martin. The Lions Club of Orange will serve pizza and soda. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat!

No AARP Tax Program

Please be aware that due to the renovation project at the HPCC, the Orange Senior Center will not be able to offer the AARP Tax program. Additional dates have been added at the Milford Senior Center. Milford Senior Center will have AARP Tax appointments on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Call the Milford Senior Center at (203) 877-5131 to schedule an appointment at 9:00 or 10:30, by appointment.

Living Treasure Nominations Now Being Accepted

Nominations are being accepted through March 1, 2019 for the 2019 Living Treasure Awards. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Living Treasure Award ceremony on May 24, 2019, from 5-8pm at the Race Brook Country Club in Orange. Forms can be found in the Senior Center office.

Wellness with Shop Rite

Join us on Monday, February 4 from 12:00 in the Café when Shop Rite of Orange's Registered Dietitian, Courtney Huggins, RD will create a healthy dish to sample.

AARP Smart Driving Course

The next AARP Driver's Training course will be Thursday, February 7. The cost of the "AARP Smart Driving Course" will be \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Call the senior center to sign up.

Lotus Lantern & Korean Culture Presentation

Join us February 25 at 1:00pm for the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project (KSCPP) lotus lantern craft class. The class includes the making of a lotus lantern, viewing documentaries and homemade traditional Korean desserts. The cost is \$5 to cover the supplies for the lanterns. Stop by the office to sign up.

Food That Help Prevent Osteoporosis

Join us on March 18, at 1:00pm when Dr. Gregory Sabatino presents this Wellness Workshop on Foods That Help Prevent Osteoporosis. Call us to let us know you are coming (203) 891-4784.

Senior Art Show

Calling all artists, the annual Senior Art Show at the Case Memorial Library is this May! Start collecting your pieces. You may submit 2 pieces to the show. We share the event with Amity High School Seniors. There will be a reception Thursday, May 9 to invite family and friends so you can brag! Artists are asked to bring a food item to the reception for a pot luck. Registration forms will be available in the senior center.

Movie of the Month

Friday, February 8 "A Star is Born", at 1:00pm, starring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper. A remake of the 1976 classic where a musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral. Popcorn to be served. Call to reserve a seat (203) 891-4784.

Documentary & Discussion

Join us for 175th Anniversary as we watch the film Orange 175th on February 22 at 1:00pm. This movie captures what it was like in Orange in 1972 as the town celebrates its 150 year! Popcorn and soda to be served. Call for a seat (203) 891-4784.

Mac Computers – Learn from an Expert!

Josh will teach a 4-week Mac Computers class on Thursday, February 7—28. Class fee is \$20. Class time is 9:00am to 11:00am.

iPhone with Aubry

Aubry will teach a 1 week/4-day iPhone class from February 11—14. Class fee is \$20. Class time is 11:30am to 1:30am.

Afternoon Fun!

Arts & Crafts on Monday, Name 5 or Scattergories on Tuesdays, Mexican Train Dominos on Wednesdays, Bingo on Thursdays, Scrabble on Fridays at 1:00pm in the Cafe. So, come on out and join us and be part of the fun!

Movie Club

Join us on a celluloid adventure! Our group will discuss a current movie playing locally. We will then meet to critique the film as we discuss the script, acting, cinematography and directing. Meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 3pm in the town conference room at the HPCC.

Hot Lunch

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for persons 60 years and over. To register call (203) 891-4765 before 1pm, the day before.

Trips CT Flower Show & Lunch

No minimum trip February 21, 2019 (snow date 2/22). "Breath of Spring" at the CT Flower & Garden Show at the Connecticut Convention Center with a lunch stop at Dakota's Restaurant for Prime Rib (cooked Medium only), Mesquite Grilled Salmon, or wood Grilled Chicken served with all the trimmings. Cost \$89pp. Includes transportation, Lunch, & Admission. Full payment due at registration (considerable walking).

Tiny Beautiful Things Senior Center Trip February 27, 2019

Based on Strayed's bestselling book, Tiny Beautiful Things is a deeply funny, empathetic, and uplifting experience about an anonymous online advice columnist who creates a beloved column. 10 people can go on the Senior Center van otherwise you can drive yourself to the Long Wharf Theater. Includes lunch at Brazi's and departs

at 12 noon from the High Plains Community Center. Cost \$86pp, includes transportation, or \$81 if you drive yourself. Includes lunch, ticket to the show and driver's gratuity. Full payment due at registration (Minimal Walking).

Sleigh Ride At Adams Farm, VT

No minimum trip March 7, 2019. Every sleigh is pulled by a team of Belgian Draft Horses through maple groves and pines, into an open meadow where the views are wonderful. Lunch will be at the Bew England House in Brattleboro, Vermont. Choice will be Pot Roast or Butternut Squash Ravioli served with all the trimmings. Cost \$117pp, includes transportation, luncheon, sleigh ride and driver's gratuity. Full payment due at registration (Minimal Walking).

Rhythm Of The Dance At The Westchester Theater

No minimum trip March 12, 2019. After lunch sit back and watch a gifted cast of young dancers, musicians, 3 Irish tenors and live performance from the entire troupe. Cost: \$113pp. Includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment due at reservation. (Minimal Walking)



Date: Thursday, March 14 - Coachman Square, Woodbridge

Time: 11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch followed by programs from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Location: Coachman Square at Woodbridge, 21 Bradley Rd, Woodbridge, CT 06525

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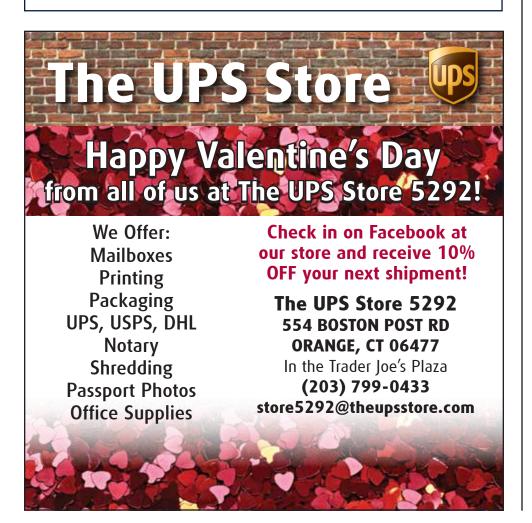
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GOP Lawmakers Oppose Bill to Break Up School District

Area lawmakers are expressing their concerns this week about a Democrat proposal to regionalize school districts based on the current Probate Judge map, which means Amity Regional School District #5 would be broken up.

Under the bill, S.B. 454, the Orange School district would be merged with Milford; Woodbridge would be merged with Ansonia, Derby, and Seymour; Bethany would be merged with Hamden.

"This proposal to mandate the regionalization of all Connecticut's schools is completely misguided. If you look at the current probate map, there will be students from around the state with impossible commute times to school, this plan doesn't make sense. Left as is, the plan will break apart already regionalized school districts like Amity for example, which is made up of Woodbridge, Bethany and Orange. "I believe that we should put our trust in the towns to decide what is best for their communities and schools," said Rep. Themis Klarides

"This proposal would penalize a school district that already regionaliz-

es," said Rep. Charles Ferraro. "I haven't heard from local officials who believe that this is a good idea. You would think Democrat lawmakers would consult with their Boards of Education, First Selectmen, and Mayors before proposing something so ridiculous."

"Amity Regional is an educational success story, we should hail, not eliminate. I will fight to defeat any bill which looks to end Amity current regional district," Rep. Kathy Kennedy said, who is an Amity alum.

"This policy is nonsensical, short-sighted and destructive," Sen. George S. Logan said. "We will work as a team to defeat it. We will need the support of parents, educators and students in order to stop this from becoming reality. Please spread the word about S.B. 454 – we must speak out with a united voice against it."

Amity Regional School District #5 currently is comprised of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge. The towns don't regionalize schools K-12 and the bill only excepts districts that do.

The bill is now before the Education Committee.

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point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average. The list includes students who have not yet declared their majors as well as those from all of the University's undergraduate academic colleges. The following students from Orange have been named to URI's fall 2018 Dean's List: Christian Barone, Julia Forbes, Michaela Kraut, and Jarod Tashea.

The University of Scranton

Scranton, PA -- Orange residents were among nearly 1,600 students named to The University of Scranton's Dean's List for the 2018 fall semester. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence. A student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum number of credit hours during the semester to make the Dean's List. The students are: Haley A. Forcier, a junior occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional

Studies; and Samantha A. Gaynor, a junior occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies. The University of Scranton is a Jesuit university located in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

William & Mary

Williamsburg, Va. - Emily Bacal from Orange, CT was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2018 semester. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

Graduations *Clarion University*

Clarion, Pa. - Wayne Buckmir of Orange, CT, graduated with a MSLS Information and Library Science degree during December commencement ceremonies at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.







