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## Brownie Scouts Make Self-Less Donation

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 60183 from Peck Place School made a very special donation to the Yale-New Haven Hospital's Auxiliary's Toy Closet program. The 2nd grade scouts heard about the hospital's shortage of teddy bears, which are typically given to children after coming out of surgery. The troop recently visited Build-a-Bear Workshop in Trumbull. They each made a bear by filling it with love, stuffing, and a heart, and then parted with their bears and selflessly donated them to the Children's Hospital. The girls demonstrated the true meaning of kindness and caring, two cornerstones of Girl Scouting.

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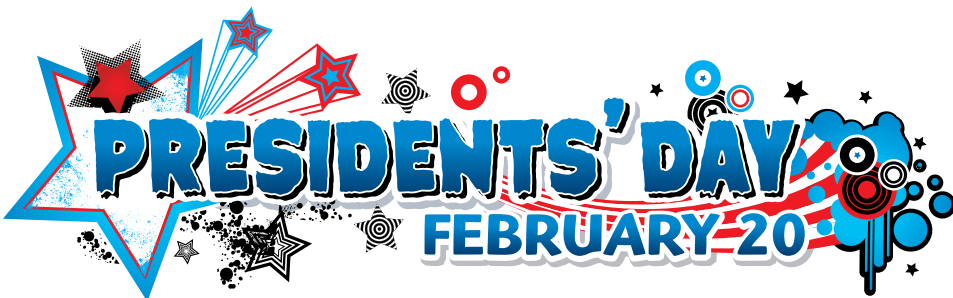
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## Orange Welcomes New Superintendent

A reception was held for new Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin at Race Brook School on Thursday, January 26th in the school's cafeteria. Parents, faculty members and members of the Board of Education were on hand to mingle and welcome Ms. McMullin to the Orange Community.

Pictured (l-r): School Principal Al DeCant, Superintendent Lynn McMullin, Board of Education members Sue Falvey, Amy Criscuolo, Jody Dietch, Jeff Cap, Debra Marino, Scott Massey & Board Chairperson Jeanne Consiglio.



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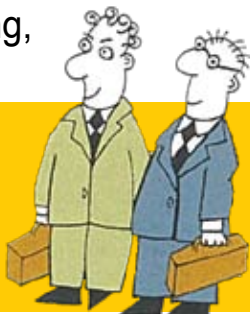
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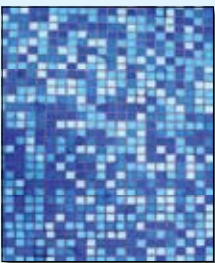
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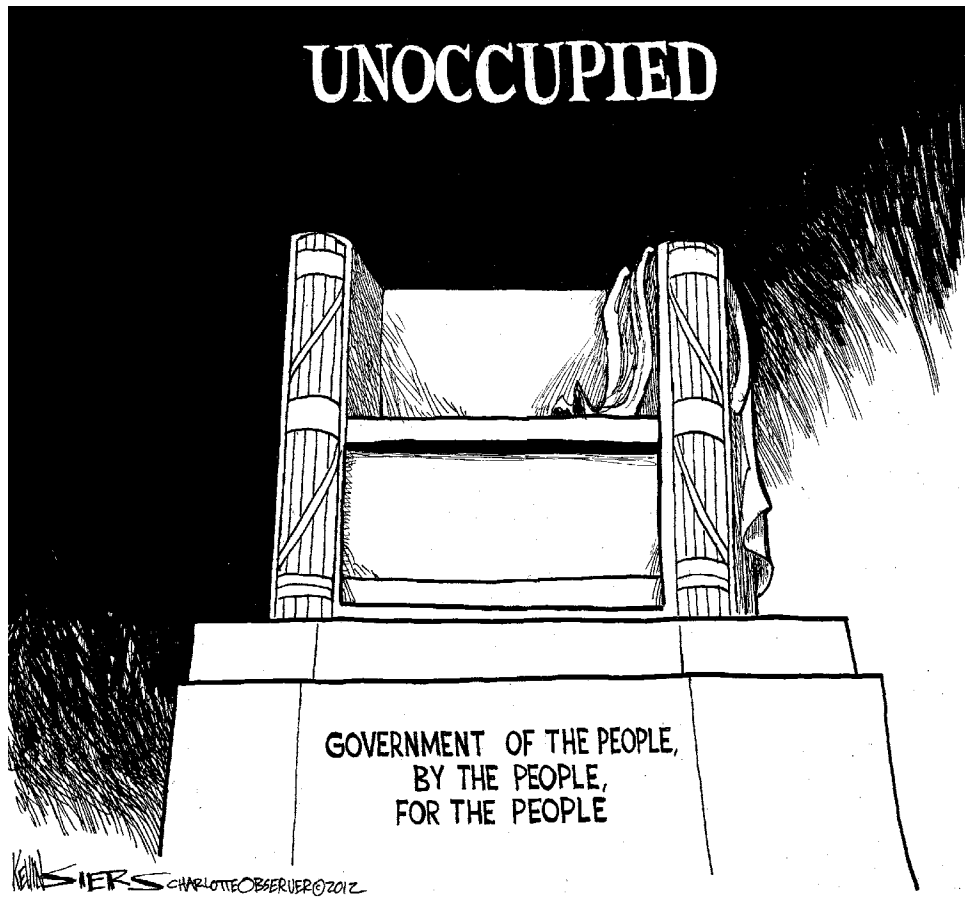
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# Orange Lands Colony Hardware Corporation

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

A leading supplier of tools, safety equipment and supplies for professional contractors will bring its corporate headquarters and distribution center to Orange sometime this summer. Colony Hardware Corporation, currently located on Stiles Street in New Haven, has signed a long term lease for a 103,000 square foot commercial building on 269 South Lambert Road. The property is the former location of KX Industries which vacated the property almost two years ago. Colony Hardware started as a hardware store in Meriden, Connecticut during the 1940's and was purchased by Michael Weiner and a partner in 1988. Under Mr. Weiner's leadership, the company has grown to a multi-million dollar corporation which also has a tool repair and rental division and locations in Albany, Boston and Landover, Maryland. "We are very excited about the move to Orange and believe this new facility will enable us to achieve the next level of growth for our customers and company," Weiner said.

Chief Operating Officer Mark Patton said the size of the South Lambert Road facility is just the right size and configuration for the company's needs. "We'd looked at buildings that were too small or too large and this was a perfect fit," Patton said. "We will have twice the storage area that we currently have." Also appealing is the location's proximity to Boston Post Road and Interstate 95. Patton expects Colony will also add ten to fifteen hourly and supervisory positions after the move. It currently has about 100 employees in Connecticut.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli and Orange Economic Development Director Paul Grimmer met with Town Plan and Zoning officials and Colony corporation leaders to ensure a smooth transition. "We felt that the town was very interested in having us here," Patton said. According to Grimmer, there has been "a lot of momentum" in Orange over the past few months and the vacancy rate in the industrial zone has dropped from 15.3% to 5.9%. With several more deals currently in the works, Grimmer expects the rate to drop even lower in the coming months. "Encouraging businesses to come to Orange is really a matter of time and opportunity. Sometimes it is a quick process and sometimes it may take years," he said. "Often realtors are the driving force for filling space. We're here to help facilitate activity."

First Selectman James Zeoli of Orange is very excited Colony chose Orange as a location for its business expansion. He said, "The town has worked hard to promote a business friendly environment and Colony was able to see this. We look forward to a long term relationship with them."



From left to right, Colony CEO Mark Patton; and President, Michael Weiner; First Selectman Jim Zeoli and Lighthouse Real Estate Venture principal Louis Sheinker.

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# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



(L to R): Alex Abriola, Jaiden Williams, Alina Chen, Michael McGurrin

## Success in the National Geographic Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Alexander Abriola, a 6th grader at Race Brook School, who won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 12th, and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. Alina Chen was 1st runner-up, and Jaiden Williams and Michael McGurrin tied for 2nd runner-up. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round of competition in the 23rd annual National Geographic Bee. Next, after submitting a written test, up to one hundred of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 1st, 2012. We wish Alex the best of luck!

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## STUDENT NEWS

### Murphy Makes Deans List

The University of Wyoming lists Brendan F. Murphy from Orange on the 2011 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honor Roll. The honor roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

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### Typical Peer Selection for the Orange AM Pre-K Program

The Orange Board of Education has openings available for children of pre-school age who Do Not exhibit special needs to participate as typical peer role models in the Pre-Kindergarten Program (AM Session ONLY) for the 2012-2013 school year. This is in response to a Federal mandate that children with special needs must be educated in the least restrictive environment with typically developing peers.



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Typical peer children for the AM Program must meet the following criteria to be eligible:

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The screening process for the typical peer selection for the AM Pre-K will be held on Wednesday, March 7th (with a snow date of Friday, March 9th). Two limited group sessions "by appointment only" are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to be conducted by the Pre-Kindergarten staff at Mary L. Tracy School. There will be a separate informational meeting held for parents to attend while their children are participating in the screening activities in the Pre-K classroom.

If you would like your child to be considered for an AM Pre-K Program typical peer role model, please call the Special Services Department (203-891-8023) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. before Friday, March 2nd in order to schedule an appointment for your child.

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# CDEC Dismisses COPA Charge of Flawed Hiring Process

## Claim of "No Effort Made to Recruit a Superintendent from Underrepresented Groups" Ruled as Unsubstantiated

By Richard Weizel - Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE - Mike Richetelli believes more than ever that the Orange Board of Education seriously violated its own official search and hiring process when it selected Schools Superintendent Lynn K. McMullin to replace outgoing superintendent Timothy James.

This despite a recent determination by the Connecticut Department of Education (CDEC) of a lack of evidence as well as the fact that the department does not have the jurisdiction to investigate the process carried out by the Orange school board that resulted in McMullin's hiring.

Richetelli also contends in the complaint to the state board, that the OBOE never considered the recommendation of a special seven-member advisory committee he served on last year that unanimously proposed hiring another of the three finalists for the post. He also still believes the school board violated Freedom of Information statutes by not making available vital documents that were part of the decision-making process to hire McMullin including elementary school visitation logs. The determination, which could have statewide impact, of whether those logs should be available under freedom of information (FOI) will be made at an upcoming hearing of the FOI commission on February 14th.

"It's very clear and disturbing that the Orange Board of Education violated its own policy in numerous ways, but can't be held accountable by any official agency or entity," said Richetelli, whose new parents group -- Concerned Orange Parents Association (COPA) -- requested that the state Department of Education and Orange Board of Selectmen investigate the matter. However, both the state and selectmen made it clear they had no jurisdiction in the matter.

"The Connecticut State Board of Education does not have jurisdiction over a complaint that a board failed to comply with its own policies," states

Laura L. Anastasio, staff attorney for the CT Department of Education, in a letter to COPA attorney Robert Russo. "You (COPA) also claimed the Orange Board failed to make an effort to recruit a superintendent from underrepresented groups.' However, you did not provide any evidence to support such an allegation.

"Because your complaint does not show that you have attempted to resolve the matter with the Orange board, does not include any facts, materials or documents to support your allegations, and does not appear to be a matter over which the CSBE has jurisdiction, the Commissioner (Stefan Pryor) has dismissed it."

But Richetelli said COPA has repeatedly tried to meet with School Board Chairwoman Jeanne Consiglio and board members, who he claims have refused. "It's frustrating because we have tried to meet with her (the Chairwoman) and the board, and they just ignore our legitimate complaints," said Richetelli, owner and president of Colonial Properties. "The Orange Board of Education blatantly violated its own policies, and there's nothing anyone can do about it without filing a lawsuit. I have two children in the school system and this entire matter was an eye-opener for me to find out just how much autonomy local school boards have."

But Richetelli said despite an "obviously flawed process carried out by the school board," COPA will not file a lawsuit. "We

investigated doing that, but in the end we decided against it, as it would cost the taxpayers' money," said Richetelli. "Now that the superintendent has already started, we felt it was prudent not to proceed with a lawsuit. "We want to also make it clear we don't blame Lynn McMullin for any of this, we blame

("CDEC" continued on page 19)

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The Connecticut State Board of Education does not have jurisdiction over a complaint that a board failed to comply with its own policies. You (COPA) also claimed the Orange Board failed to make an effort to recruit a superintendent from underrepresented groups. However, you did not provide any evidence to support such an allegation.  
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### Orange Town News

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

<u>Upcoming Issue Deadline</u>	<u>Upcoming Issue Dates</u>
February 24th .....	March 2nd
March 16th .....	March 23rd
April 6th .....	April 13th

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

## FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor,

Great Things are accomplished when good people come together. The Rotary Club of Orange had a great opportunity to provide brand new warm winter coats to Bridgeport & New Haven school children, through a non-profit organization, Operation Warm. By partnering with the Bridgeport Rotary Club we were able to secure over 4,600 new coats. It was a huge undertaking and we wish to thank all who helped to make this project a success. Due to the quick response and cooperation we received from Dr. Karen DeFur, of the New Haven Public schools and from Delores Mason, NNPS District Facilitator from BOE Parent Center who coordinated the distribution in New Haven and Bridgeport as well as Neil Nepiarsky from New Haven Moving Equipment, who arranged for a tracker trailer to pick up the coats in PA and transport them to CT, Tony Gallo of Star Distributors for the warehouse space and to Phil Grande of Soundview Landscape Supply who provided a forklift and an operator to empty the truck we were able to distribute over 4,600 jackets.

Thank you also to the Fairfield United Way, Rotarians and friends of Rotary for their time and monetary contributions all of which helped us to reach so many children in need.