Q: I read that the actor who plays mobster Sonny Corinthos on the day-time soap "General Hospital" is going to play John Gotti in a new movie. Didn't John Travolta already play Gotti just this year? -- B.A.

A: Yes, you are correct in that Maurice Benard played mob kingpin John Gotti recently. He's a great actor and his fans never tire of seeing him getting his hands dirty onscreen in organized crime.

In the TV movie "Victoria Gotti: My Father's Daughter," which premieres Saturday, Feb. 9, on Lifetime, young Victoria, played by Chelsea Frei ("Sideswiped"), tries to come to grips with the fact that her beloved father was also public enemy No. 1 and sent to prison. The real Victoria Gotti cowrote, executive produced and narrated the film. She gives viewers an inside look at the other tragedies (her brother's death) that she experienced and shares stories never before told.

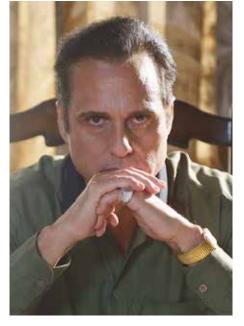
As for Travolta, while a great actor himself, the motion picture "Gotti" was mostly panned by critics. Lifetime's version is entirely different, with Victoria overseeing the movie and Benard stepping up to the plate as Gotti, a role he was born to play.

Q: Is it true that **Brad Pitt** and **Charlize Theron** are dating? Will they attend the Oscars together? -- S.P.

A: As much of a gorgeous couple as they would make, apparently the news of their pairing is only a rumor -- at least for now.

The U.K.'s "Sun" reported that the two started seeing each other over Christmas after having met on set filming a commercial. An unnamed source told "People" magazine that they, in fact, were not a couple and that even more absurd was the rumor that Theron's ex-boyfriend, **Sean Penn**, played cupid for them.

As for Pitt and Theron walking down



Maurice Benard [Sergei Bachlakov/Lifetime]

the red carpet together on the biggest night in Hollywood, be sure to tune in to ABC on Sunday, Feb. 24, to find out.

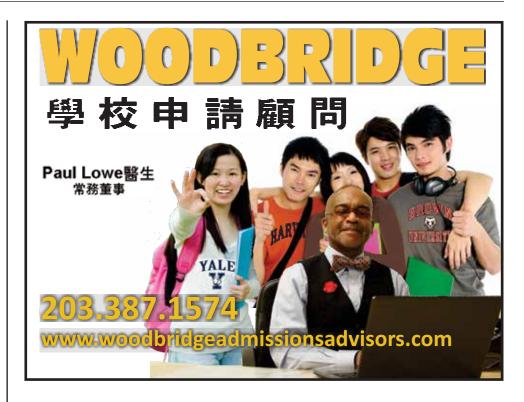
Q: Whatever happened to Katharine Ross, the actress who starred in "The Graduate" with Dustin Hoffman? -- J.E.

A: Ross, who was born in Hollywood in 1940, has had quite a long career since landing the role of Elaine Robinson, who escaped her wedding with the help of Hoffman's Ben Braddock, in the Oscar-nominated classic. She also starred with Robert Redford and Paul Newman in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." I remember watching her on the "Dynasty" spinoff "The Colbys." She also had a small role in the indie film "Donnie Darko," and more recently voiced roles in the animated series "American Dad" and "Family Guy."

What most people don't know is that she's married to actor **Sam Elliott**, who sports the most famous mustache in Hollywood next to **Tom Selleck**. Ross and Elliott met in 1978 while filming the horror movie "**The Legacy**." They have been married 34 years and have a daughter, **Cleo Rose**. Probably best known for his role in "**Mask**" opposite **Cher**, you can see Elliott in "**A Star Is Born**" with **Bradley Cooper** and **Lady Gaga**.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com!







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ARTS & LEISURE





Milos Rielico

Prelude 4 Spring - A
Duo Performance

"Prelude 4 Spring", a concert featuring renowned pianist Nenad Ivović and international clarinetist Milos Bjelica will be held Saturday, March 9th, at 4:00pm at the First Church of Christ, Woodbridge. The four selections will feature Brahms, Schumann, Poulenc, and Grgin. Following the concert, there will be a reception and opportunity to meet Nenad and Milos at the Parish House adjacent to the Church at 5 Meetinghouse Lane. For more information, please contact the Church office at 203 389-2119.

Pianist Nenad Ivović began his musical studies at the age of 4. He graduated from the University of Arts in Belgrade, Serbia, in the studio of Professor Nevena Popovic. He went on to spend three years in Tel Aviv, Israel at the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music, where he received his master's degree. He has won prizes in over 15 international piano competitions, including first

prize in the 9th International Competition, "A Step Towards Mastery," held in St. Petersburgh, Russia, where he performed with the St. Petersburgh Philharmonic. He currently is in his final year of study and performance under renowned Yale Professor Boris Berman. In addition, he serves as organist and pianist at the First Church of Christ, Woodbridge CT.

Milos Bjelica, international clarinetist and educator, currently studies with Professor Jonathan Cohler at the Longly School of Music at Bard College in Boston. Bjelica holds a BA (2009) from the University of Belgrade and an MA from the Longly School. He has been regularly performing formal recitals and concerts and has received numerous prizes in national and international competitions. His most recent awards are in the Concerto and Honors Competition at Longly School, and the Harold Wright Merit Award in Boston.

Salt & Pepper Gospel Singers Spread The Good News

As we head into the winter, let's pick up our spirits with the next musical program offered by the Friends of the Case Memorial Library. On Saturday, February 23rd, at 2 p.m., the Salt and Pepper Gospel Singers will introduce us to this unique music genre containing elements of spirituals, jazz and blues.

"In 1983, Mae Gibson-Brown, mother of the group's original director Chuck Brown, had no idea where her family's singing one night at a school potluck dinner would lead. A member of the audience was so moved by the singing that she asked Mae if it would be possible for a white person to learn to sing Black gospel music. Though skeptical at first, Mae and the Browns consented. Others came, heard, and were immediately drawn to the group. The

message of joy and unity coming from these voices of different colors and backgrounds was infectious. The Salt & Pepper Gospel Singers were born."

The mission of the Salt & Pepper Gospel Singers "is to spread the good news of Jesus Christ; to promote the development of inter-racial harmony through the arts as expressed in Black gospel music; and to visually express the unity of black and white people participating together in an African-American cultural tradition.

Let's welcome the Salt and Pepper Gospel Singers to Orange and enjoy the captivating melodies and uplifting lyrics of this unique genre. Register early in person, by phone, 203-891-2170, or online at www.casememoriallibrary.org.



Sacred Heart Senior's Artwork On Exhibit

Crystal Long, '19, a Chinese national being hosted by an Orange family, has earned recognition for her artwork by the Connecticut Scholastic Art Awards. The following pieces of Crystal's garnered awards: Awakened, That Moment, and Serenity—Drawing and Illustration category The Young Man and The Eye—Painting category Love Cycle—Architecture & Industrial Design category.

Scholastic Art Awards, an affiliate of The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, recognizes the work of talented young artists in Grades 7 to 12. Student artwork is juried by professional artists and university art faculty and is selected on merit for inclusion in a statewide art exhibition held annually. The exhibit, held at the Hartford Art School in the Silpe Gallery, runs from January 13 to February 1.

Founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Sacred Heart Academy successfully prepares young women in grades 9 – 12 for



Crystal Long

learning, service, and achievement in a global society. Sacred Heart welcomes 500 students from more than 80 schools and 60 towns in Connecticut and is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Visit sacredhearthamden. org to learn more.

Art Exhibit At Case Memorial Library

Three accomplished local artists, Patty Meglio, Pauli Zambarano, and Lee Heckendorf will be on exhibit at the Case Memorial Library from now until February 28. Patty Meglio is a New England artist specializing in modern impressionism oil painting. Pauli Zam-

barano is a watercolor artist and Lee Heckendorf makes one-of-a-kind jewelry using crystals, pearls, semi-precious stones, unusual beads and wire. The Case Memorial Library is located at 176 Tyler City Road, Orange. For more information, call the library: 203-891-2170.

ARTS & LEISURE

P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas **Irish Music Session**

Loretta Egan Murphy will join the P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann traditional Irish music session on Thursday, Feb. 21, at St. Gabriel's Church Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, CT, 7:45 pm. Admission is free. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed. BYOB.