Diane L Eger  
President, Rotary Club of Orange

To the Editor,

Being an ardent supporter of Stew Leonard's for many years, I am very disappointed that the land will be sold. The store would have been a wonderful addition to the retail base of Orange. Other towns in the area would welcome Stew's in a heartbeat, and they question why Orange would turn away this successful business during this rough economic period.

SON (aka The Stew - Nots) and their leader Clem Evangeliste can enjoy their victory. They are a gutless group that would not disclose the list of contributors to their cause. This makes me believe they were and are still hiding something which could be very controversial if this information was made public.

People who were concerned about the traffic issues should know that Mr. Scinto has indicated he is working to bring in a company that will run a 24-hour operation with 500 employees. It will take up twice the acreage that Stew Leonard's would including the wetlands that were the center of the legal battle.

Scinto is the developer who lured Hubbell from Orange to one of his properties in Shelton which resulted in Orange taxpayers feeling the necessity to spend millions of tax dollars to purchase the property. This person recently completed a six-month jail sentence for bribing public officials.

It also doesn't surprise me the comments made by Jim Zeoli concerning this situation. He has always been opposed to Stew Leonard building his store on Marsh Hill Road. He can say whatever he wants, but there are many residents like me that believe the store would have been a good fit for that parcel of land. He should stop acting like he is the ultimate authority on what is best for Orange. Credit for negotiating this "deal" should go to the real estate professionals and Economic Development Corp. , a group established under the Sousa administration and flourished under the Goldblatt administration.

The property taxes would have been a great addition to the Grand List; it will take at least 10 years to recoup the lost revenue that would have been realized from Stew Leonard's - a full generation. It should also be noted that Edison Road is being developed at taxpayer's expense when Stew Leonard was planning to build the road at his expense.

The one comment I disagree with Stew on is that Orange doesn't want him here. Many Orange residents wanted his store in town. I would love to see Stew come back and find a location in Orange on the Post Road (and hopefully not in Milford), but that is highly unlikely.

Robert J. Crocco

(From Our Readers" continued on page 27)

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## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### What's Toxic, What's Not

Come to the February 14 meeting of The Garden Club of Orange and learn what Oprah's Radio Show audience learned when Dr. Oz spoke with Dr. Gary Ginsberg, co-author of "What's Toxic, What's Not". Gary or Dr. G, also hosts his own radio show "Greener Living" on WTIC-AM and is a senior toxicologist for the State of Connecticut. Dr G. will provide an interactive presentation on how to decrease your carbon waste and toxic footprint and will point out which issues should be on the top of our To-Do lists. Club members will also be displaying an Artistic Craft Design using either fresh or dried plant material. The meeting will be held at the Case Memorial Library and begins at 11:30 AM with a light luncheon, followed by a short business meeting and then by Dr. Ginsberg's presentation beginning at 1 PM. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and its purpose is to promote and encourage garden skills and knowledge and to further an understanding of horticulture, flower arranging, bird-life, conservation and environmental awareness. All are welcome. If you are interesting in learning more about the Club, please visit its website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or contact Nettie Bartocelli at 203-795-3692.

### Orange Masons Offer Scholarships

Orange Masonic Lodge 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. Students maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of a member of Orange Lodge #143 or a resident of the town of Orange.

Also being offered are two Orange Lodge Family Scholarships for \$1,000 each. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of a member of Orange Lodge #143. 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 credentials and accomplishments within their chosen field along with a current school transcript to: Orange Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mr. Elmer F. Manley, Chairman, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2012. For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email [hcbypolly@yahoo.com](mailto:hcbypolly@yahoo.com), Subject: Scholarship.

### Amity Teen Center TOAD'S Place Benefit

The Amity Teen Center has been in the news a lot already in 2012. First there was the highly popular "2012 People's United Bank Chilly Chili Run" 5K road race fundraiser and this past week we had our very successful "Coats for Kids" drive, where the teens and staff coordinated the acquisition and distribution of over 1500 (mostly new) coats for young people in the New Haven area that were in need of a warm jacket this winter.

Now it is time for our 17th Annual "TOAD'S Place Benefit" on Monday February 20, Presidents Day. Twelve bands will be performing from 4:00 p.m. until midnight at TOAD'S Place, 300 York Street in New Haven. Over the past few months these bands have been chosen by teens that go to the Center. Congratulations to the winners of our Battle of the Bands 1st Place NOVELTY EFFECT, 2nd Place THOSE GUYS, 3rd Place ANCHORS AWAY and 4th Place BLACKTHORNS. These 4 bands and all of our other finalists (Three Doses, Mortal Conquest, Set Sail at Sunrise, The Foresters, Marques Christopher, She Eats Planets and Blacklines) will be performing. Also performing will be the alumni band, Hypnosis.

Tickets are \$10 if you buy them ahead of time, either from one of the bands, or contact Jen (203-668-9348). You can also purchase them from Toad's Place website [www.toadsplace.com](http://www.toadsplace.com). Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the show for \$12.

This year proceeds will go toward equipment that will enhance the performance area at the Amity Teen Center, 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge. For additional information about the Teen Center, please go to [www.amityteen-center.org](http://www.amityteen-center.org).

### Association of CT Fairs Scholarships

The Orange Country Fair has announced that applications from The Ct. Association of Fairs are available at Amity Senior High School guidance department, the Case Memorial Library and at the Orange Town Hall. The two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school senior or current college student. One scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a course of study in agriculture, home economics or a related field during the next academic year. The other scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a course of study in any field during the next academic year.

All applications must be received and returned to the fair secretary by April 15th. Please mail to: Marianne Bauer, Secretary - Orange Country Fair, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

### Grants Available from the Orange Foundation

Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for grants to be distributed in the spring of 2012. Funding is available for projects benefiting the residents of Orange. Those eligible for grants include non-profit organizations, parent-teacher organizations, and service organizations.

According to Janice Lettick, Distribution Committee Member and Chair of Grant Distribution, "Since it began giving out grants, the Foundation has distributed over \$116,345 to various local civic and community organizations. The grants range in size from \$500 to \$1,500. We encourage Orange community organizations to apply for funding to support their activities." Past recipients include: Camp Cedarcrest; Orange Special Events in support of Pumpkin Palooza; Silverbrook Estates; and the Orange Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2012. Applicants are encouraged to complete the online form available at [www.OrangeFoundation.org](http://www.OrangeFoundation.org); or pick up an application at the Orange Town Hall. Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.



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## HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

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

### Call for Nominations for Living Treasure Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 9, 2012 for the 2012 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, at Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website at [www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov), <http://orangeseniors.org/>, or Facebook/Orange Senior Center. Three individuals will be selected by a review committee and honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 18, 2012. Nominees must be current residents of Orange and at least 65 years of age. As a volunteer, they must have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for individual residents or enhanced the Orange community. Each Living Treasure selected receives a plaque engraved with his or her name and all names are added to the plaque hanging in the High Plains Community Center containing the names of previous recipients.

### Travel Showcase for Charleston & Savannah Trip

February 21, 4:00 pm, Tours of Distinction and the Orange Senior Center will host a presentation in the senior lounge for an exciting trip we have scheduled to Charleston, Savannah & Jekyll Island October 17 - 22, 2012. See our "Trips" section in this newsletter for more information. Call the senior center to let us know you are coming. Plus there might be a special sneak peak of a January 2013 tropical trip.

### Boomers Series: "Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise"

Mark your calendars! Community Services and Case Memorial Library are partnering with Whitney Center Retirement Community in Hamden to present a three-part series in the month of March. On Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. Gretchen Joslyn, Community Relations Coordinator at the Whitney Center, will talk to us about keeping healthy. On Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., David Ratliff, Chief Financial Officer at the Whitney Center, will discuss maintaining wealth. Finally, on Thursday, March 29, again at 7:30 p.m., Gretchen will be back to talk about wisdom. The series will take place at Case Memorial Library in the upstairs community room. Refreshments will be served. Call the library at 203-891-2170 to register for what promises to be an informative and fun series.

### Wednesday Meals to be Served at Church of the Good Shepherd

The Shepherd Café will be open Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, February 1 and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Church services are available at noon for those who would like to attend. There will be two menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road, and

there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.

### Trips

**ST. PATRICKS DAY TRIP** - Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Come enjoy a wonderful St. Patrick's lunch - Corn Beef and Cabbage or Baked Scrod at the Chez Josef in Agawam, MA. Enjoy the singing of Cahal Dunne - Ireland's "Happiest Man", Irish step dancers, and the comedy of George Casey. Cost: \$75pp includes transportation, lunch, show and driver's gratuities. Full payment due at registration.

**BOTANICAL GARDEN: ORCHID & MAGNOLIAS SHOW** - Wednesday, April 11, 2012. 10TH ANNUAL Orchid Show offers thousands of brilliantly colored orchids carefully placed in the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Jump the complimentary tram to ride through the magnolia collection; take a stroll along "Daffodil Hill". Enjoy lunch on your own at the gardens or on Arthur Avenue with time to shop. Cost: \$66pp includes admission & tour of garden, and driver gratuity. Full payment due at registration.

**4 TROOPS** - Thursday, May 24, 2012. Join us at the Aqua Turf for this memorable tribute. Three young men and one woman, all officers who served on the frontlines of Iraq and Afghanistan sing on behalf of all the troops. Cost: \$80pp includes family style menu of salad, pasta, Chicken Francaise, Baked Salmon, potato, rolls, dessert and beverage and driver gratuity. Full payment due at registration.

**BRITISH LANDSCAPE** - September 6 - 15, 2012. Enjoy 10 days traveling through vibrant England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders. See a London Theater Performance, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Cambridge, York, Stonehenge, Edinburgh Castle - even stay overnight in a castle located in the north of Wales. Cost: \$3,299pp double, \$3,699pp single, \$3,269pp triple. Pricing includes \$100 early booking discount by March 6, 2012. Cancellation Insurance available for \$220. Visit our website: <http://www.collettevacations.com/group-page/index.cfm?id473810>

**CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH, & JEKYLL ISLAND** - 36th Annual Home & Garden Tour October 17-22, 2012 6 Days/5 Nights. This is a special time to visit, as we will be attending a once a year event, the 36th Annual Charleston Home & Garden Tour. We will have access to some of the most exclusive homes & gardens in downtown Charleston. We will also visit the wonderful cities of Savannah & Jekyll Island, and enjoy great meals at Paula Deen's & the Pirates' house! \$1,838pp dbl inclusive of air, taxes, transfers, hotel stays, all sights/inclusions as listed on itinerary and gratuities. \$250pp deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. Trip presentation scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 4pm in the Senior Lounge.

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## From the Youth Services Coordinator *By John Ulatowsski*



### Job Bank Assists Area Residents with a Variety of Jobs

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, washing windows, cleaning attics/basements, snow shoveling, painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785 between 8:30-4:30, Monday-Friday.

### Youth Services Activities Newsletter Now Online

The Youth Services Activities Newsletter is now online at the Town of Orange website ([www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov)). The newsletter features photos and information on Youth Services events and programs such as the 7th/8th grade dances, the Artist Colony, Students of the Month, babysitting class, and student submission information. Go to the Town website; click link for Community Services; click link for Youth Services; click link for YS newsletter.

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## Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of February 2012

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13th	Tree Committee .....	10:00 am	Town Hall
	Traffic Authority.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commissioners.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education.....	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Commission.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education .....	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy
	Inland Wetlands Commission.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	CERT .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Commission.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	Pension Board .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Case Memorial Library Comm .....	7:30 pm	Case Library
21st	GATA.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
22nd	Safety Commission.....	9:00 am	Town Hall
	Park & Recreation Commission .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
27th	Family Counseling .....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Youth Services.....	7:30 pm	HPC

## Lucy Scillia Scholarship

The Lucy Scillia Scholarship is being sponsored by the Friends of the Case Memorial Library in Orange. The Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000 and is available to a graduating senior who is a resident in the town of Orange and whose college major will be Library Science, English, or Education (elementary school or secondary school education).

Lucy Scillia devoted much of her life to instilling the love of reading in children. She was a school librarian and after her retirement shared her love of books through many library activities, both in schools and the Case Memorial Library.

The application deadline is April 30th, 2012.

Bring or send to:

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library

Linda Sheehan, President

Case Memorial Library

176 Tyler City Road

Orange, CT 06477

Applications will be available at the Case Memorial Library or can be downloaded at the library web site: [www.casememoriallibrary.org](http://www.casememoriallibrary.org). The recipient will be notified by June 1, 2012 and the scholarship will be presented at the Friends of the Case Memorial Library annual meeting June 4, 2012.

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## Children

### Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

### Winter Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursday, February 9, 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Monday, February 13, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4 p.m. Includes a craft.

### Valentine Teddy Bear Storytime

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

### Mardi Gras Craft

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

### King Frost and Chilly Tales and Tunes for Chilly Children

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

### The Irish Magic Show

Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m.: Debbie O'Carroll blends enchanting stage magic with lively physical to introduce a clan of classical characters from Irish children's literature. Meet comical, ghostly pooka, and participate in an Irish language poem about a banshee. Discover the secrets of the Salmon of Knowledge, meet an elusive sea serpent called an Ollphéist and encounter the mischievous, headless Dullahan! Ages 4 to 12. Please pre-register.

## Teens

### Book Chat Café

Tuesday, March 6, 2:15 p.m.: Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

## Adults

### Oscar Ballot Contest

The Library is holding its second annual Oscar Ballot Contest. The two entrants who correctly choose the most Oscar winners will receive a free Oscar DVD of their choice courtesy of the Friends of the Library! Ballots are available at the circulation desk. The 84th Academy Awards air on Sunday, February 26. Winners will be contacted on Tuesday, February 28.