Loretta plays the concertina and button accordion, has won numerous awards nationally, and has taught Irish music to hundreds of students in New York and Connecticut. Her most recent CD, "Beyond the Watery Lane," was released to critical acclaim.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann was founded in 1951 in Ireland to promote Irish traditional music, song, dance and language. Today there are 415 branches worldwide and over two



Loretta Egan Murphy

million people attend Comhaltas functions each year.



Pictured left to right: Nico Young, Fred Hulley, and Carson Lee [Photograph by Eleanor Stephens]

Amity Middle School And Picasso

Amity Middle School students in Orange recently had the opportunity to paint their own interpretation of one of Picasso's masterpieces. The activity was funded by a grant awarded to teacher, Eleanor Stephens, by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation (www.

jamiehulleyartsfund.org). Students will continue to study Picasso and how his work can be related to other disciplines; learning about Cubism, how his work reflects events happening in the world; and they will also write poetry based on their artwork.



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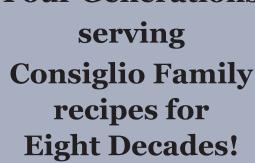


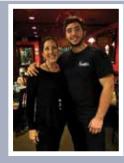
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Al-Anon Meeting, Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact www.ct-al-anon.

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

Nicotine Anonymous Meetings,

Mondays, 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.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Family Support Group Meeting, last Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm, JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge in the West Rock Room. For more information, contact Averi Kelly, Ms, R-DMT, 203.389.2911.

Bereavement Support Groups, Tuesdays 4:00-5:30pm and Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm, Griffin Hospital, 130 Division Street, Derby, support groups for anyone experiencing the

loss of a loved one. Contact Janice Lautier at 203-732-1100 or jlautier@

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

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council, meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for

griffinhealth.org to register. Zumba Gold Classes At Congrega-

meeting room. The public is invited.

Orange Recycling Committee

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of Woodbridge, Bethany and Orange. I believe that we should put our trust in the towns to decide what is best for their communities and schools." She represents Orange, Woodbridge, New Haven and Hamden.

With the proposal comes conversations about combining Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany Pre-K through 12 into one regional Amity district.

Former Orange Board of Education Chairman Jody Dietch, whose sons attended Orange and Amity schools, says that there has been conversation for years around combining into one district. "It's ridiculous to have four superintendents in three towns," she said. She said merging of the towns makes sense academically as well as financially. "If we had one district, we'd all have the same curriculum and it would be even keel from kindergarten on up through high school." She does not believe Looney's proposed redistricting will happen as proposed.

"The best part of this proposed legislation is the thoughtful conversations it provoked about how to make public education in Connecticut more efficient - and more effective," said Laurence Grotheer, chairman of the Woodbridge Democratic Town Committee. "The challenge remains how best to minimize redundancies and devote more energy and resources directly to student development."

Woodbridge First Selectman Beth Heller has been following four different bills that focus on education. "I

too have been following reports on proposed legislation and now find there are several different proposed bills that either support, encourage, or require regionalization, merger, or shared service agreements between school districts," she said.

When asked her opinion on combining the three towns into one district, she said she's looking forward to taking an active role in the ongoing dialog about how to best secure the long-term viability of the excellent public education we offer the children of Woodbridge.

"We are known for our schools, which are second to none, both at the elementary level at Beecher Road School and at Amity. Above all I want to protect the quality of education we provide and not allow any compromise that might diminish it," she said.

She has scheduled meetings with Senator George Logan, Senator James Maroney, and Representative Themis Klarides to discuss her concerns with them and seek their assistance in representing the needs of Woodbridge as these and other bills make their way through the General Assembly.

"I have also reached out to my counterparts, Bethany First Selectman Derry Gorski and Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli to gauge their thoughts on potential expansion of the Amity district to include grades pre-k through six. I am interested in learning their opinions, as well as hearing more from our local Board of Education members as these state level legislative initiatives develop," Heller said.

meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:00pm, North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Linsley Street, North Haven. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net).

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

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

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

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Trinity Community Preschool, Enrollment for the 2018/2019 school year is open! - 33 Center Road, Woodbridge, the Preschool offers a nurturing, faith-based early learning environment for children aged 1 – 6 years, Visit www.trinityefc.com/ preschool for more information on classes and schedules. For applications or to schedule a visit, contact the Preschool Director at sharonc@ trinityefc.com or 203-387-4710 x25. Trinity Community Preschool admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin.

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the property tax assessment benefit to \$20,000 and Orange remains among the highest in the state for income thresholds and exemptions.

Town Attorney Vin Marino pointed out the Board also has the option of keeping an income cap but perhaps raising it by about \$15,000 which would include more vets but not all. "While we are very appreciative of the service of our veterans and strongly support the concept of supporting them regardless of their income levels, it may not necessarily be equitable if a 45-year-old vet is making \$150,000 and receives an exemption," he said. Setting a threshold of \$75,000 meets the median income level standards for an average Orange resident and could be an acceptable compromise.

In discussing the possibility of changing the ordinance, members of the board seemed torn between their desire to support veterans and their reluctance to further burden taxpayers

who are already strapped. Selectman Mitch Goldblatt said, "There are others in town who are in need, who have trouble making their mortgage and tax payments, and putting food on the table. Orange is at the top of the list for this program, it's the best in the state and we should be proud of what we've done, I'm not sure we need to act so quickly to change it."

Selectman Paul Davis echoed Goldblatt's thoughts, adding, "We need to look closely at this and get residents to come in and let their feelings be known. Others will have to make up the \$272,000 and we have to keep that in mind as we go forward."

First Selectman Jim Zeoli pointed out that since Orange has the distinction of being one of the state's wealthiest municipalities, the town could receive less grant money from the new administration in Hartford and he doesn't know how this will impact taxpayers. "We may see minimal impact or we may get hit, we don't have a crystal ball," he said.



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Attorney Paz Joins Ruane Attorneys

Ruane Attorneys is pleased to announce that Attorney Brittany Paz, an Orange resident, has joined its team. Attorney Paz comes to Ruane Attorneys from a solo practice dealing with criminal defense, post-conviction, and appeals. She will work as a lawyer out of its Shelton office on various cases that the firm handles.

Attorney Paz earned her Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from the University of Miami. She then went on to earn her Juris Doctor at Quinnipiac University School of Law, and finished in the top 15% of her class. Upon graduation, she worked as an associate at Pattis and Smith, LLC, before beginning her own practice.

Attorney Jay Ruane, founding partner at Ruane Attorneys, commented that he is excited for Attorney Paz to join the team. "We're excited to have another strong female attorney join us at Ruane Attorneys. Attorney Paz's experience in solo practice also brings a unique perspective to marketing, customer service, and more."



Brittany Paz

You can find more information about Attorney Paz on the Ruane Attorneys website: https://www.ruaneattorneys.com/about/attorneys/ brittany-paz/. If you would like more information about this hire, please call Jennifer Sanfilippo at 203-925-9200, or email jennifer@ruaneattorneys.com.

MARRAKECH Holds Special Recruitment Event

On Tuesday, February 12, 2019 from 3pm to 7pm, Marrakech will be holding a Career Open House Event at its main office, located at 6 Lunar Drive, Woodbridge. Attendees will learn about working at Marrakech and will have the opportunity to meet with the recruitment team for on-the-spot interviews. Anyone attending should come prepared for an interview and bring two letters of recommendation and/or previous employment evaluations.

Marrakech is currently seeking staff in all areas of the state including New Haven, Fairfield, and Hartford Counties to assist individuals who face barriers to securing employment, connecting to necessary supportive services, accessing housing, and participating fully as contributing members of the community. The individuals we serve are encouraged to strive for long-term goals such as a higher level of self-sufficiency and greater acceptance by the community in which they live. There are positions to match any availability with part-time, full-time, and per-diem openings. While having Human Services experience is a plus it is not necessary; Marrakech will train the

right candidate. Potential staff should be compassionate, caring, and dedicated to helping others. The list of current openings and the online application can be found at https://usr54. dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/ en-US/marrakech.

Potential staff must be 18 or older, hold a valid Connecticut Driver's License, and provide a copy of their high school diploma, GED, or college transcripts. The hiring and promotion of staff will be based upon qualifications without regard to race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, marital status, national origin, ancestry, disability (including past or present mental learning or physical disability), sexual orientation, genetic information, protected activity or any other basis prohibited by law. All staff must be legally able to work in their position. Marrakech is an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.

For over 45 years, Marrakech has been providing person-centered, unique and cost effective supports to children and adults with and without disabilities across Connecticut. To learn more about Marrakech visit www. marrakechinc.org.





Fourth Generation Continues Family Tradition

By Laura Fantarella

Orange Town News Correspondent

Knowing where your food comes from and eating local is one of the best ways to maintain a healthy diet and one of the many perks of living in Orange is the variety of roadside stands available where local farmers sell their bounty.

Now Cedar Hill Farm owners Stephen and Rachel Bespuda have a new product to add to the list of freshly farmed Orange products for sale prime cuts of poultry, turkey, pork and beef raised at their farm at 831 Derby Milford Road.

Stephen, with wife Rachel, recently opened their new farm stand featuring over 40 cuts of flash frozen beef and fowl raised on the Bespuda farm for production. Stephen describes the family's farming practice as "sustainable and humane." "To us, this means doing more with less - that our production methods use natural resources in the most efficient way possible, allowing future generations to produce food off the same land." Bespuda describes accomplishing this goal by combining generations of "tried and true techniques along with modern technology."

"While on the farm, the livestock has room to move around and graze, access to clean air and water, dry bedding and quality feed. They are raised with care and attention to detail," Bespuda said. While antibiotics are never used to promote growth, Bespuda does not believe in ever withholding antibiotics when needed to treat a sick animal. "When a problem or an illness does arise, we do everything we can to keep the animal from suffering and may use antibiotics

when deemed necessary, under the guidance of a veterinarian," he said. He also believes in transparency in the meat production process and welcomes discussing it with his customers.

Bespuda feeds the animals a complete balanced ration of home-grown feed with just trace amounts of grain – a diet that contributes to the excellent quality of the product. "It's like trying to describe the difference in taste between a tomato being grown in a greenhouse and one you grow in a garden," Bespuda said. "Once you taste it you know the difference. It is hard to describe it." The cost of this quality is reflected in the higher price per pound of the farm-raised meat versus meat that is mass produced and sold in the grocery store.

Stephen Jr., is the fourth generation of Bespudas to operate the family's farm, that's been in Orange since the 1930s. He, his wife Rachel and daughter Caroline - who, though still a toddler, shows signs of being a fifth-generation farmer - live in the original farmhouse that was built on the property in the late 1700s. Three generations of the family still live and work on the farm; Stephen's grandparents Walter and Maryellen; as well as his parents, Stephen Sr. and Linda.

Originally a dairy farm that provided milk to customers in surrounding communities, today the farm specializes in raising sustainable meat, pork and livestock and growing feed and hay. The stand is open every Thursday from 4-6 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit www.cedarhillfarmct@gmail.com.

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Denise Roy from ConnectiCare (left) and Amity Teen Center board member, Jason Pinkus (right).

Connecticare Presents \$9,000 Donation To Teen Center

On January 10, ConnectiCare presented a \$9,000 donation to the Amity Teen Center in collaboration with the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) tax credit program. The Connecticut NAA program provides tax credits to local businesses who support municipal and tax-exempt organizations. These donations fund specific initiatives at each organization, from energy conservation projects to neighborhood assistance and community services. Through the NAA program, ConnectiCare has been able to donate to 26 of its neighboring non-profits.

"We recognize that each of these organizations give our members outlets to be creative, active and involved in the world around them," said Kim Kann, director of public relations and corporate communications at ConnectiCare. "They help create healthier and happier communities for all of our neighbors. That's why we're proud to be part of this program and support these vital organizations."

For more information on the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act tax credit program, please visit the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services' website.

JGSCT To Hold Monthly Meeting

Please join the Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut on Sunday, February 17, 2019, at 1:30 pm, at Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington, as Dr. Dan Oren presents "The Wedding Photo". A visit to an abandoned Polish Jewish cemetery in 1993 launches a 20-year search to solve the mystery of "Who is Buried in Sarah's Tomb?" A visit with a cousin unearths a breathtaking photo of a

Berlin family wedding from 1926 and leads to discovering their unimaginable post-wedding history.

Dan Oren, M.D., has worked for thirty years as a psychiatrist and faculty member at Yale University, the U.S. Institute of Mental Health and the University of Rzeszow, Poland.

The program is free and open to the public. Visit www.jgsct.org for additional information.



Rotary Clubs Honor Three Eagle Scouts

Recently the Orange and Woodbridge Rotary Clubs honored three Eagle Scouts at a luncheon at Birchwood Restaurant at The Tradition Golf Club at Oak Lane. Pictured from left to right are Woodbridge Rotary Club President Spencer Rubin, Orange Rota-

ry Club President Roger Tausig, Eagle Scouts Sam Martin, Tim Frieden and Sean Farrell, and Orange Rotarian, District Director of the Boy Scouts of America Connecticut Yankee Council and Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 41, Jonathan Glassman.

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CASE MEMORIAL LIBARY EVENTS

Events For Adults Tech Class: Introduction to Computers

Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m.

If you have never used a personal computer before and want to learn how, this is the class for you. You will learn the basic skills you need to operate a personal computer: how to point and click with a mouse and operate a keyboard. Laptops will be provided for practice. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, February 12.

Adult Make & Take Workshop: Body Butters & Sugar Scrubs

Monday, March 18, 7 p.m.

Create your own scented body butter and sugar scrub using all-natural products, including your own essential oil blend, at this small, hands-on workshop led by Librarian Rebecca Harlow. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Registration is required and begins Monday, February 25.

2019 Oscar Film Series

The 2019 Oscar Film Series will feature films nominated in the Best Picture and Acting categories as well as other notable selections. The full film schedule will be available in early March. Registration is highly recommended for all Oscar films. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the film screening. All Wednesday afternoon screenings are shown with subtitles.

BlacKkKlansman

Monday, February 25, 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 1 p.m.

Ron Stallworth, an African American police officer from Colorado Springs, CO, successfully manages to infiltrate the local Ku Klux Klan branch with the help of a Jewish surrogate who eventually becomes its leader. 2 hr. 15 min. R. Registration is required and begins Monday, February 4.

A Star is Born

Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 1 p.m.

A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral. 2 hr. 16 min. R. Registration is required and begins Saturday, February 16.

Bohemian Rhapsody

Monday, March 25, 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 1 p.m.

The story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury, leading up to their famous performance at Live Aid in 1985. 2 hr. 14 min. PG-13. Registration is required and begins Monday, March 4.

Book Discussions
The Bookcase: Evening
Discussion Group



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Thursday, February 21, 7 p.m.

Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie. Led by Toby Zabinski. Registration is requested.

Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m.

Educated by Tara Westover. Led by Toby Zabinski. Registration is requested.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m.

Still Life by Louise Penny. Led by Librarian Samantha Jasulavic. Registration is requested.

Events For Teens & Tweens *Riddle Challenge*

Tuesday, February 12, 3:45 p.m.

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Solve different riddles and brain teasers. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, January 22.

Teen Craft: Valentine Slime

Wednesday, February 13, 3:30-4 p.m.

For teens in grades 7-12.

Make some fun Valentine's Day-inspired fluffy slime to take home. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, January 23.

Teen Cooking Class

Tuesday, February 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

For teens in grades 7-12.

Cook tasty treats with ShopRite's Registered Dietician Courtney Huggins in this hands-on cooking class. Please notify the Library of any food allergies or restrictions at least 24 hours in advance of the program. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the program date. Space is limited.

Tween Advisory Group (TWAG)

Tuesday, February 26, 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, 3:45 p.m.

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Join us at our monthly meetings to brainstorm and help plan programs that you want to see at the library, as well as recommend books for our collection. Pizza will be served. Registration is required (so we have enough pizza!) and begins three weeks in advance of the meeting date.

Chess Club

Wednesday, February 27, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, 3:30 p.m.

For children and tweens in grades 1-6.

Learn and play chess at our monthly chess club for children and tweens. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the program date.

Rainbow Stress Balls

Thursday, March 7, 5:30 p.m.

For children and tweens in grades 3-6.

Make a rainbow stress ball as we dig into body science and learn about the physiological effects of stress. Registration is required and begins Thursday, February 14.

Life-Sized Pac Man

Wednesday, March 20, 3:45 p.m.

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Play a life-sized version of Pac-Man. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, February 27.

Crack the Code

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

For tweens in grades 4-6.

Help your teammates diffuse an explosive device before the time runs out by solving puzzles in this collaborative, fast-paced, computer game. Registration is required and begins Tuesday, March 26.

Teen Craft: Gemstone Soaps

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

For teens in grades 7-12.

Create your own colorful, scented gemstone soaps at this fun soap making workshop for teens. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, March 27.

Events For Children Move & Groove

Move & Groove Family Storytime

Saturday, February 16, 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.