### Oscar Films

Monday, February 13, 7 p.m.: *Midnight in Paris*. Nominated for Best Picture, Art Direction, and Original Screenplay. Starring Owen Wilson and Rachel McAdams. PG-13. 94 minutes. Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.: *Moneyball*. Nominated for Best Picture, Actor in a Leading Role, Actor in a Supporting Role, Film Editing, Sound Mixing, and Adapted Screenplay. Starring Brad Pitt. PG-13. 133 minutes.

Monday, March 26, 7 p.m.: *Beginners*. Nominated for Actor in a Supporting Role. Starring Ewan McGregor and Christopher Plummer. R. 105 minutes.

### Film Buffs: Exporting Raymond

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

### I Can't Die But Once: A Portrayal of Harriet Tubman

Monday, February 27, 7 p.m.: During this presentation Harriet weaves a tale of truth, pain, courage, and determination that takes the audience into her life as an enslaved person. Performance by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti. Gwen has been Artist-in-Residence at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum for over 7 years and is a member of the CT Storytelling Institute. She has performed throughout New England and across the United States. Pre-registration is recommended. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Boomers and Beyond: Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise

Thursday, March 1, 7:30 p.m.: *Healthy: A Holistic Approach to Living Long and Living Well*. Presented by Gretchen Joslyn, Community Relations

Coordinator, Whitney Center.

Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.: *Wealthy: Financial Considerations for Today's Seniors*. Presented by David Ratliff, Chief Financial Officer, Whitney Center.

Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.: *Wise: Innovations for Today's Retiree*. Presented by Gretchen Joslyn, Community Relations Coordinator, Whitney Center.

Sponsored by Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center.

### The Enchantment of Korea

Saturday, March 3, 1 p.m.: Join us for an amazing multimedia presentation that brings to life Korea's rich and unique cultural heritage, from colorful art to modern Korea. After viewing a presentation including a short documentary film and the reenactment of a traditional Korean wedding, participants will enjoy a traditional Korean meal prepared by members of the Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. Works of art, including paintings, objects, and costumes, will be on display. There is no fee to attend this program but advance registration is required.

### Art in the Library

Works by Ho and Jung will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of February.

*Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested for all library programs in person or by phone. Sign up to receive notification of library happenings via the e-newsletter form available in the library or online. The library's hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The library will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day.*

## "I Can't Die But Once", The Story Of Harriet Tubman

Harriet Tubman will tell the story of her life from slavery to freedom as one of the most daring and effective spies for the Union army during the Civil War at the Case Memorial Library on February 27 at 7 PM. She shares part of her life while addressing a group of friends and admirers during a 45 minute presentation, weaving a tale of truth, pain and courage that takes the audience into her life, her escape from slavery and enlistment as a scout and spy for the United States during the Civil War.

The performance is presented by Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, Artist-in-Residence at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum in Hartford. Gwendolyn is dedicated to studying the character, philosophy, courage and grace that have enabled black American women to survive and flourish. Her program introduces untapped accessible history that celebrates the rich diversity, ambitions and inspiring heroism in the face of racism and violence.

Funding for this program is provided by the Prown Fund. The February 27th program is free and open to all, but reservations are requested by calling the Case Memorial Library at 203-891-2170.

## More Offerings From Case Memorial Library

### Movies on DVD

The Change-up (2011), Friends with Benefits (2011), The Help (2011)  
Horrible Bosses (2011), Larry Crowne (2011), Modern Family, Season 1 (2010)  
Modern Family, Season 2 (2011), Sarah's Key (2010)  
*Children's Movies:*  
Cars 2 (2011), Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2 (2011)

### Audiobooks

O'Reilly, Bill - Killing Lincoln (973.7092)

### Music

Adele - 21  
Dawes - Nothing Is Wrong  
Fall, The - Ersatz GB  
Gerald Wilson Orchestra - Legacy  
Honegger, Arthur - Pastorale d'été; Symphony No. 4; Cantate de Noël  
Monk, Thelonious - Brilliant Corners  
Mozart, W. A. - Piano Concertos Nos. 19 and 23; Hélène Grimaud, piano  
Oneohtrix Point Seven - Replica  
Pixies - Doolittle  
Winehouse, Amy - Lioness: Hidden Treasures



## HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

# Ansantawae, a Forgotten Citizen...

As written, the Town of Orange had its beginnings in Milford when settled in 1639 with land purchased from the Native Americans, the Paugussetts. Their territory stretched eighteen miles along the coast living on the west and east of the Housatonic River. Led by their sachem, Ansantawae, they were considered to be friendly although greatly outnumbering the newly arrived colonists. Living chiefly on shell fish and consuming vast numbers of quahaugs, they not only had ample food but using a small purple section of the shell had what was known as scuhauhock or black money. It was said to be twice the value of wampum or white money made from periwinkle shells.

While the history of the Paugussett Nation dates back to earlier times, the written record begins with the arrival of the Europeans. The Paugussetts, an Algonquian-speaking nation were divided into four primary sub-groups: the Paugussetts, Pequannock along the coast, beyond the Black Rock section of Bridgeport, the Pootatuck in Newtown and the Weantinock in New Milford. In addition to their fishing culture, they farmed, cultivating corn, squash, beans and tobacco with their fishing in both fresh and saltwater. The amount of shell heaps along the coast and the amount of cleared land attests to both a long period of occupation and a high degree of social organization. The area was often referred to as Wepawaug which refers to the river as a small crossing place, navigable by canoe but not very wide.

In his 1816 book "Statistical Account of the Town of Milford", Rev. Erastus Scranton writes about the Eastern Woodlands Native Americans. "In this town were great numbers of Indians. They had four considerable settlements; in the center of the town, another one at the Point, another at Turkey Hill in the northwest part of the town and another about one quarter of a mile north of Washington Bridge. At Turkey Hill they had a fort with flankers also they had a burying ground at Turkey Hill, on the banks of the Housatonic River." The Paugussett lands included Charles Island said to be the location of Ansantawae's summer residence.

The acceptance of the Milford colony by Ansantawae made it possible for them to buy the land at various times, increasing the colonists' land holdings significantly. Finding the Wepawaug River to be sufficient for colonization, these original settlers continued to spread out with the initial purchase in 1639. The price was six coats, ten blankets, one kettle, twelve hatchets, twelve hoes, two dozen knives and a dozen small mirrors. A small price to pay for this rich land. The tract was bounded by the East River, the Housatonic River on the west, the Sound on the south and the Two Mile Brook along a path that went to Derby on the north. According to the "History of Milford 1639-1939", this first purchase included nearly all of the present towns of Or-



*The Tower, a well-known landmark is on Daniel Street in Milford, around the corner from site of the first grist mill built by William Fowler."*

ange, Milford and part of Woodbridge. The Twelve Mile Brook is now the boundary between Derby and Orange.

To secure the "deed" to the property included the old English "twig and turf ceremony". After signing the deed by both partners, Ansantawae was handed a piece of turf and a twig. Taking the turf and thrusting the twig into it, he then handed it to the English signifying that they relinquished all the land specified in the deed and everything growing on it. One might ask for a motive in giving up their hunting and farming lands. It was simple. The Paugussetts were besieged by the aggressive Mohawks to the north who continually raided their territory. Selling their lands and the subsequent building of a stockade around the colony assured them protection of the well-armed Englishmen.

Within a few years, the Paugussetts in the Milford colony had been divested of a vast majority of their lands and left with small reservations. Whether it was mindful for Ansantawae and his followers to sell so much of their land was obviously not of concern until it appeared that they had been squeezed into a smaller area than was suitable for their needs. At that realization, the tribe asked the Milford town fathers for land of their own to fish and hunt and according again to the "History of Orange 1639-1949", 100 acres of land at the Turkey Hill site were reserved for their use and benefit. The name was derived from the numerous flocks of turkeys that inhabited the area, flying back and forth across the Housatonic River.

By 1665, Ansantawae, and most of his tribe moved to Turkey Hill where he soon died. The tribe continued to live there for the next 100 years. In 1671, the Turkey Hill fort having escaped an attack by the Mohawks was besieged by eleven young men from town, seemingly without motive other than a less than sober decision for fun. The Natives complained and a committee was appointed to look after the land and the "gang" was sentenced by the General Court of New Haven and made to pay a fine of ten pounds each. The fort was rebuilt and the committee was to "prosecute in due form any person who had or shall cut timber or wood, or carry off any timber or should fence in any of said land or anyway trespass upon it". The last family of the tribe was that of Molly Hatchett who died at almost 100 years old in 1829.

In 1889 Milford celebrated its 250th anniversary with a stone memorial built to honor the original settlers and the original inhabitants, the Paugussetts. A stylized portrait of a Native American is located above the door of the tower and Ansantawae's signature is carved into the stone. In 2008, Chief Ansantawae was inducted into Milford's Hall of Fame taking his place with other citizens noted for their contributions to Milford.

*Ginny Reinhard is the president of the Orange Historical Society.*

**ORANGE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE**

**Regina Sauer Joins Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate**

John Wareck and Frank D'Ostilio, Jr., partners of Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate take great pride in welcoming REALTOR Regina Sauer to the firm. "Regina is a well respected, experienced agent with a long list of satisfied clients. Her reputation as a hands-on, dedicated REALTOR is well known throughout the Greater New Haven area," said Frank D'Ostilio, Jr.



Regina Sauer

"Frank was my Realtor when I first purchased a home. I enjoyed working with him then and am delighted that we can finally work together," said Regina. Regina has been a real estate agent since 2003. An Orange native, she has a vast knowledge of the local area and has sold hundreds of homes over the years to sellers in Orange, Woodbridge, West Haven, Milford and New Haven. She has worked with first-time home buyers, sellers and investors throughout the Greater New Haven area. Her trademark is superior customer service and can-do attitude, utilizing her patience, tenacity, and passion for the industry.

An avid runner, Regina participates yearly in the New Haven Road Race. She has also participated and completed marathons in New York, Hartford and Boston.

A resident of Orange, Regina is married with two children.

**Fred Messore Awarded "Deal of the Year"**

At the December 7th CID Annual Awards Dinner, held at New Haven Country Club, Fred A. Messore, Vice President of Colonial Properties, Inc. was awarded with the Deal of the Year for most completed transactions in 2011. Mr. Messore completed 29 deals last year. "Having that kind of transaction volume is a testament to Fred's dedication, hard work and ability to put deals together" said Michael Richetelli, President of Colonial Properties and incoming CID Chairman. Mr. Messore has been a member of Colonial Properties' team for 5 years and is consistently a top producer, integral to their continued success in the area of Commercial Real Estate Brokerage in the Greater New Haven area and throughout CT.



Fred Messore

Mr. Messore is very active in many professional and civic organizations, including being a Past President and Director of the Alife Society of America, serving on the Executive Board of Directors for the West Haven Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of the Paugusset Pool and Tennis Club, member of The Amity Club and Class of 2010 Greater New Haven Leadership Center.

**Joe Cafasso Jr. Joins Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate**

John Wareck and Frank D'Ostilio, Jr. are pleased to announce that Joe Cafasso, Jr. has joined the company as a REALTOR and IT manager. Real Estate and technology has always been a passion for Joe. A graduate of Southern CT State University with a degree in Corporate Communication and a minor in Computer Science, he previously worked at Sacred Heart University and Yale Law School in their Information Technology departments.



Joe Cafasso, Jr.

In 2004, Joe left Yale and followed in the footsteps of both of his parents by becoming a REALTOR at William Orange Realty, which later became Coldwell Banker. Joe was a top producing Realtor from his first year in the business to present. He prides himself on expert experience in all aspects of Real Estate from first time home buyers, investment properties, and new construction and land sales. When he's not involved in real estate transactions with his clients, Joe is an avid wildlife photographer and motorcycle enthusiast. Contact him at 203-787-7800 or joe.cafasso@re-alliving.com.

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

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The first time Steve Kosarka Jr. wrangled with a 250-pound marlin and won, it wasn't just the fish that was hooked. That was 20 years ago, but 38-year old Kosarka remembers the nearly two hour battle with the fish off the coast of Cozumel, Mexico like it was yesterday. "It was very exciting, my adrenaline was pumping," he recalls.



Laura Fantarella

The experience was the beginning of what Kosarka expects will be a life-long love of deep sea fishing and continued annual trips to fishermen's paradises like Hawaii, Mexico and "the canyons" off Montauk, Long Island. Today Kosarka has parlayed his passion for marlin and tuna fishing into a hobby and small business venture - creating the intricate lures that fishermen use to catch some of the sea's largest fish. A co-owner of Sentinel Painting, when he's not working Kosarka escapes to his Milford shop to use a manufacturing lathe, liquid plastic, dyes, molds, and materials like shredded vinyl, beady doll eyes and abalone shells to replicate the squid and fish the big beasts prey upon. "I would love to make this into a full-time business one day," he said. "I've always dreamed of doing something in the fishing and boating industry and this may be my way of getting into it."

Kosarka, who has long admired the craftsmanship and beauty of the manmade bait used to catch big fish, decided to try his own hand at it last year after yet another season of spending about \$500 to purchase new lures. "If you're an offshore fisherman, you get addicted to lures," he said. "I appreciate the art involved, and the time and effort that goes into it. It's amazing." It is not unusual for fishermen to collect hundreds of lures of varying sizes and colors, the cost of which can range from about \$40 to \$200. Kosarka has about 1,000 lures of his own. "If a fish gets the best of you and you do lose one you want to cry!" Kosarka said. Fishermen use a variety of different lures depending on what the fish happen to be biting on a particular day. Some days it may be the green-hued "diver" lures that are attracting the fish, another day it could be the purple and black lures that "tease" the surface, creating a lot of darting and dashing motion that can whip the fish into a feeding frenzy.

Learning how to manufacture the lures was a daunting task, particularly since other lure-makers were unwilling to share their knowledge. Kosarka spent over a year studying websites, picking brains and visiting chat rooms. "I had to do a lot of prying. It was a nightmare trying to get information," he said. "I would learn a little, try to fill in the gaps, then use trial and error to see what worked," he said. Manufacturing the product is a slow process - since the mold-



Steve Kosarka, Jr.

drying process can take up to nine hours, one lure can take more than a day to make. Kosarka started out experimenting with crude materials like pill bottles with an egg sinker as an inset to serve as the molds for the fish heads. He gradually acquired a collection of different sized molds, a variety of shell pieces and colors to choose from, and a lathe to sculpt the finished product. "I use my own experience to develop different shapes - depending on whether I wanted a longer bubble trail, or a lure that popped and stayed on the surface, or one that dove below the surface," he said. Now Kosarka is sure his lures can rival any on the market -and he has the advantage of a hand-crafted item which he can customize to meet any fisherman's needs. To test his product, he distributed a variety of his handmade lures to fellow fishermen friends who have given the lures positive reviews.

Kosarka started fishing in the freshwater streams around Orange with his dad, Steve Sr., when he was a young boy growing up on Fairway Road. "We'd catch trout and small fish and usually just release them," Kosarka recalled. As a teenager Kosarka was introduced to big game fishing when his family chartered a deep sea fishing boat while vacationing in Mexico. By the time he was 24 he made his first "adult purchase," buying a 20 foot Angler that gave him access to the ocean. That same year he entered the Hawaiian International Billfish Tournament placing third in the marlin division with an 850-lb catch and second in the tuna division. He made the trip to Hawaii an annual event for five years. "Hawaii has the best marlin fishing in the world," he said.

Kosarka is now a veteran fisherman and boater, maneuvering his own 32-foot Regulator around Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean in all sorts of weather conditions. "I went from being afraid of not being able to see land, to going for hours without ever seeing land," he said. "I've driven in fog so dense it was like pea soup and I couldn't see ten feet in front of the boat. You always have to be on top of your game because it can be very dangerous out there and weather can change in a snap. I always respect the ocean and try to make good judgment calls."

Before this fishing season starts, Kosarka plans to have his lures for sale in several bait and tackle shops on the East Coast. For more information, visit sklures.com.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Art in the Library, "Sisters in Art"**, watercolor paintings by Lana Ho and pottery by Lillian Yung, February 1-February 28, 2012, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, 2nd floor Art Gallery, Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The public is invited to view.

**Orange Historical Society Valentine Extravaganza**, Saturday, February 4 & 11, 2012, The Academy, 605 Orange Center Road, 10:00am-3:00pm, vintage jewelry and much more for sale from the 1940s and 1950s, antiques and collectibles as well. For information, call 203-795-6465.

**The Ladies Philoptochos Society**, Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Cooking Classes, Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2012, 7:00-9:00pm, 480 Racebrook Road, Cost/\$140 for the series/\$40 for single classes, includes ingredients, generous tasting, and copies of recipes. For information and registration, contact Olympia Hadjimichael at 203-397-5112 (daytime) or [ohadjimichael@gmail.com](mailto:ohadjimichael@gmail.com); Jane Hadjimichael at 203-389-5251 (evenings) or [jane.hadjimichael@gmail.com](mailto:jane.hadjimichael@gmail.com).

**Orange Garden Club Meeting**, "What's Toxic, What's Not" featuring Dr. Gary Ginsberg, Senior Toxicologist for the State of Connecticut and radio show host, Tuesday, February 14, 2012, 11:30am, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. For information, call Nettie Bartocelli at 203-795-3692 or go to [www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html](http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html).

**Orange Community Services Fundraiser**, Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 4:00-7:00pm, Orange Ale House, 517 Boston Post Road, 20% of your bill is donated to the Community Assistance Fund.

**Orange Rotary Club 18th Annual Auction**, Friday, March 2, 2012, 6:30pm, Race Brook Country Club, Derby Avenue, \$37.50/pp includes dinner buffet, live and silent auction, balloon raffle. For tickets or information, contact Mike Richetelli at 203-795-8060 or [mike@colprop.com](mailto:mike@colprop.com).

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



## Superbowl Friday at the Goddard School

While noted as the shortest month on the calendar, February proves to be a very busy month for the children at The Goddard School! This month children will learn about a variety of topics revolving around the theme Growing Up Healthy, including eating fruits and vegetables, staying fit and active as well as the importance of dental health. We will also celebrate a number of special holidays, including Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and President's Day, too!

Adding to the excitement of the busy month was a Superbowl celebration on Friday, February 3rd. The children were invited to come to school dressed up in all of their sports gear to represent their favorite NFL team. Many of the children wore Giants and Patriots gear as they rooted for the two teams loved by locals that competed in the Superbowl!

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the Orange school board and chairwoman Jeanne Consiglio," said Richetelli, who called for Consiglio as well as other board members to resign. "I think what happened here is that after it was down to three finalists, the school board knew who they were going to hire and went through the motions of making it look like the process was still open. The board was dishonest and secretive during the entire process."

But Consiglio defends the process followed by the school board that resulted in "the district ending up with the best candidate for the job."

"The Orange Board of Education is confident in the collaborative process followed to unanimously select Lynn McMullin as the new Superintendent of Schools," said Consiglio. "In her short time in Orange, she has already demonstrated the type of leadership and commitment to education that our children deserve. The board saw Ms. McMullin's strengths throughout the search process and we are thrilled to have her energy infused into our district."

Consiglio said it's time to move on.

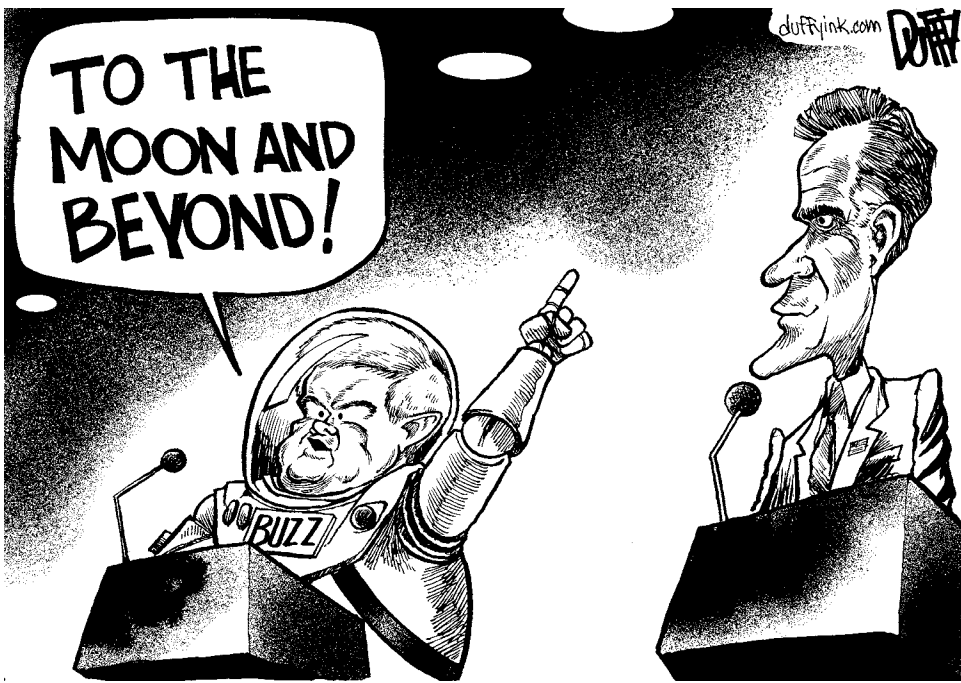
"The Orange Board of Education is moving forward with our agenda to improve curriculum, technology, and facilities," she said. "This is an exciting time and the board refuses to divert its attention away from its focus by continually commenting on COPA's complaints. As far as the board is concerned, the issue is over and done with."

But Richetelli says COPA still wants answers because the group's questions have never been addressed. "At this point we don't want to do anything to negatively impact the school district and hope the superintendent does succeed because I have children in the system and want them to get the best education possible," Richetelli said. "But that doesn't change the fact that this school board conducted what amounted to an illegal process in hiring her."

First Selectman James Zeoli said just as the state Department of Education, the Board of Selectmen cannot intercede in a Board of Education matter.

"The school board is a completely separate entity from the town, but we did end up getting involved and listening to what COPA had to say at the urging of one of the complainants," said Zeoli. "While we understand some people were not happy with the process, it looks like the final result is that we ended up with an outstanding school superintendent who has embraced the job. I hope this can now be dropped and we can move on."

When asked about the issue McMullin told the Orange Town News "I rarely think about the issue with Mr. Richetelli and COPA and it really hasn't dampened my spirits or colored my feelings about the heart-warming reception I've had in Orange. I feel very well suited to the community and the work that needs to be done. I've only been here a month, but at the end of the day I feel like I've (already) made a difference."



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The children at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School rang in the Chinese New Year 2012 (Year of the Dragon) by making dumplings during class and later parading throughout the church as the dragon themselves. Pictured are the students underneath the beautiful handmade dragon. The nursery school has open enrollment for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Please call 203-795-9749 for more information.

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A Four-Year-Old at New England School of Montessori in Milford explores numbers 1 through 999.



Pictured with Sharon (in background) students demonstrate what they learned about recycling through a game called "Trash Detectives".

## Race Brook Students Learn Recycling

Did you know that cereal boxes are recyclable? Did you know that you can throw your junk mail and plastic containers into the same blue bin? On a recent afternoon at Race Brook School's 21st Century After-School-Program, volunteer and Orange resident, Sharon Wynne, took some of the mystery out of recycling. "Recycling has always been an integral part of the 21st Century Program", stated Director Trish Clark, "and this program was both instructional and fun for our students".

Connecticut mandated recycling in July 2011. The Town of Orange increased its recycling efforts by introducing Single-Stream Recycling. Now residents can put all of their recyclables – plastic, paper, metal and more, into the single blue bin. Refer to the Town website for more information or follow this link: [www.orange-ct.gov/ser/recycling.html](http://www.orange-ct.gov/ser/recycling.html).



Peck Place Student Council hopes the "snack bags" it put together to bring to the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven will make life just a bit easier for the families of sick children. The Ronald McDonald House program provides a "home-away-from-home" for families so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little or no cost. Student Council members recently forfeited their lunch and recess periods to go to Erica Campbell's fifth grade classroom to put together the bags of treats. The students formed an assembly line, stuffing more than 50 bags each with a drink and non-perishable food items donated by the Peck Place community. The bags then went to the ribbon-tying table where they were garnished with a pretty bow and label. "When families go to the hospital they are often there all day with nothing much to eat," Campbell said. "We hope they can just grab a bag and at least they will have a snack while they are there." The bags were delivered to the Ronald McDonald House by two Student Council representatives from grades three through six, Campbell and Peck Place Principal Al DeCant. Ronald McDonald House residents enjoyed a performance by Principal DeCant who played songs on his guitar from his hit CD "Metamorphosis."

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**Romantic Restaurants for Valentine's Day**

Love is always in the air on Valentine's Day. Having a romantic dinner with your "significant other" is one of the most memorable ways of celebrating Valentine's Day. I would like to share a few of my favorite picks for romantic restaurants in the area. All of these local family owned restaurants have the ambiance that will make your Valentine's Day celebration very special.

**CAFÉ GOODFELLAS** - 758 State Street, New Haven, CT 06511- 203-785-8722 - [www.cafegoodfellas.com](http://www.cafegoodfellas.com) - featuring Italian food prepared to perfection along with elegant service. Chef/Owner Gerry Iannacone focuses on simple farm fresh ingredients coupled with traditional Italian cooking in an atmosphere where customers have a great time.

**CARMINE'S TUSCAN GRILL RISTORANTE** - 1500 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT 06515- 203-389-1071 [www.carminestuscangrill.com](http://www.carminestuscangrill.com). Located in the Amity section close to the Merritt Parkway just off Exit 59. Carmine's is a very well established popular restaurant offering old country charm and exquisite dining with the ambiance of Italy in the heart of New Haven. The food and service are superb.

**CHUCK'S ORANGE AVENUE "A Steakhouse by Claudio"** - 1003 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06513 - 203-934-5300 - [www.chuckswesthaven.com](http://www.chuckswesthaven.com). Yes, the talented Claudio from Jeffrey's Restaurant in Milford now owns the legendary Chuck's and he has made some significant changes both inside and out. Time to revisit this well established location for that romantic dinner.

**CONSIGLIO'S** - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven, CT 06511 - 203-865-4489 - [www.consiglios.com](http://www.consiglios.com). The time has come to "rediscover" Consiglio's. The longevity of this restaurant speaks for itself. Consiglio's is the perfect example of the "Little Italy" restaurant offering warm, cozy, romantic ambience, flawless service and of course the outstanding food.

**JEFFREY'S RESTAURANT BY CLAUDIO** - 501 New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-1910 - [www.jeffreysofmilford.com](http://www.jeffreysofmilford.com). Jeffrey's Restaurant has an excellent reputation for outstanding food and service. The main dining room offering sweeping views of the salt marsh has elegant furnishings including linen tablecloths and napkins. The intimate lounge offers a fireplace and piano. Many evenings you will find guests dancing and being serenaded by owner Claudio himself. He is a true gentleman and the ultimate host with a gift of making his customers feel like they are very special and part of his family.