For children ages 0-7.

Shake, clap, stomp, and play at this music and movement series for kids and families. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the program date.

Flubber Soap Workshop

Thursday, February 28, 6 p.m.

For children and tweens in grades 3-6.

Make your own Flubber soap and learn some soapy science. Registration is required and begins Thursday, February 7.

My Gym Story Time & Movement Group

Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m.

For children ages 0-5.

Join MyGym of Orange for tumbling, games, puppet shows, bubbles, and books. Registration is required and begins Saturday, February 9.

Firefly Glow Jars

Tuesday, March 5, 3:45 p.m.

For children ages 7-9.

Make your own firefly glow jar and learn about the science of "glow." Registration is required and begins Tuesday, February 12.

Body Recipe Art Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m.

For children ages 6-12.

Create a life-sized self-portrait, then decorate it with the "ingredients" that make you unique! Led by Ingrid Schaeffer. Registration is required and begins Saturday, February 23. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Kids Cooking Class

Thursday, March 21, 3:45 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 3:45 p.m.

For children ages 5-10.

Make healthy recipes with Courtney Huggins of ShopRite in Milford. Registration is required and begins three weeks in advance of the program date. Please notify the Library of any food allergies at the time of registration.

Blood Science in a Bowl

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m.

For children ages 6-9

Build a model of human blood out of food. Registration is required and begins Thursday, March 21.

Playful Engineers

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.

For children ages 5-12.

Engage with a traveling makerspace at this hands-on engineering workshop. Registration is required and begins Saturday, March 23. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Storytimes

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Did You Know?

A New Year, New Numbers to Keep in Mind for 2019

Estate and Gift Tax:

- The federal lifetime exemption for property passing to non-spouse beneficiaries *has been increased* to \$11,400,000.00.
- The Connecticut lifetime exemption for property passing to non-spouse beneficiaries *has been increased* to \$3,600,000.00.
- There is still an unlimited gift/estate deduction for property passing to a spouse; however, in order to qualify for the unlimited gift/estate tax deduction the spouse must be a U.S. citizen.
- The amount that can be gifted to any one person without needing to file a gift tax return *remains the same* at \$15,000.00 per recipient. Additional gifts can be made for qualified medical expenses and qualified education expenses without needing to file a gift tax return.

Long Term Care in a Nursing Facility:

- If one spouse is living in a nursing home and the other spouse remains at home ("Community Spouse"), the maximum amount of non-excluded assets the Community Spouse can keep *has been increased* to \$126,420.00.
- If one spouse is living in a nursing home, the minimum amount of non-excluded assets the Community Spouse can keep *has been increased* to \$25,284.00.
- If one spouse is living in a nursing home, the minimum amount of monthly income the Community Spouse can keep remains the same at \$2,057.50, and the maximum amount it can be increased to, without an administrative hearing, *has been increased* to \$3,160.50.
- If one spouse is living at home and the other spouse is living in a nursing home, the maximum amount of equity in the family home that can be excluded *has been increased* to \$878,000.00.

Long Term Care Provided in Your Home:

- The amount of gross monthly income you can have and still be eligible for the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders (CHCPE) has been increased to \$2,313.00.
- The amount of gross monthly income that triggers a co-pay requirement *remains the same* at \$2,023.00.
- Use of a pooled trust for excess income to establish eligibility or to avoid co-pays remains a viable option.

If you are interested in learning more about how these 2019 numbers affect you and your family please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

No storytime on Feb. 18.

Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for 3-5-year olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Little ones and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle! We'll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, and explore touch-and-feel books.

2-Year-Old Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Audience participation is highly encouraged at this story time session just for 2s. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays and puppetry together.

Art In The Library

January & February: Oil paintings by Patty Meglio, watercolors by Pauline Zambarano, and fine jewelry by Lee Keekendorf. On view January 2-February 28.

March: Watercolors by Lindsay Marieb, Mukul Mukherjee, and Al Monroe. On view March 1-29. Reception: March 7, 5-7 p.m.

Services

Homebound Delivery Service

Are you a book lover who is unable to leave your home? If so, the Library will bring the books to you! Orange residents who are homebound may contact the Library to arrange for regular library book delivery service to their home at no charge. Some restrictions apply.

For more information, call the Library's Head of Circulation Services, Samantha Jasulavic, at 203-891-2170 or email sjasulavic@casememoriallibrary.org.

Historical Garden Earns National Award

The Garden Club of Orange was awarded \$500 grant from the National Garden Club PLANT AMERICA Community Project. The application for the grant was submitted by Pat Dray and Maryellen Bespuda.

Beginning in 2017 The Garden Club of Orange in collaboration with the Orange Historical Society began the restoration of the herb garden at The Stone- Otis House. Using an original description of the garden provided by the Society, the Club cleared years of debris and added donated compost and improved the soil. Under the leadership of Maryellen Bespuda, club members planted 31 types of herbs. They were divided into four

quadrants - two of culinary herbs, one of beverage herbs and one of medicinal herbs. Historically correct plant markers were purchased with partial reimbursement from a grant from the Orange Lions Club Charity. The Town of Orange donated mulch and assisted with its placement.

The \$500 grant will be used to purchase and install a historically accurate bench so that all members of the community can enjoy the sensory experience of the garden.

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the FGCCT, NGC and NEGC. For membership information contact Joanne Friedrichs 203-795-4266.

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One Man's Story...

It was one o'clock in the afternoon, August 18, 1923. The majestic Aquitania on which I came to the shores of America, tied along pier 14...me, second class accommodations after paying for this and one dollar to the Englishman, the ship's steward who did whatever stewards do. I hardly stayed in my cabin with the double decker bed of which I occupied the upper, of course, because the other guy whom I met once or twice during the day, had claimed squatter's rights for the lower bunk....I gave the steward the one Dollar on parting and I can still hear the epithets of his anger at such a pittance, but he never knew that the FORTUNE I had in my pocket was about 11 Dollars.....and I had viewed that WHOLE remaining ten Dollar bill as my final fortune in the world....I grabbed my two neat suit cases and my Corfu cane and proceeded to the line of passengers toward the test tube of American watch dogs as politely but very ominously for me stood at the final exit of the likes of me mixed with born Americans returning home.

The immigration agent had a pleasant face as he looked at my passport, gave it back to me with, "Welcome to America"....but he looked at the Corfu cane which I had bought on the island of Corfu, among the thousands of islands around Greece and he asked

me whether I could walk without it. You see, this appeared a formality of the regulations, where immigrants with physical defects are carefully studied before letting loose on the market as it were, to avoid a newcomer from becoming an eventual burden in the land of whatever it is or was at the time. It depends on who is describing it, some in glowing terms, some with hopes and praises

a smattering also

of the native born not afraid to ***** about their pet aversions of whatever is it that makes a citizen disgruntled. But that was not me. I was only too happy and altogether mesmerized by the mere fantasy of having arrived, not in the land where trees grew golden leaves for me to pluck but give me a chance to live commensurate to whatever I would put into life here, but without the fear of the Turk for by the time I had become of some

very young age of consciousness of this place of birth, Ismid, not far from Constantinople, Turkey, I was Turk shy.

Now, I had my trusty sawbuck in my pocket as I reached the cobble stoned but foreboding sight of 14th street and the river. The sun shone above, but shafts filtered down onto the street below, through the openings of what

appeared to me a horrible structure of the elevated train above as for the first time, almost terror of the train running above and to me all seemed like ORANIZED confusion but everybody coming and going, doing whatever, appeared in some sort of noiseless routine, leaving only the click clack of well shod horses' hooves with mounted policemen appearing to keep orderly decorum of

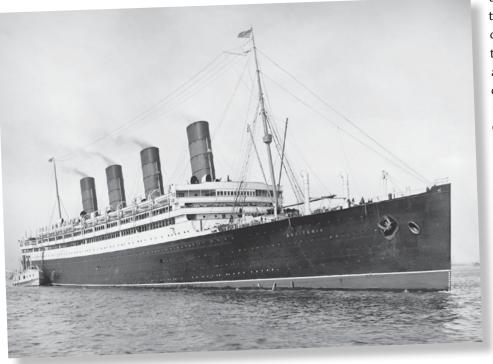
an otherwise gloomy scene.