**OLD GATE TAVERN STEAKHOUSE** - 290 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-301-0408 - [www.oldgatetavern.com](http://www.oldgatetavern.com). Owner Joe Sandalo certainly knows how to do it right. Old Gate Tavern Steakhouse offers great food, great prices, great atmosphere, great smiles and my favorite "linen napkins". Almost forgot to mention that great bar!

**RAINBOW GARDENS RESTAURANT & BAR** - 117 North Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-878-2500 - [www.rainbowgardens.org](http://www.rainbowgardens.org). Rainbow Gardens Restaurant & Bar is the quintessential example of a quaint & cozy New England family owned restaurant but with all the modern amenities. The dining area offers a series of private areas for that intimate cozy dinner. Rainbow Gardens new bar offers an alternative for mature professionals to enjoy each other's company in a sophisticated adult environment overlooking the beauty of Milford Center. The view of the Milford Green is spectacular through large picture windows with stained glass accents.

**REGGIANO'S PIZZA & PASTA HOUSE** - 487 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, CT 06460 - 203-713-8300 - [www.ReggianosCT.com](http://www.ReggianosCT.com). This new addition to the area has been receiving rave reviews especially for their homemade pasta. Stay tuned for a detailed profile in a future issue.

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

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Julianne Moore as Sarah Palin

**Q:** I got completely hooked on HBO's "Game of Thrones," and I can't wait until it returns for its second season. Would you know when that might be? -- Brad F., via e-mail

**A:** Well, Brad, I just happen to have that little nugget of info -- and I am willing to share. The next season of the medieval-fantasy series begins (no fooling) April 1 at 9 p.m., and like the first season, the second season will be 10 episodes long. And **Lena Headey** (who plays Ceresei) tells us that season two will bring even more drama (Is that possible?). The show also stars **Peter Dinklage** as Tyrion, **Emilia Clarke** as Daenerys, **Nikolai Coster-Waldau** as Jaime, **Kit Harington** as Jon and **Michelle Fairley** as Catelyn.

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**Q:** I'm confused: First I heard **Marg Helgenberger** is leaving "CSI" for good, then I heard she's not, and now I hear she is again. Can you clear this up for me? -- Constance D., Newport, Conn.

**A:** I'll try. Marg, who left the top-rated CBS crime drama at the end of January, is pretty much gone -- as a regular castmember. However, her character's future has been left open so Marg can return for a guest appearance, if she wishes. Marg assures her fans that they haven't seen the last of Catherine Willows: "That was one of the reasons why it was a little easier for me to leave the show, because the producers said to me practically every day that the door is wide open. If I'm available and I'm up for it, you betcha."

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**Q:** I remember seeing pictures of **Julianne Moore** in some entertainment magazines dressed up as **Sarah Palin**. Was that for a movie? If so, when will it be out? I'd love to see it. -- Margaret W., via e-mail

**A:** Julianne does indeed star as the 2008 vice-presidential hopeful in the HBO movie "Game Change," which is based on the 2010 book of the same name. The movie premieres

on Saturday, March 10, and also stars **Ed Harris** as **Sen. John McCain** and **Woody Harrelson** as campaign chair **Steve Schmidt**, along with **Peter MacNicol**, **Sarah Paulson** and **Ron Livingston**. The movie will mainly track the actions of the Republican Party during the 2008 elections, while the book devotes equal time to both Republicans and Democrats.

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**Q:** I am dying to find out who killed Rosie Larson! When will "The Killing" return? -- Darla A., Portland, Ore.

**A:** Hang in there just a few more months, Darla! Sunday, April 1 marks the return of the suspense drama to AMC with a two-hour premiere starting at 8/7c. The following week, the series returns to its normal timeslot of 9/8c. If you need to catch up or want to refresh your memory, you can see the entire 13-episode first season On Demand starting Monday, March 5.

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## ARTS & LEISURE



### Exploring Layers: New Work by Judy Atlas

Orange resident Judy Atlas will be showing her work from February 2 - February 26 at City Gallery, 994 State Street, New Haven ([www.city-gallery.org](http://www.city-gallery.org)), 203-782-2489. There will also be a Closing Reception Sunday, February 26, noon to 5pm. For further information contact [info@city-gallery.org](mailto:info@city-gallery.org). The gallery hours are Thursday - Sunday 12-4pm, also by appointment.

Judy Atlas drew inspiration for her abstract paintings from the "scenery of the street" - ranging from remnants of European antiquities in ancient Pompeii to the notices, flyers, and graffiti seen on the streets of contemporary New York. The acrylic and mixed media paintings utilize shapes, images, light, and mark making to reflect the artist's personal journey, and to begin one for the viewer.



### Hips Against Hunger - Yale Belly Dance Spring Show

Get ready for a belly dance spectacular and fundraiser for the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen! March 30, 8 pm, and March 31, 8 pm, Harkness Auditorium in the Sterling Hall of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT. This dynamic dance show will include exciting swirling skirts, spinning veils, breathtaking sword balancing, and dances to traditional and modern music from the Middle East and beyond! Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, we hope to make this our most extravagant show ever. See <http://www.yale.edu/bellydance/events/> for tickets (\$5) and more information. Sponsored by the Yale Office of International Students and Scholars, the McDougal Center, and the Yale Graduate and Professional Student Senate.



### An Evening of Traditional Irish Music

Join accordion maestro John Whelan and special guest Dan Gurney for an evening of traditional Irish music at St. Gabriel's Church Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford on Thursday, February 16, at 7:45 pm. Sponsored by the P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas, the session is free and all are welcome to attend. Dan Gurney has appeared on Public Radio International, and has won nine medals on the button accordion at the Fleadh Cheoil music competitions, among other accomplishments. His new CD, Traditional Irish Music on the Button Accordion, is considered to be "among the most exciting releases to come from an Irish American in recent months."

John Whelan, seven time all-Ireland button accordion player, has been recently named by the Irish Music Association the 2011 Top Button Accordion player in the US, Ireland, Europe and England. He also received the award in 2009.

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## New York Botanical Gardens, The Cloisters and Arthur Avenue

Join the Church of the Holy Spirit, West Haven on Saturday, June 2 when they visit the New York Botanical Gardens, the Cloisters and Arthur Avenue. In addition to the Botanical's beautiful gardens, there will be a special exhibit, Monet's Garden that pays tribute to Monet and his inspirations through flowers and gardens. There will be a docent led tour of the Cloisters, the medieval outpost of the Metropolitan Museum of Art overlooking the Hudson River. There will be leisure time on Arthur Avenue where the passion for good food continues with the wonderful neighborhood food shops and restaurants.

The cost of the trip is \$90 per person and includes r/t transportation, admission to the Botanical Gardens, private tour of the Cloisters, shopping on Arthur Avenue and driver tip. For reservations, please call 203-933-0599 or 203-932-6639.

### The "Legal Team" of Lucibello & Proscino, LLP Opens in Orange

When Attorneys Emily Riordan Lucibello & Lisamaria T. Proscino opened their January 2012 law firm, they did so with both a mission and a vision: to provide ethical, high quality, representation at client sensitive rates. Lucibello and Proscino are proud that the collaborative experience of both attorneys permits the firm to offer the ability to provide comprehensive representation in the areas of divorce and family law, estate planning, personal injury law, business law, and criminal defense. For a further explanation of what types of matters this team takes on, visit their website: [www.lplawct.com](http://www.lplawct.com).

This legal team's website also states the commitment and ambition of these attorneys to being advocates for their clients:

"At Lucibello & Proscino, LLP our team will defend our clients against the government in both the State and Federal District Courts of Connecticut. When our clients are injured or treated unfairly, our team will fight for their rights."

The attorneys have both explained that it is this commitment to quality representation, through collaboration, which has caused these attorneys to coin their law practice "a legal team."

Attorney Lucibello & Attorney Proscino previously worked together for a prominent New Haven litigation firm, Lynch, Traub, Keefe & Errante, P.C., while in law school, which is where they initially established their professional relationship. These Orange-based attorneys say that they were impressed with what they observed to be an obvious passion for mastering law through continued practice which was exemplified by the attorneys of that firm, some of which who have been named top attorneys in their respective practice areas in both Connecticut and nationwide. That commitment to a certain level of practice and representation of clients inspired both Attorney Lucibello and Attorney Proscino. As both attorneys explain, it is with that objective in mind that Lucibello & Proscino, LLP was formed.

Lucibello & Proscino, LLP has opened its practice in the historical district of Orange, right in the center of town next to Peoples United Bank. This is the same former location of Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP, the firm where Attorney Lucibello was previously the managing partner. From this location, the attorneys represent clients in the State and Federal District Courts of Connecticut, including Milford, New Haven, Hartford, and more.

Attorney Lucibello and Attorney Proscino invite you to contact this legal team with questions, or to set up a consultation:

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### Plan-related fees and expenses

The plan sponsor must disclose, at least quarterly, the dollar amount of the expenses and fees that were actually charged during the preceding quarter to the participants' plan accounts for such services as accounting, legal and recordkeeping. The disclosures must also include a description of the services from which the charges are derived.

The plan sponsor must also specify the fees that were charged to the participants' individual account, including fees for the use of brokerage windows, commissions, front- or back-end loads or sales charges, redemption fees, transfer fees, and optional rider charges in annuity contracts. Moreover, the fees charged for specialized services individual plan participants receive, such as processing and fulfilling loan requests, pre-retirement withdrawals, or personalized investment advice, will also be captured on the new disclosures.

### Key investment-related information

Another major change 401(k) plan participants will see on their statements is data detailing how the investments being offered have performed in the past, including the one-, five- and ten-year returns for mutual funds and other plan investment options that do not have a fixed rate of return. For both variable and fixed rate investment options, the plan must provide a description of any shareholder-type fees or restrictions on purchases or withdrawals.

What's more, the annual rate of return and the term of the investment must be clearly defined for fixed investments, with participants being directed to a website for each investment option that provides more details about the fund. Participants must also be provided with a glossary of terms explaining any investment terminology used in the description, according to the new regulations. The plan's investment-related information should be presented to participants in a chart or similar format that is designed to make it easy for participants and beneficiaries to compare each of the investment options available under the plan.

The new disclosure rules are poised to move the industry closer to greater transparency as the fees being charged to savers will become clearer. Ultimately, the enhanced disclosures could help you stay better informed and aware of what you are paying for your retirement plan.

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## HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

### Saint Barbara Offers Greek Cooking Classes

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church continues to offer its very successful cooking classes for traditional Greek dishes that are part of the Mediterranean diet. The classes are held every Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 pm at 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT. Classes for the winter 2012 session will be held on February 7, 14, 21, and 28. This series will include dishes such as: chicken pie with leeks and ham in phyllo, a pork ragout with vegetables cooked in wine, lamb with mint and sage, chickpea soup, baked milk pie, and many more. Cost for the series is \$140 and includes ingredients, generous tasting, and copies of recipes. Single classes are \$40. For additional information and registration, please contact: Olympia Hadjimichael at 203-397-5112 (daytime) or ohadjimichael@gmail.com; Jane Hadjimichael at 203-389-5251 (evenings) or jane.hadjimichael@gmail.com.



St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

### Church Of The Good Shepherd Announces Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday Meals to be Served at Church of the Good Shepherd

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



Church of the Good Shepherd

#### Weekly Services

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

### Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events

**Coffee & Learn Wednesdays**, 11:00 am: Each week the Rabbi addresses interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The Rabbi begins at new topic: "The Three Modern Revisions of Judaism": Judaism has been revised repeatedly through the ages. When we sensed that Jewish belief or practice was beginning to stray from the central message of our faith, inspired leaders helped us "correct the course of Judaism".



Congregation Or Shalom

At "Coffee & Learn" in February, we'll explore three modern revisions of Judaism: Hassidism, Mussar, and Reform/Conservative Judaism. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (coffee and) are served.

**Musical Shabbat and Dinner**, March 2, 6:30 pm: Come celebrate Shabbat Across America. We will begin with a pasta dinner at 6:30 pm followed by a musical Shabbat Service featuring Richard Gans and his band at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per family of 4, \$3 for additional family members and \$7 for a single.

**Purim Carnival**, Sunday, March 4 at 10:00 am: Or Shalom's Youth group will once again host the Annual Purim Carnival with fun games, prizes and raffles! All are welcome.

**Purim Dinner Dance Party** featuring the band "Coconuts": Back by popular demand, Coconuts will perform and then there will be a DJ for dancing. A buffet dinner will be served. Reservations are \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10. Contact Or Shalom for more information or visit our website for more information, [www.orshalomct.org](http://www.orshalomct.org).

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

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

**Services**: Sunday mornings: 9:00 am  
Monday mornings: 7:30 am  
Thursday mornings: 7:30 am

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

Saturday mornings: 9:30 am

All events are open to non-members.