Silently walking behind contraptions here and there of large, metal ash cans on wheels were white suited individuals with a large broom handle

> and a huge broom over one should and as all else was new to me, that particular element of which I could see was a sanitary machine of ash can and operator. The entire scene had me enthralled as I stood where I had dreamt for so long to make it SOMEDAY and that someday was here, I had finally come to America. But why America? After that awful day of the Turk herding all of Ismid

Armenians as well as the entire entity of the Armenians all over Asia, Minor, we were uprooted from our homes, loaded on cattle cars after us buying rail fares to ride those things to destinations far away from our homes. I will not, here mention the massacre of the Armenians and the awful memories of the death and destruction but go onto say that from affluence came utter poverty for my mother and sisters. This was not quite

Anna had the night before we would be herded like animals onto those cattle cars made money belts to wrap around their bellies, as a fortune of gold pieces left by my father's fortune. We could not spend a farthing of it since on the way to that desert and in the desert, it would be certain death if any of that



gold had seen the daylight but miraculous intervention of an uncle who as a senator from Smyrna had begged his one-time friends of Talaat Pasha and Enver Pasha, early classmates in the Ottoman lyceum of agriculture to allow 12 of the original 40 started on the way to death, to return not to Ismid, our home town but to Smyrna and Constantinople.

And now in Smyrna, other than Mama, Eugenie and Anna, no one had any money either and we stayed in Smyrna nearly a year and there was no escape, my poor dad's fortune or what remained of it, had to support the whole lot. What we began with at the start of this deportation, the exile was a respectable but not too big a fortune so that as almost everybody in this group daily blessed my father Roupen as for these now hungry mouths were being fed by my father's gold. In the lifetime of my poor dad, he did not enjoy the respect of some of the wise guys and their wives who took umbrage of the fact that pop was a self made man. He pulled himself up with his own bootstraps but now he was dead but he was feeding these, my relations at large, from his grave.

My dad made shoes and boots while tending to leather pits, those being what removed the hair from the animals needed to make leather goods. The Turk had seized these pits and my home before forcing us out. I mentioned Constantinople as our

refuge and it was here that I entered Robert College on a scholarship when coming of age. For the first year or so as I passed Freshman and began Sophomore year, I was a whirlwind, ambitious to learn English as Gordon Willard Allport from Harvard had come to teach us non English speak-

ing natives. I began

to wonder with all the workshops, the carpenter shops, the machine shop and the foundry, all of which I began to make my UNOFFI-CIAL preoccupation, I made friends with the guys who ran those shops and little by little, I was being called into the Dean's office as to why I was missing so many classes of ancient history, geography and such.

I regularly attended physics, math, and mechan-

ical drawing classes toward the end of sophomore year. I had been a bad boy and in spite of my good report cards on the subjects I attended, the faculty noticed my fixing my legs in the ground as a donkey, front and hind legs going in opposite directions as my halter being pulled to make me go forward. I was told that there would be no benefice money for my next year's tuition and for once, I began to feel that somehow I had managed to alienate some of the faculty, not Gordon. I knew these people really loved me because between you and I, I had become very much liked because while I knew nothing "from" geography and who was Ramses II, I could sneak around and make enough friends in the shops to make things for other people, repair this and that and get a little money in return for this.....you see, I was a student but IN BUSINESS or myself.....I could repair a mean door bell and the like. I knew what I was doing and everybody else knew what I was doing but I was the ODD BALL of Robert College. I eventually got on the campus powerhouse staff of operators. Mama and Eugenie were making hand crocheted beauties, doilies and decorations for the American colony who kept asking for more. We were poor but oh so happy and my little dog Liza and my Angora cat, Sarman...I thought there would be no end of it.

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Are You An Emotional Investor?

By Roberta L. Nestor

No matter how you look at it investing is an emotional experience. Investment experiences can be equated to a love and hate relationship. Love it when you are making money and hate it when losing. Fear and greed is another type of relationship that investors often have with markets. Fear of losing money means "get out" and greed means "put me back in". Countless times investors have made comments about markets as if the market itself was a real, live, breathing thing.

Study after study shows that the majority of investors make investment decisions based on reactions of sudden market declines or, of late, geopolitical events such as Brexit, the recent US government shutdown, and on-going tariff talks. And, it's not only negative news that brings investors to make rash decisions. After a few years of an upward trend investors want to get back in. The concept of buying low and selling high has no regard for investor emotions.

These emotions are real and "Behavioral Finance" is on a fast-track. It is the study of investor behavior and is designed to help investors and advisors better manage emotions when it comes to investing. We live in a time where more and more complex financial decisions are shifting increasingly from institutions to individuals. A solid example of the shift of investment decisions is the 401k; when companies offered traditionally pension plans, employees did not have to decide how to invest their funds. 401k plans shift that responsibility to the employee.

That shift of responsibility has not paid off for most investors. Dalbar is a company that has been producing the "Quantitative Analysis of Investor Behavior" for the past sixteen years. One of their more well-known studies is that of the average 401k investor versus the markets. It goes like this: Over the last 19 years from 1998-2017 the average equity fund investor earned only 2.6% annually over the 19-year period includ-

ed in the study, compared to annualized inflation of 2.10% and the S&P 500 Index average annual return of 7.2%*.

2.60% versus 7.20%??? Why does this happen?

According to behavioral studies, as human beings, we generally have a stronger preference for avoiding losses than for making gains when evaluating the risks of an investment. Because of this behavioral tendency, we respond and react more quickly to the onset of negative events that could trigger painful losses in our portfolios than we do when faced with a similar likelihood that could lead to performance gains.

How can you avoid these emotional pitfalls? Work with a qualified financial advisor - someone who will listen to your fears but will remain the voice of reason. There is a cost to making emotional decisions and shown in the 401k study, emotional decisions can have a large impact on your retirement plan. An advisor will ask about your investment experiences and will craft a portfolio that is based on your individual risk tolerance, not that of the markets.

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DEATH NOTICES



Bruce M. Bickley

Bruce M. Bickley, 72, of Orange, beloved husband of Carol "Kee" J. (Carrano) Bickley, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2019. He was born on October 14, 1946 in Bridgeport to the late George and Agnes (Patkay) Bickley.

Bruce retired as the Executive Vice President of Alinabal, Inc. and was the past president of Racebrook Country Club. He served on the Board of Directors for the Milford/Orange YMCA and United Way of Milford. He was a member of the Senior Golfers of CT and of the Milford Club. Bruce enjoyed target shooting and fishing, and he was instrumental in opening Milford Photo. Nothing brought Bruce more joy than spending time with his family and playing golf with his friends.

In addition to his wife, Kee, Bruce is survived by his son, Brian (Paula) Baiardi of PA, and his grandsons, Brenden and Seth, of whom he was very proud. He is also survived by his brother and sister in-law, Linda and Jim Wilson, and close cousins, Larry and Dee Vecchione, as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and their extended families.

Arrangements were handled at the

Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford. Interment was private. Memorial contributions may be made to The First Tee of Connecticut at www. thefirstteeconnecticut.org. To leave online condolences, please visit www. codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Barbara (Babs) Schwartz Gervasi

Babs Gervasi of Woodbridge, CT passed away peacefully after a brief illness on January 18, 2019 at the age of 76. Born in New Haven, CT on May 6, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Eli and Rosalind Schwartz and the beloved wife of Daniel V. Gervasi who predeceased her in January, 2009. She is survived by her devoted companion James Darling and her daughters Robin (Charles) Levine of Coatesville, PA, Karen Woodward (Craig Johnson) of Bethany, CT, Michelle (William) Mc-Neil of Orange, CT. She also leaves behind her dear grandchildren Elayna (Aaron) Stein, Michael (Kari) Levine, Paige and Samantha Woodward, Amy and Brett McNeil. She was also blessed with five great grandchildren, Acelynn and Mason Levine, Eli and Ryleigh Stein as well as the late and precious Danny Stein.

Babs attended the University of Connecticut where she met her husband of 45 years. She was the owner of Centerville Card and Candy in Hamden, CT for over 20 years. She loved animals especially her cats Elliott and Oscar.

Funeral services were private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to One Big Dog c/o Woodbridge Regional Animal Center, 136 Bradley Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525. To sign an on-line registry book or to leave a message of condolence, please visit www.shurefuneralhome.com.