### Cantor Jeffrey Klepper to Perform at Temple Emanuel

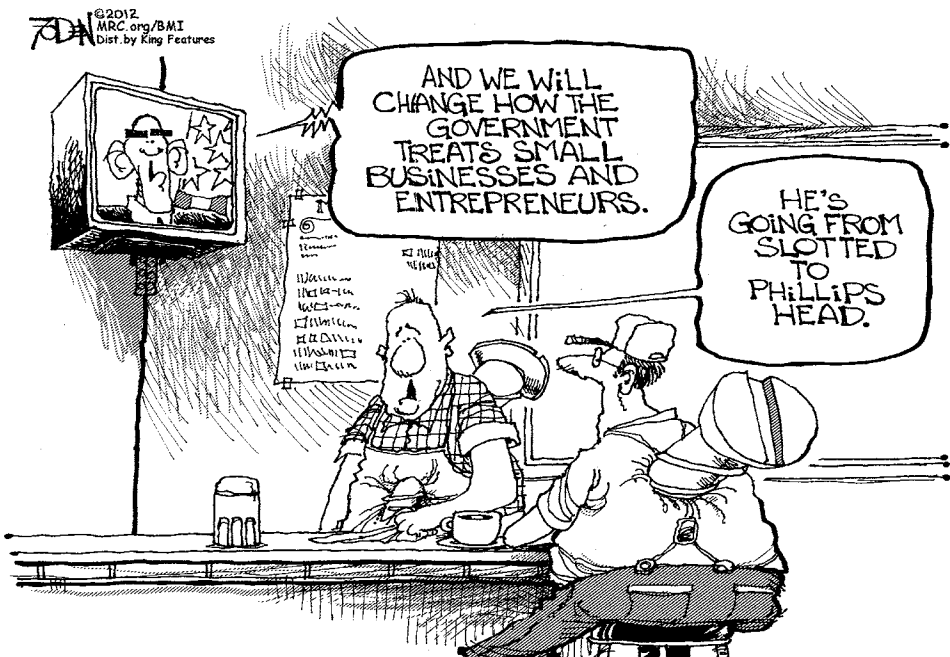
One of the most renowned and respected musicians in contemporary American Judaism, Cantor Jeffrey Klepper will join Temple Emanuel's 50th anniversary celebration as Musician in Residence on March 24 and 25, 2012. He will present a concert of his music, in collaboration with the Temple Emanuel Band, on March 24 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary at Temple Emanuel. Cantor Klepper has performed throughout the USA and Israel, in England, France, the Netherlands and Russia. His original songs, such as the universally beloved "Shalom Rav," are known throughout the Jewish world.

One of a handful of contemporary Jewish musicians responsible for changing the sound of American synagogue music, Cantor Klepper is a champion of congregational singing in worship. His influence is demonstrated not only in the hundreds of cantors, song leaders, teachers, singers and musicians who regularly teach and perform his songs, but in the thousands of students, campers and shul-goers who sing them.

Join the excitement at Temple Emanuel on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$36/family or \$18/person; ticket includes dessert reception and meet and greet with the musicians. To reserve tickets, or for further information, please go to [www.templemanuel-gnh.org/te-50](http://www.templemanuel-gnh.org/te-50) or call 203-397-3000. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.



Jeffrey Klepper



## Orange Rotary to Hold Annual Charity Auction

The Orange Rotary Club will be having its 18th Annual Auction to benefit its Charitable Foundation on Friday, March 2nd. The event will be held at Race Brook Country Club, beginning at 6:30 p.m.; tickets are \$37.50 each. The evening will include a Dinner Buffet, Live and Silent Auction, and a Balloon Raffle. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Auction Chair, Mike Richetelli at (203) 795-8060 or [mike@colprop.com](mailto:mike@colprop.com) or through any Orange Rotarian. Area businesses are invited to donate goods or services to help Rotary carry out its charitable endeavors.

All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Orange Rotary's initiatives both locally and abroad; the club contributes over \$30,000 annually. Locally, the club provides dictionaries to every third grader in Orange, registers area children in the Amber Alert ID Program, and makes donations for the town food pantry and energy assistance program. For the last two years, the club has participated in "Project Warm" and has donated thousands of coats to area schools and shelters to help keep underprivileged kids warm. Additionally, the club awards \$6,000 in college scholarships annually to high school seniors from Orange.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mike Richetelli at (203) 795-8060 or send an email to [mike@colprop.com](mailto:mike@colprop.com). You may also view the Rotary website at [orangerotary.org](http://orangerotary.org).

## Senator Slossberg Tours Yale University's New West Campus

State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Milford/Orange), long-standing vice-chair of the legislature's Public Health Committee, was a guest at Yale University's new West Campus for a tour of the school's planned stem cell research facilities. Yale's West Campus is the former Bayer facility.

Senator Slossberg was an advocate for the 2005 state law that commits \$100 million over ten years to help underwrite stem cell-related medical research. This funding is at present supporting more than 100 individual research projects and has generated some 250 jobs at three in-state institutions: Yale, the University of Connecticut, and Wesleyan University. "At Yale alone there is significant progress to report in the effort to address such diseases as ovarian cancer and diabetes," Senator Slossberg said. "This cutting edge research will provide hope to so many people suffering from a whole range of debilitating diseases. The research being conducted here feeds directly into the private sector and helps build vitality into our state's fledgling biomedical and life science industry," Senator Slossberg said. "The Yale stem cell center is a great example of how state resources can and have been leveraged to stimulate new economic activity and attract investors, investments, and jobs to our state."

"And most of the return on the state's investment goes to supporting wages and salaries, and that means jobs for Connecticut residents," Senator Slossberg added. "Our state's investment provides continued potential for economic growth as well as great advancements in biomedicine – a formula that will be a strong foundation for Connecticut's emerging biotech industry."



Gayle Slossberg

## Orange Imaging Club Offers Its Services

The Orange Imaging Club will provide, free of charge, to any group needing photographs for inclusion with their articles a volunteer to take pictures of your event. For more information about this service, please contact Jim Boemmels at [boemmels@optimum.net](mailto:boemmels@optimum.net).



The Orange Imaging Club is seeking new members. The Club provides opportunities for every level of photographer/vid-eographer to improve their craft. Whether you are a beginner or seasoned professional you will become part of an enthusiastic group that provides a wide variety of indoor and outdoor educational opportunities. Our current membership includes photographers with as little as a few years experience up to members with over forty years experience. You may email: [boemmels@optimum.net](mailto:boemmels@optimum.net) or just show-up.

## Klarides Hears About Local & State Topics

A handful of residents met with state Rep. Themis Klarides on January 30th to discuss issues they consider important to this community and their state. Klarides joined state Sen. Gayle Slossberg and First Selectman Jim Zeoli in holding office hours at Town Hall. "I represent the interests of three communities, and it's a responsibility I take seriously," said Klarides, who serves as Deputy Republican Leader. "I can't do that job effectively unless I'm talking to constituents regularly—whether it's here at Town Hall, on the telephone, or at a local coffee shop."



Themis Klarides

Among the topics discussed was a matching grant application drafted by folks from Amity Teen Center, where administrators would like to go "green" by installing solar panels. Klarides and her colleagues also heard from the owner of a landscape company who shared his thoughts about state regulations and how they affect both businesses and consumers.

The 2012 legislative session begins February 8, and Klarides urges constituents to contact her office with their ideas, questions or concerns about issues related to state government. Klarides can be reached at 800-842-1423 or [themis.klarides@housegopct.gov](mailto:themis.klarides@housegopct.gov).

Rep. Themis Klarides represents the 114th General Assembly District covering Woodbridge, Orange and Derby. She is a member of the legislature's committees on Appropriations, Judiciary, Executive and Legislative Nominations, and Legislative Management.

## FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor:

"Although the search for a new Superintendent in Orange was concluded last Summer and the candidate has started in the position, the Orange BOE and its' Chair for some reason feel it necessary to continue making assertions that the process was fair and has recently alluded to a letter from the State BOE in response to a complaint that was filed by the Concerned Orange Parents Association (COPA).

Let me be clear; the search process used by the Orange BOE to elect a new Superintendent of Schools was severely flawed. The BOE did not comply with their own policies for this process, including the formation of a Search Committee, as acknowledged in a letter by the Board Chair- Jeanne Consiglio. What is truly disappointing is that although some Board members have said that the Board should have followed their own rules, Ms. Consiglio has never acknowledged publicly that the Board is obligated to adhere to their policies.

After careful consideration, COPA, although very disturbed about the process and lack of observation of the policies, decided against legal action against the Board of Ed, as it would have cost the taxpayers of Orange money. Instead, COPA filed complaints with both the Town of Orange Board of Selectmen and the State of CT Board of Education. Both groups stated that they do not have jurisdiction over the Board of Education and that the BOE is responsible for following their own rules; the State BOE in no way absolved the Orange BOE of any wrongdoing.

It's unfortunate that the Orange BOE can act autonomously with no oversight from any other governing body when making decisions that affect our children. The Board Chair's actions throughout this process are highly suspect; she has demonstrated a complete lack of leadership. She neglected to follow the policies adopted by her Board for conducting a Superintendent Search. She then ignored a group of concerned parents and forum members who expressed concerns over the process used, including refusing to meet on several occasions and finally not permitting the public to speak at the October BOE meeting when the Board put the topic of the Superintendent Search on the agenda at the last minute. By neglecting to follow the rules prescribed by the Board and not engaging in a dialogue with concerned parents, she has demonstrated extremely poor judgment. This type of non-inclusive approach and poor decision making is not consistent with what is expected from someone in a leadership position. Perhaps that is what attributed to her recently being voted off of the Democratic Town Committee- an event that is unprecedented for a sitting Chair of a town Board.

Going forward, COPA will continue to be an advocate for the children of Orange; the group is in the process of developing a website in order to keep the parents of our town informed of decisions being made by both paid and elected officials which affect our kids."

Mike Richetelli  
President- COPA

# Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

## 90+?



Many of the better merchandised wine stores in the area are carrying a series of wines called 90+. Robert Parker, the great food and wine critic came up with a 100 point rating score for fine wines. Any wine that rated above 90 was 90+ and was a well sought after wine that would help any meal and any event become something special. Generally the 90+ wines ranged from \$25 to several hundred dollars per bottle. Yes, per bottle! During the great Wall Street and Real Estate bubbles prior to 2007 price seemed to be no object for these wonderful fine wines. The great California Cabs and other varietals and many great international wines were not selling in the demand volume when Wall Street collapsed and the housing bubble burst. The result was a lot of wineries with back rooms filled with stainless steel tanks and French and American Oak barrels filled with terrific wines.

These top flight wineries did not want to lower the price of their wines as supply and demand would indicate because they did have a market at the old prices, but at lesser volumes. So along came a group that bottled a select group of wines at exceptional value and they wanted to sell on line. They approached great wineries with excess volume and made them offers getting volumes of wines to be sold on line at 25, 40 and 50 percent of the price of the original wines. They could not disclose the wineries that produced the wines. That was part of the agreement. Finally, something did not sell well on line!!!! Now they have become available at some of the best wine stores in the area. SOMETHING DID NOT SELL WELL ON LINE!!! You mean wines had to be sold the old fashioned way. IN A STORE!! YESSSS!

You can go to nintypluscellers.com on line (if you must!) or just go to a top area wine retailer and find these 90+ wines. Some that I think are great values are: Cotes Du Rhone Lot 30. This is a big red with a spectacular oak with a chocolate and vanilla finish. About \$13.00 it is a killer wine! There are a couple of Cabs that will knock you out! One is a Cab from Mendoza in Argentina. It has lots of black currant with cherry and casis. A bit of tobacco is evident. This is a great buy at about \$13.00.

The 90+ Curico Valley Cabernet is a terrific Chilean wine! It is a deep ruby red wine with big black currin and a big plumb flavor. At about \$12.00 it is a buy. Look for lot 44! Chilean wines have acquired great popularity in this country. Look out for these 90+ wines! They are a combination of quality and price that is hard to beat. You will be glad you did! Wine of the month: Sangiovese 2009 Di Majo Norante with big black currin and great tannin finish. Sangiovese is major grape in Chianti. Chianti is a blend. This wine allows the Sangiovese grape to stand on its own with some oak. It is a dry red wine of Molise.

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

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## Did You Know?

It is very important to exercise care when admitting a family member to a nursing home. Most nursing home admission packets require a signature by a "responsible party". Since the parent being admitted often is unable to sign his/her name, the documents may be signed by the adult child making the arrangements. There have been a number of recent Connecticut Court cases in which a nursing home has sued a family member for an unpaid nursing home bill of a resident relative. If you are bringing a family member to a nursing home, be very careful about how the admission documents are signed!

- Although federal and state law prohibit a nursing home from requiring a child to guarantee the payment of a parent's nursing home costs, a child, inadvertently, may end up volunteering to take on that responsibility.
- Whenever possible, have all admission documents signed by the parent who will be entering the nursing home.
- If you are signing for a parent because you are named as an agent in a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument, sign "Name of Parent, By, Name of Child, Agent".
- If you are signing for a parent because you have been appointed as a Conservator by the Probate Court, sign "Name of Parent, By, Name of Child, Conservator."
- If the nursing home requires one or more names to contact in case of emergency, use the phrase "contact person" not "responsible person".
- If in doubt, have the admission documents reviewed, in advance, by an attorney familiar with elder law/nursing home legal issues.

Steven P. Floman and Allison M. DePaola of the law firm Cantor Floman are the authors of *Did You Know?* This article has been prepared for general informational purposes only. It is not intended to constitute legal advice. Readers should not act upon the information contained in this article without seeking advice from an attorney regarding the specific facts and circumstances of your case.

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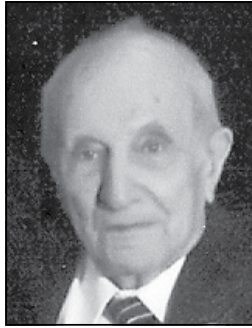


## Death Notices



### Albert L. Mantilia, Jr.

Albert L. Mantilia, Jr., 93 of Orange, passed away on January 18, 2012 at home peacefully after a long and happy life. He was raised in West Haven, graduated from West Haven H. S. and was an Orange resident for 53 years. He served in the United States Army during World War II with the 293rd Ordnance Company, in the European Theater of Operations. After the war, he rejoined the family business founded by his father. He served as president of Mantilia Motors until his retirement in 1981. He was active in numerous civic organizations and professional associations including the Connecticut Automotive Trades Association (president) and the Ford Dealers Advertising Association (president). More locally he was a member of the Orange Lions Club, the West Haven Elks Club and was an associate member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.



Albert Mantilia, Jr.