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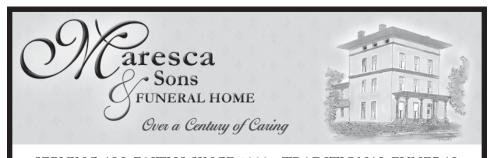
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This scholarship was established by Bridges' Board of Directors, the Board Endowment Fund Committee, and the Board Scholarship Committee in honor of Barry Kasdan's 30+ years of leadership and service to Bridges Healthcare, Inc. Funding for the scholarship is derived from the proceeds of the Visionary Leadership dinner, held in honor of Mr. Kasdan's retirement in 2014. Mr. Kasdan was appointed President and CEO of Bridges, then known as Milford Mental Health, in 1984. Under his leadership, the or-

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Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston

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Jason Momoa, Amber Heard

4. Dragon Ball Super: Broly (PG)
animated

5. Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)

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6. A Dog's Way Home (PG)

Kimi Alexander, Farrah Aviva

7. Escape Room (PG-13)

Deborah Ann Woll, Taylor Russell

8. Mary Poppins Returns (PG)

Emily Blunt, Lin-Manuel Miranda

9. Bumblebee (PG-13)

Hailee Steinfeld, Jorge Lendeborg Jr. 10. On the Basis of Sex (PG-13)

Felicity Jones, Armie Hammer

TOP 10 V.O.D.

1. Night School (PG-13)
Kevin Hart

2. Crazy Rich Asians (PG-13)

Constance Wu

3. Venom (PG-13)

Tom Hardy

4. Bad Times at The El Royale (R)

Jeff Bridges

5. A Simple Favor (R)

Anna Kendrick

6. The Equalizer 2 (R)

Denzel Washington

7. White Boy Rick (R)

Matthew McConaughey

8. Peppermint (R)

Jennifer Garner

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The House With a Clock in Its Walls (PG)

Jack Black

10. Mission: Impossible

-- Fallout (PG-13)

Tom Cruise





Keira Knightley, Mackenzie Foy in "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" [Laurie Sparham/Disney]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of January 28, 2019.

PICKS OF THE WEEK "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms"

(PG-13) -- At Christmas, a spirited young woman named Clara (Mackenzie Foy) receives an enigmatic gift from her late mother. The key to this gift is presented by her godfather (Morgan Freeman), who sends her on a quest across a fantastic land where she must battle as queen for the Fourth Realm against the Mouse King and the plucky and terrifying Mother Ginger (Helen Mirren). Delightful and fanciful but moderately hard to follow, the whole thing is a little too over-the-top, including Keira Knightly as an aggressively flighty Sugar Plum Fairy. But we loved relative unknown Jayden Fowora-Knight as the steadfast Nutcracker soldier Phillip.

"Boy Erased" (R) -- Nicole Kidman and Russell Crowe play small-town, religious parents whose world is rocked by the admission that their seemingly normal son (Lucas Hedges) is gay. The preacher and his wife send the boy to a Christian conversion camp, where he is to be reprogrammed out of his wayward feelings. It's tragically hard to be a loving parent whose values are at odds with your child's sexuality. It's tragically hard to be happy and well-adjusted at the expense of being yourself. This film recognizes those realities while exposing the shameful practices and futility of so-called conversion programs. Based on the autobiographical account of Garrard Conley.

"Hunter Killer" (R) -- When a U.S. submarine goes missing in icy waters off Russia, intel determines that a coup d'etat is developing and a super-sinister rogue minister is looking to cause World War III. Sub commander Joe Glass (Gerard Butler) is called upon to check it out -- because he's not like those other by-the-book captains, obviously -- while the Navy Seals go in to rescue the kidnapped Russian president. Glass brings his special brand of rule-breaking disaster management, enlisting the help of a salty Russian commander (the late Michael Nyqvist). "The Hunt for Red October," it's not. So batten down the hatches, because this cheese-action flick has no chill at all.

"Suspiria" (R) -- Talented, ambitious American dancer Susie (Dakota Johnson) is accepted into a renowned German dance company, whose artistic director (Tilda Swinton) runs a decidedly immersive program. Another student, Patricia (Chloe Grace Moretz), goes missing after outing the dance company to her therapist as a coven of witches. Susie climbs the ranks, while violence and mayhem surround the ritualistic actions of the dance company. Swinton plays three parts in this film and one is an older German male psychotherapist. I still can't tell if it's supposed to be obvious that it's her under all that latex. That about sums up how I feel about this art-house horror.

1. Which group's first No. 1 hit was "Anything for You"?

- 2. Who released "Party Doll"?
- 3. What San Diego rock band was originally called Mighty Joe Young?
- . Who wrote and released "High Time We Went"?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "If you are confused, check with the sun, Carry a compass to help you along."

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1. Miami Sound Machine, in 1988. Gloria Estefan got her start as the lead singer when the group was still known as the Miami Latin Boys. 2. Buddy Knox and the Rhythm Orchids, in 1956. Knox wrote the lyrics sitting on a haystack. Within a year the song went to No. 1 on the charts. 3. Stone Temple Pilots, aka STP. They were asked to change their original name because there already was a Mighty Joe Young, a Chicago bluesman. And yes, legend says they were inspired by STP motor oil labels. 4. Joe Cocker, in 1997s. S. "Stand," by R.E.M. in 1989 on their "Green" album. The song, their second to make the Top 10 charts, 4. Joe Cocker, in 1997s. B. "Stang, by R.E.M. in 1986 on their "Green" album. The song, their second to make the Top 10 charts, 4. Song, they were inspired by STP motor oil labels.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

- 1. How many of the top five spots for intentional walks for a season does Barry Bonds hold?
- 2. Entering 2019, Washington's Max Scherzer had struck out 250 or more batters for how many consecutive seasons?
- 3. Since the 1970 merger, six rookies have led the NFL in rushing for a season. Name three of them.
- 4. In 2018, Jay Wright became the winningest men's basketball coach (career victories) in Villanova history. Who are second and third on the list?
- 5. Who are the only two Russian-born winners of the NHL's Conn Smythe Trophy (MVP of the Stanley Cup playoffs)?
- 6. In how many different seasons has Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton recorded at least 10 victories?
- 7. Name the last country to repeat as tennis' Davis Cup champion.

1. He holds the top three, including a record 120 intentional walks in 2004. 2. Five (2014-18). 3. Earl Campbell (1978), George Rogers (1981), Eric Dickerson (1983), Edgerrin James (1999), Ezekiel Elliott (2016) and Kareem Hunt (2017), 4. Alexander Severance (413 wins in 25 seasons), and Rollie Massimino (357 wins in 19 seasons), 5. Pittsburgh's Evgeni Malkin (2009) and Washington's Alexander Ovechkin (2018). 6. Four times (2014, '15, '16 and '18). 7. Czech Republic (2012-13).

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

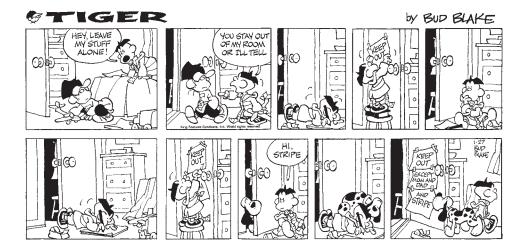
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The Spats







Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



King Crossword

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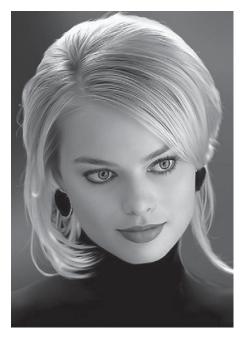
By Tony Rizzo

No sooner had "I, Tonya" Oscar-nominee Margot Robbie agreed to play Barbie for the live-action bigscreen movie coming from Warner Bros. and Mattel, than the internet began screaming that Margot as Barbie would perpetuate the iconic doll's unrealistic stereotype to young girls. Of course, it's an unfair assumption since the movie hasn't even started shooting, and in the hands of an accomplished actress such as Robbie it'll be anything BUT shallow.

In addition to Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," with Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt, in which she plays Sharon Tate, and "Fair and Balanced," with Oscar winners Charlize Theron, Nicole Kidman and Allison Janney, Robbie also has signed up for the thriller "Dreamland" with Travis Fimmel and Garret Hedlund. It's unlikely that "stereotype" is in her vocabulary.

Sam Elliott, who just received an Oscar nomination for his role in "A Star Is Born," has leant his golden voice to "The Gettysburg Address" documentary with Dermot Mulroney, Matthew Broderick, Cary Elwes, Aiden Quinn and Ed Asner. The success of Broadway's "Hamilton" has amped up demand for other projects re-creating American history. Sam's currently shooting "The Man Who Killed Hitler and Then The Bigfoot" (in theaters Feb. 8), with Aiden Turner (of all three "Hobbit" films). Based on the 40 years I've known Sam, as selective as he is, you can be sure it's a serious, important film.

Jennifer Aniston, prepping her web television series "Top of the Morning" with Reese Witherspoon and Steve Carell, is filming the Netflix mystery-comedy "Mystery," with Adam



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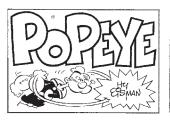
Margot Robbie [Robert Sullivan photo]

Sandler, Luke Evans and Terence Stamp. Aniston plays the wife of a NYC cop, and both become prime suspects in the murder of an elderly billionaire on his super yacht in Europe.

The latest movie to become a musical on Broadway will be the 2004 Nicholas Sparks film "The Notebook," which starred James Garner, Gena Rowland, Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams ... hard shoes to fill.

Is there a support group for Hallmark movie addicts? During the holidays, when TV was the "dead zone," I became a Hallmark Christmas movie junkie, sometimes until 4 a.m. Hallmark, emulating the old Hollywood studio days, has a big company of actors it uses repeatedly. It showed the films on the Hallmark Channel and its Murders and Mysteries channel for two months leading up to the holidays. Now that Christmas movies are gone, they've begun showing Valentine films and all kinds of love stories starring, for instance, Prince Harry's wife, Meghan Markle, "Full House's" Candice Cameron Bure and Lori Loughlin in their series, "When Calls the Heart." On second thought, I don't want to be cured!

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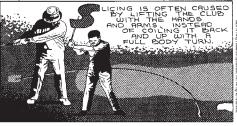
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One of the biggest mistakes players make on the overhead is letting the ball get behind them. It's important to move your feet as soon as you see the lob go up.



To get good speed on your overhead you should snap your wrist down on contact. This will also help you angle the ball more sharply to the sides of the court. You don't have to hit the overhead with lots of power if you can angle it to the sides of the court. By snapping your wrist on contact, you can add zip to your overhead







Weekly SUDOKU ——

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Peck Place School Carton Caper

We know cats have a tendency to get into mischief and Mr. PAWS, The Peck Place School mascot, is no exception. We thought things had settled down after Peck Place students solved the Panther Pass Mystery last year, but our mascots have gotten themselves into another situation, The Carton Caper.

The mascots of Orange along with their new friends, the Kakoomen (Gregtangmath.com), were enjoying a day of math games. The friends were so engrossed in a game of NumTanga Money (having been stuck in a never-ending cycle of tied scores on a "race space") that no one noticed the subtle changes around them. Now these friends find themselves packed in a box for shipment to a school. On January 31, Peck Place students were invited to return to the "scene of the game" to solve the mystery, find our friends,

and escape the box.

Modeled after the popular escape rooms, The Peck Place Mystery Space events combine several disciplines (math, science, language arts, technology) with productive struggle to create unique problem solving adventures to further develop reasoning and problem solving skills and to encourage perseverance and team work.

Teams of students were "locked in"

a Greg Tang Class Kit shipping box (recreated for this event) and given 30 minutes to solve the mystery and escape the room. Participants worked their way through rhymes and clues that led to codes and locks to help them escape the room and find Mr. PAWS and his friends.

If you want to know what happened to the Mr. PAWS and his friends, you'll just have to ask a Peck Place student.





An owl found in the Brandt's yard in Orange during the storm of January 21, 2019



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Bark Bytes...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



Can You Be A Responsible Dog Owner and Still Love Your Canine Companion?

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

Dogs need order and leadership from their "pack leader," which means that good canine manners start with you. Making the decision to become a dog owner brings a lot of responsibility and you need to build a great relationship between you and your dog and help your canine companion live a long, healthy and happy life.

- ★ Get your dog spayed or neutered. Spayed/neutered pets not only live longer and healthier lives, but they also make better companions. The best age to spay/neuter a dog is around five to six months old, at the beginning of puberty. Talk to your vet about the right time for your dog.
- 🖮 Provide proper identification. Your dog should always wear an I.D. tag with your name, address and phone number. Getting your dog microchipped gives an added layer of protection and increases the chances that he will be returned to you if he is lost or runs away.
- ★ Schedule regular check-ups with your veterinarian. Choose a veterinarian who shares your medical philosophies and beliefs; then follow his/her recommendations for vaccinations, diet, spaying/neutering, annual check-ups, and other care.
- ★ Make time for your dog. Owning a dog is a big responsibility that takes time and discipline. Make time daily to pet, play with, do some training, take a walk, or do other activities with your dog that are fun for both of you.
- M Provide shelter for your dog. A crate or doghouse is an ideal place for your dog to rest, sleep, and feel safe. The enclosure should be large enough for your dog to sit, stand and turn around comfortably, but small enough to retain his body heat inside the shelter.
- ★ Travel safely. Keep your dog safe in the car by using a crate or by attaching the dog to a seat belt with a harness. Never let your dog ride free in the back of a pickup truck (he could be thrown into traffic) or allow him to hang his head out of the car window (a danger to his
- ★ Pick up after your dog. If your dog leaves a mess on your neighbor's

- lawn or a public area, clean it up right away.
- ★ Control nuisance behaviors. Do not allow your dog to jump on visitors or bark uncontrollably.
- ★ Keep your dog under control. Use a leash when outside. Many towns have leash laws and you want to obey those regulations.

There are some "special" things we can do for our canine friends

- ₩ Get some exercise. A spirited walk or some time at the park is a great way to burn energy and spend some quality time together.
- ★ Spend time together on a shopping spree at your favorite pet retailer or boutique. Clothing and accessories aren't the only things that will spoil your dog. How about a luxury pet bed that will send your dog to an ultra-comfortable dream world? You both will sleep easy knowing this purchase was meant to pamper.
- ** Remember this special day forever by having a one-of-a-kind pet portrait made of your dog. You will appreciate the elegance and joy that this artwork will bring for years to come.
- ₩ Give your furry friend a new toy. Nothing says "Be My Valentine" like a dog appropriate toy. Be sure it is dog-safe and your four-legged friend will get hours of enjoyment out of a new plaything. Plus, those cute little toys scattered throughout the house are just little reminders of how much you love your pup.
- ★ Bake some homemade dog biscuits for your pooch. If baking isn't your forte, pick up gourmet treats at a local pet boutique. Even our furry friends deserve to have their tummies pampered on Valentine's Day. Remember - no chocolate for our furry friends.

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

So yes, you can shower your dog with love and affection and still be a responsible dog owner! You will enhance your relationship and your furry friend will love you even more.

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by Dave T. Phipps



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out -- especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November

21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to De-

cember 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January

19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February

18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.



LAFF-A-DAY

"Five vanilla and four chocolate."

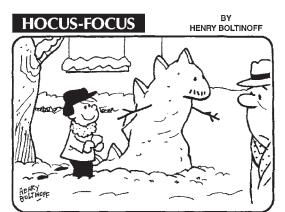
by Mike Marland

R.F.D. WAIT'LL YOU SEE, MAY --- MY OWN LITTLE BROTHER IS ON THE VERGE OF LAUNCHIN' A NEW FOOD

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas HEAR ME OUT, SID, I RAN YOUR NUMBERS BY THE PARTNERS AND THEY DIDN'T THINK THE CAPITAL DEAL WOULD FLY WITH CHEAP SHOT, GROUP INVESTORS.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window is missing. 2. Man has mustache. 3.Boy is wearing glasses. 4. Snow creature is shorter. 5. Man's scart is different. 6. Creature's "arm" has more branches.

Fat Cat, Thin Cat

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have two cats -- one very fat, and the other way too thin. "Star," my fat cat, was adopted a year before "Comet," my skinny cat. You can probably guess that Star is the confident one, and

in fact he bullies Comet a bit. And skinny little Comet is very shy -- he won't let anyone except me pet him, and hides when anyone comes to visit. The trouble is, Comet is not gaining weight. I think Star is steal-

ing his food, but Comet won't eat unless Star is eating next to him. Any suggestions? -- Worried Cat Mama in Oak Park, Illinois

DEAR CAT MAMA: It can be tough to change a cat's eating habits. Still, give it a try. Feed Comet as usual, next to Star, but observe them

closely to see if your bigger cat is indeed taking Comet's food.

Next, bring Comet into a separate room from Star and see if he will eat if you are sitting next to him. A friend of mine who was experiencing

> a similar problem with her cats did this and had a lot of success. The only drawback is that her cat now insists that she sit next to him and pet him while he's eating!

> I'd be remiss if I didn't also

suggest that you take Comet to the vet for a checkup, just to make sure that he doesn't have any underlying health issues that could be preventing him from gaining weight. The vet also may suggest a different food for Comet in the short term to make sure he's getting plenty of nutrients.

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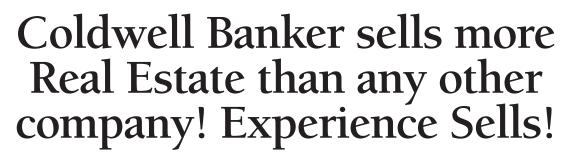


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