He was born, June 6th, 1918, the son of the late Albert and Luisa Buonocore Mantilia. He was the beloved husband of Mary DiLella Mantilia and the father of Albert (Barbara), Robert (Susan) and Peter (Rebecca). He was cherished by his grandchildren Dana Fordyce (Stephen), David (Dalma), Megan, Christine Giordano (Michael), Andrew and Alyssa along with his five great grandchildren, Kayla, Kylie, Jillian Fordyce and George and David Mantilia. He is also survived by his sister, Laura Damuck, and predeceased by his siblings, Arnold Mantilia and Emily Mantilia.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Maresca & Sons Funeral Home, 592 Chapel Street, New Haven, a Mass of Christian Burial was held at Church of the Holy Infant in Orange with Interment with Military Honors at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

In lieu of flower memorial contributions the family has requested donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 279 New Britain Rd., Kensington, CT 06057. Offer condolences at [www.marescafuneralhome.com](http://www.marescafuneralhome.com).

### George W. Murusky Jr.

George W. Murusky Jr, age 67, of Orange died peacefully surrounded by family on January 23, 2012 at CT Hospice following a valiant 11yr battle with significant health problems. Husband of Mary Lou, father of Kristen Elizabeth, of whom he was eternally proud, brother-in-law of Michael & Linda Randi (East Haven) and his devoted sidekick "Penny".

George was a Vietnam veteran, avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He spent many enjoyable days with his devoted nephew, Robert Hauser Jr., on fishing/road trips, including a memorable trip to Wyoming & Montana. George will be fondly remembered for his humor, tenacity and strength throughout his illnesses. He never complained and always managed to turn negatives into positives.



George Murusky, Jr.

Our utmost appreciation and respect to Dr Johanna LaSala and staff. Dr. LaSala has mastered the art of combining medical professionalism with sincere care and kindness. George and family wish to also acknowledge and thank the staff of Verdi 4W & Interventional Radiology (most especially Marlene & Judy) at the Hospital of St Raphael. Appreciation also to longtime friends Judy Pawlowicz and Betsy Graham who always made George's numerous hospital stays easier. An additional thanks to oncology nurse Diane Reynolds R.N. who was able to transform many difficult office visits with her bright smile, warm hugs and caring ways.

Proud to be part Native American, this poem best describes the memory George would wish to leave behind. "Don't stand by my grave and weep, for I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow. I'm the diamond's glint on snow. I am the sunlight on the ripened grain. I am the gentle autumn's rain. Don't stand by my grave and cry. I am not there, I am everywhere."

Services were private in accordance with George's wishes.

### Josephine F. Puglisi

Josephine F. Puglisi of Orange passed into God's hands at YNNH, after a brief illness, with her family by her side on January 14, 2012. Josephine was

the wife of the late John Nicholas Puglisi. She was born in New Haven on January 10, 1926, daughter of the late Salvatore & Rosa Chillemi. She leaves behind her beloved sons, John J. Puglisi & girlfriend Kristyn, his daughters Nicole & Samantha and James M. Puglisi, his wife Elizabeth & daughter Alexandra, many nieces, nephews & other relatives. Josephine was predeceased by brothers John & Michael Chillemi. She had worked at Yale University Press, Langier Mason, TRW Geometric Tool, Elizabeth A. Smith, Inc. and most recently as a guard at Yale's Sterling Library. A member of Holy Infant Women's Guild she loved to play bingo and slots at the casinos and watch her son John race stock cars and Jim play baseball.



Josephine Puglisi

Arrangements were handled by MARESCA & SONS FUNERAL HOME, New Haven, with a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Infant Church, Orange with internment in St. Lawrence Cemetery. Offer condolences at [www.marescafuneralhome.com](http://www.marescafuneralhome.com).



## Messina, Mullen to Wed

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Messina of Orange, Connecticut announce the engagement of their daughter, Tatiana, to Michael Mullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mullen of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Tatiana is a graduate of Villanova University and New York Law School. She works as an Assistant State's Attorney for the State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice. Michael is a graduate of the University of Delaware and is a Risk Supervisor for Enterprise Holdings in Newburgh, New York. They plan to marry in October at St. Mary's Church in New Haven.

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## Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



### Cruise Safety

January's tragic accident of the Costa Concordia may have left some people wondering if a cruise is a safe vacation. My response is a resounding "Yes!".

Although still under investigation, it appears that the Costa Concordia tragedy was most likely caused by human error, with the extremely poor judgment of the ship's captain who veered off course and struck a reef. This error was then compounded when he abandoned both the ship and his responsibilities as captain shortly after the accident occurred, leaving the passengers and crew to fend for themselves. Although no loss of life is acceptable, I commend the crew for taking charge in the captain's absence and getting almost all passengers and crew safely off the ship. There indeed have been several stories of acts of bravery on the part of the crew.

So, just how safe is a cruise? The answer is that it's incredibly safe. CLIA's (Cruise Lines International Association, the world's largest cruise association) statistics show that from 2005-2010, roughly 100 million people cruised, with 16 deaths attributed to marine accidents. This is due to the fairly stringent safety regulations created in cooperation with such agencies as the U.S. Coast Guard, FBI, Department of Transportation customs and border Protection Office of Naval Intelligence and the Department of Homeland Security. Still, there is room for improvement. The cruise lines are now reassessing the regulations regarding how and when the muster drills are performed. Currently, cruise lines are required to hold drills within 24 hours of sailing. Two lines, Regent Seven Seas and Oceania have both announced that they will now hold all muster drills on the day of departure. In fact, most cruise lines already do this.

If you have questions regarding cruise safety, I'd be glad to address them with you. Although the main stream media tends to paint a less than rosy picture of the cruise industry, you should be aware that they often leave out key facts in order to sensationalize their stories. For example, I've mentioned in this column previously that although a norovirus outbreak can happen on a ship, it happens much more frequently in nursing homes, daycare centers and schools. The Costa Concordia grounding was a terrible and tragic accident, but it was just that, an accident. Cruising is an exciting, fun, relaxing, invigorating, educational and memorable way to travel, but most of all, it's a safe way to travel.

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## "Yours, Mine and Ours"

By Roberta L. Nestor

Many newlyweds are 30-something and are combining households and finances for the first time. Whether you're 19 or 90, there are a number of financial items that should be on any newlywed's To Do list after the excitement of the wedding has subsided. In a world,

### Dollars and sense

long, long ago ... the management of household finances was controlled by the "bread winner", most often the husband. It was the husband who had the pension or retirement plan; the husband who managed the check book; the husband whose life had

the greatest value of life insurance. Not anymore! The majority of marriages today involve two incomes, two retirement plans, and insurance reaches to life, health and long term care.

- Spending Habits - the most important decision you can make would be to develop a budget and to stick with it! The budget talk is the most difficult because it generally means making sacrifices. You might want to start with deciding what expenditures would be considered joint versus an individual expense. Set aside a time to do your budget, it's not a subject that will end favorably if you start complaining about the cost of Garnier Fructis shampoo versus a store brand. Check out [www.mint.com](http://www.mint.com), it will pull all your financial data together so you can see the whole picture.
- Debt - this is the time to put it all out on the table. Perhaps it would be easier if you each obtained your credit report from Experian (888-397-3742) or Equifax (800-685-1111). During the dating phase of a relationship you might not have discussed all those student loans, if one has a bad credit score; this is the time find out the best way to fix things.
- Savings - discuss your savings for short term and long term goals. Is it the house you want to buy, is it for vacations, home improvement. You can also store these goals on [www.mint.com](http://www.mint.com). People save in many ways and most have "compartments" for their savings, i.e., savings for holidays, vacations, emergency funds or a new car. Be respectful of one another, what may seem silly to you may be something that works well for the other.
- Then there are the more obvious things you will need to do:
- Women must decide if they will keep their maiden name or a form of it and make any changes with social security, motor vehicles and with their employer.
- Find out who has the best health insurance plan and costs of being added as a spouse.
- Make sure you change your beneficiary (and name change if applicable) with any life insurance, annuities or retirement plans such as your 401k.
- Decide on how to best manage a joint checking account (who is most capable).
- Many people have different values when it comes to money. Different values concerning money can result in conflict. Understand the monetary value your partner places on "things". Do they feel that sneakers from Walmart are just as good as sneakers from the Foot Locker? Be respectful.

Finance related tensions, or however you define money problems can put a tremendous amount of stress on any relationship and is often a contributing factor to many divorces. By addressing your financial issues head on and right from the start you can avoid surprises in the future. A financial advisor can assist you in so many of these areas. Having an unbiased third party can guide you both to make sound decisions for your financial future.

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# top 10 movies

1. **Underworld Awakening (R)**  
Kate Beckinsale, Stephen Rea
2. **Red Tails (PG-13)**  
Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr.
3. **Contraband (R)**  
Mark Wahlberg, Kate Beckinsale
4. **Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (PG-13)**  
Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock
5. **Haywire (R)**  
Gina Carano, Michael Douglas
6. **Beauty and the Beast (G)**  
animated
7. **Joyful Noise (PG-13)**  
Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton
8. **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13)**  
Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner
9. **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13)**  
Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law
10. **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (R)**  
Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara

## TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **Killer Elite (R)**  
Jason Statham
2. **Moneyball (PG-13)**  
Brad Pitt
3. **Contagion (PG-13)**  
Matt Damon
4. **Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)**  
James Franco
5. **Colombiana (PG-13)**  
Zoe Saldana
6. **The Help (PG-13)**  
Viola Davis
7. **Scorpion King 3: The Battle for Redemption (PG-13)**  
Dave Bautista
8. **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R)**  
Katie Holmes
9. **The Hangover Part II (R)**  
Bradley Cooper
10. **What's Your Number (R)**  
Anna Faris

# Chartbusters

### Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris**  
"We Found Love"
2. **Adele**  
"Set Fire to the Rain"
3. **Flo Rida**  
"Good Feeling"
4. **Bruno Mars**  
"It Will Rain"
5. **LMFAO**  
"Sexy and I Know It"
6. **Katy Perry**  
"The One That Got Away"
7. **Jay Z Kanye West**  
"Ni--as in Paris"
8. **Tyga**  
"Rack City"
9. **Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa feat. Bruno Mars**  
"Young, Wild and Free"
10. **David Guetta feat. Nicki Minaj**  
"Turn Me On"

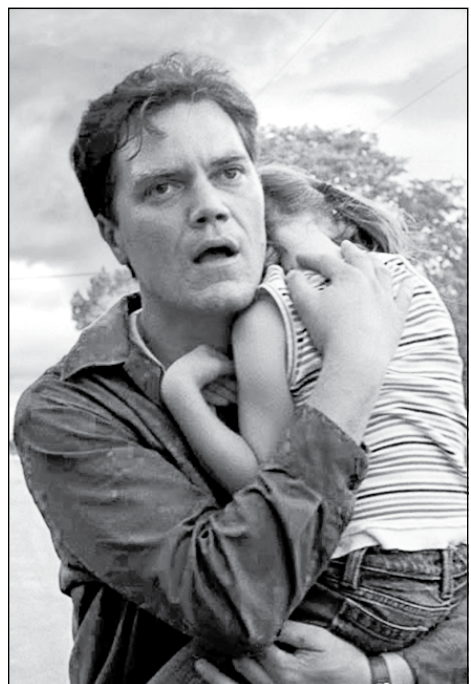


Zac Brown

### Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Eric Church**  
"Drink In My Hand"
2. **Luke Bryan**  
"I Don't Want This Night to End"
3. **Chris Young**  
"You"
4. **Zac Brown Band**  
"Keep Me in Mind"
5. **David Nail**  
"Let It Rain"
6. **The Band Perry**  
"All Your Life"
7. **Kenny Chesney**  
"Reality"
8. **Jason Aldean**  
"Tattoos On This Town"
9. **Keith Urban**  
"You Gonna Fly"
10. **Martina McBride**  
"I'm Gonna Love You Through It"

## COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Michael Shannon in "Take Shelter"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of February 13th, 2012.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"The Rum Diary" (R)** -- Adapted from an early novel by madman journalist Hunter S. Thompson, this romp doesn't seem to live up to the absurdity of its story and characters. Johnny Depp plays Paul Kemp, an American writer who dives into the lush paradise of 1960s Puerto Rico with the intention of becoming a respected newsman at a local paper. An American big shot (Aaron Eckhart) picks Kemp to polish the story

of his shady land deal. Things (are supposed to) kick off when Eckhart's blond bombshell of a fiancée takes a keen interest in the journalist, who already has his own ideas about how to portray the hungry capitalists circling the island.

What was shaping up to be a wild ride of debauchery and righteous anti-imperialism never hits full speed. The plot plods along as even the most outrageous acts of Kemp and his fellow burnout journalists seem tamed by lazy filmmaking.

**"Paranormal Activity 3" (R)** -- The franchise jumps into prequel mode and takes the found-footage poltergeist story back to 1988. Like the previous films, this one takes the angle of homemade tapes made by a family trying to catch a glimpse the thing that goes bump in the night. Though there's only so much gas left in the tank at this point in the series, "Paranormal Activity 3" produces the startling jumps and creepy chills that audiences come for.

**"Take Shelter" (R)** -- This chilling drama about a man and his fears is quiet, slow, gripping and hard to forget. Curtis (Michael Shannon) is a husband and father in small-town Ohio who starts having apocalyptic nightmares. The sense of dread seeps into his waking life as he quietly becomes obsessed with rebuilding an old tornado shelter in the backyard. Turmoil surfaces as his wife, his friends and his community start to doubt his sanity and his ability to care for his daughter.

Shannon knocks it out of the park, playing a good man with a quiet demeanor who is unable to cope with what's inside. The audience is pulled into his uneasiness as the man who is acting on intuition and compulsion goes further down the rabbit hole.

1. Which Jo Stafford hit from the 1950s netted her a No. 1 slot on charts in both the U.S. and U.K.?
2. Who is Andrew Loog Oldham?
3. Name the group that had a Top 10 hit with "Livin' Thing," and give the decade.
4. Which group released "Day After Day," a song covered by Rod Stewart 35 years later?
5. What was Lou Reed's first solo release? What was the name of the band he left?
6. Which girl group had a hit with "Eternal Flame," and when?



1. "You Belong to Me," in 1952. The song was originally written as "Hurty Home to Me." 2. Oldham was the Rolling Stones manager from 1963 to 1967. Although only 19, he had the brilliant idea of keeping custody of the master tapes and leasing them out for bigger profits. 3. Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) in 1976. 4. Badfinger, in 1971. The single from their "Straight Up" album and went to No. 4. 5. "Walk on the Wild Side," in 1971, was Reed's first solo single after leaving "The Velvet Underground." 6. The Bangles, in 1989. The song was No. 2 for the year, behind Madonna's "Like a Prayer."

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

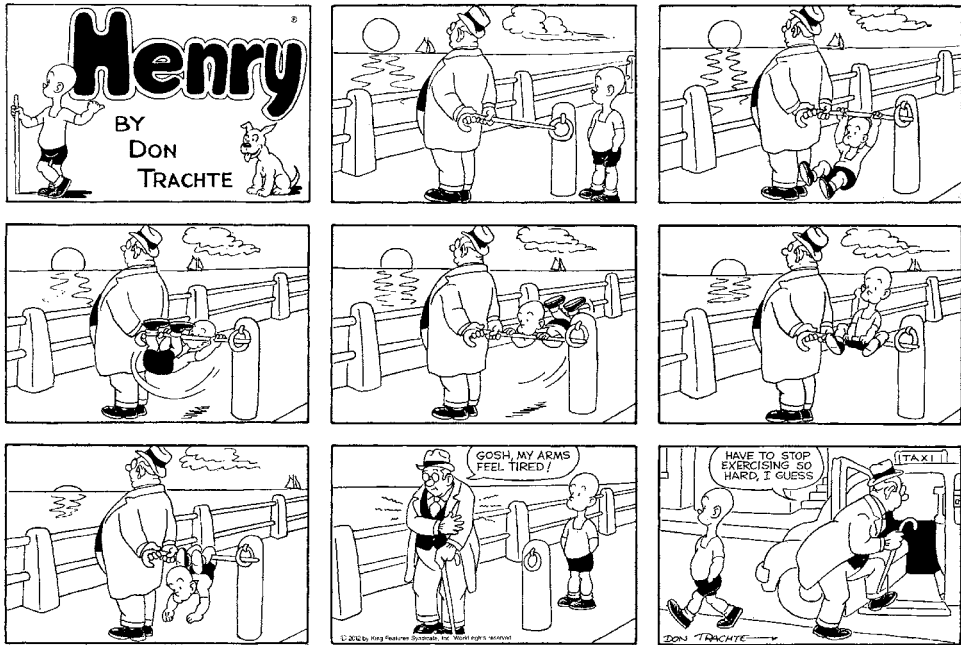
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Pee Wee Herman

HOLLYWOOD -- Director Barry Levinson has had untold problems with "Gotti: In the Shadow of My Father," starring John Travolta. Lindsay Lohan, mentioned to play mobster John Gotti's wife, Victoria, was passed over in favor of Travolta's wife, Kelly Preston, because of scheduling conflicts due to Lindsay's court problems. In October, financial issues almost postponed a January start, but the needed money was raised in time. Lohan also was dropped from the Linda Lovelace biopic and is now, supposedly, "in talks" to star as Elizabeth Taylor in Lifetime's "Elizabeth and Richard: A Love Story." Lindsay Lohan as Elizabeth Taylor? That's like casting Pee Wee Herman as Richard Burton!

invasion. His co-stars are Oscar nominee Harrison Ford, plus Abigail Breslin ("Little Miss Sunshine") and Hailee Steinfeld ("True Grit"), who were both Oscar nominated for their films. It's set for release in March 2013.

Hugh Jackman, fresh from his hit one-man Broadway show, starts shooting "Les Miz" -- as in "Les Miserables" -- in March with a dream cast beyond belief. In addition to Jackman, they've got Oscar-winner Russell Crowe, Anne Hathaway, Taylor Swift, Amanda Seyfried ("Mama Mia"), Eddie Redmayne ("My Week With Marilyn"), Helena Bonham Carter and Sasha Baron Cohen ("Hugo"). Add director Tom Hopper ("The King's Speech"), and you've got a powerhouse cast with something for everyone! Jackman also is Broadway-bound with the musical "Houdini," about the great escape artist. The play was written by Aaron Sorkin ("The Social Network" and "The West Wing"), with a musical score by "Wicked" composer Stephen Schwartz.

Three films made the billion-dollar club. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" was the top-grossing film of 2011 worldwide, at \$1.33 billion. "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" was second with \$1.12 billion, with "The Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" third at \$1.04 billion. What does it say about moviegoers when 13 of the top 20 films are fantasy or animated? The list also includes: "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1" (No. 4), "Kung Fu Panda 2" (No. 5), "The Smurfs" (No. 8), "Cars 2" (No. 9), "Rio" (No. 11), "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (No. 12), "Puss in Boots" (No. 13), "Thor" (No. 14), "Captain America" No. 16, "X-Men: First Class" (No. 17) and "The Adventures of Tintin" (No. 18). Based on this, maybe the Republicans should consider running Jessica Rabbit or Miss Piggy against President Obama!

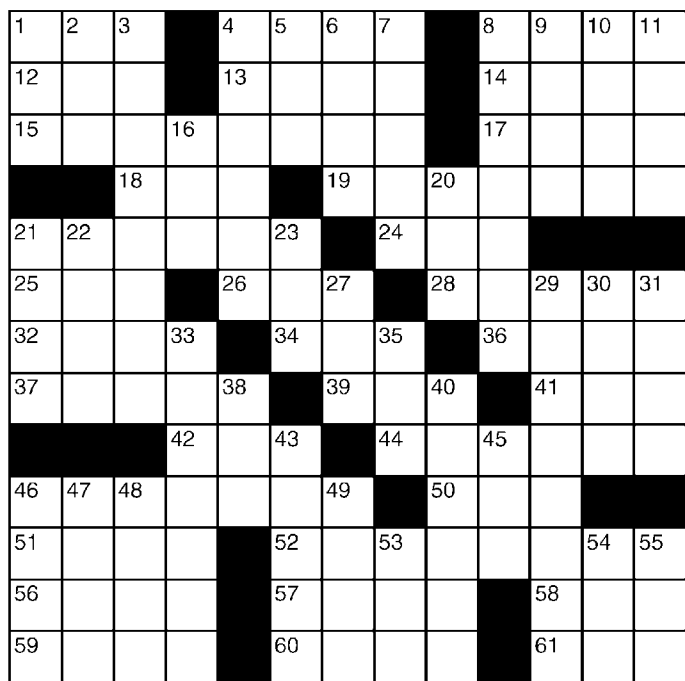
"Hugo" stars Asa Butterfield and Ben Kingsley are being reteamed in "Ender's Game." The 14-year-old Asa plays an unusually gifted child who is sent to a military school in space to prepare for a coming alien

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Six-pack muscles
- 4 "Huh?"
- 8 Slender
- 12 Speck
- 13 Ginormous
- 14 Last few notes
- 15 Good poker hand
- 17 Stead
- 18 Possess
- 19 Weapon collection
- 21 San Fernando, for one
- 24 Melody
- 25 Have a bug
- 26 Witnessed
- 28 Stickum
- 32 March 15, e.g.
- 34 Central
- 36 Bring to a halt
- 37 Bold
- 39 Roscoe
- 41 Regret
- 42 Conger, e.g.
- 44 Coy
- 46 Puts in the wrong place
- 50 Tatter
- 51 Help slyly
- 52 Vigor
- 56 Paddock papa
- 57 "My bad"



- 58 Writer Buscaglia
- 59 Despot
- 60 Dalai —
- 61 Tackle's teammate
- 7 Aquarium fish
- 8 Eyeball coats
- 9 Pork cut
- 10 Concept
- 11 Manhandle
- 16 Piercing tool brand
- 20 Taste
- 21 Futile
- 22 Staffer for short
- 23 Sweet potato kin
- 27 Peruke
- 29 Fight
- 30 Go
- 31 Duel tool
- 33 Less
- 35 Old man
- 38 Verily
- 40 Singer Brewer
- 43 Disinfectant brand
- 45 Chap
- 46 Spar
- 47 Wading bird
- 48 Antitoxins
- 49 Old portico
- 53 Spinning stat
- 54 Coffee break hour
- 55 Scuttle

DOWN

- 1 Billboards
- 2 Automaton, for short
- 3 Modern-day pram
- 4 Complains feebly
- 5 Embrace
- 6 Ottoman bigwig

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You don't like rejection. But instead of trying to "ram" your ideas through to an unreceptive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Job commitments call for the tidy Taurian to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you'll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So resist the urge to splurge on things you don't really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness

in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you'll get through them all.

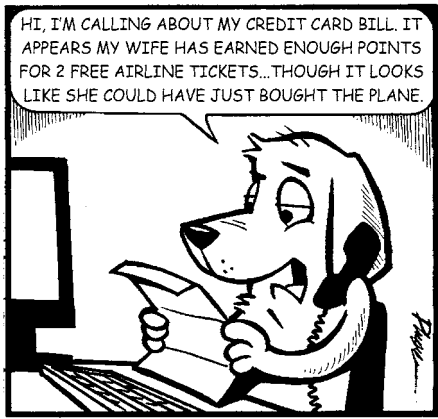
**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don't exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Keep your keen senses open to possible changes in personal and/or professional situations. Knowing what might lie ahead gives you an edge on how to handle it.

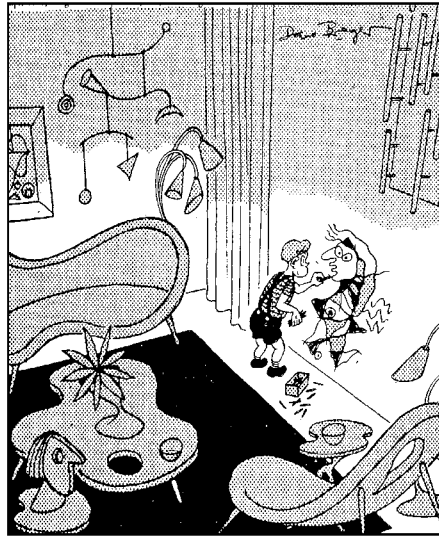
**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Like your fellow Aquarian Abraham Lincoln, you have a way of handling the most difficult situations with grace and conviction.

**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps



**MISTER BREGER** By Dave Breger



**LAFF - A - DAY**



"Don't be afraid to go out there and kill yourselves. We've got plenty of reserves."

**HUBERT - -** By Dick Wingert



"Pick us up in about ten minutes, Ethel."

## Be a Responsible Pet Owner



February is Responsible Pet Owners Month, and while I sometimes grouse about events that designate a specific period of the year to do something that should obviously be done every single day, I think it's a worthy way to enlighten new pet owners or those thinking about getting a pet on how to care for that pet. So, how can you be a responsible pet owner?

- If you're considering getting a pet:
- Study and learn all you can about the pet or breed you're interested in.
  - Consider adopting from a shelter or rescue.
  - Avoid buying dogs from puppy mills, at flea markets or other sketchy places.
  - If buying from a breeder, research and consider carefully before making a purchase.

- If you already have a pet:
- Spay or neuter your pet.
  - Do more than just provide food, water and shelter: Give your pet lots of love and attention.
  - Teach your children how to properly care for pets and how to play responsibly with them.
  - Provide regular, daily obedience training to your dog.
  - Keep your cat indoors.
  - When taking your dog out for a walk, follow your town's leash laws and pick up after it.
  - At dog parks, follow the posted rules. Owners who don't follow rules can put the park at risk of being shut down. Don't be that guy.

There are, of course, many other ways to be a responsible pet owner. But this is a good time to review the way you care for your pets, the routines you've fallen into, the training you've meant to start -- and to plan new fun and activities for your pets and family.

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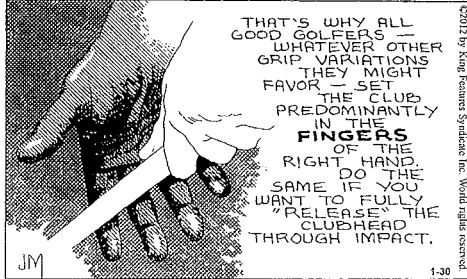
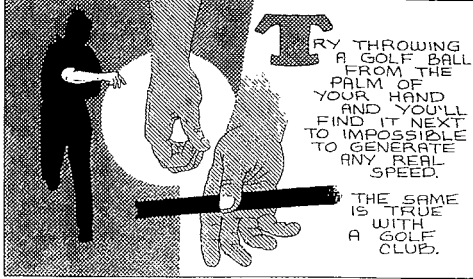
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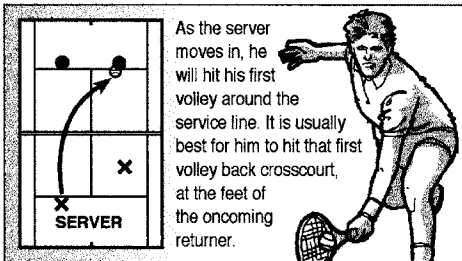
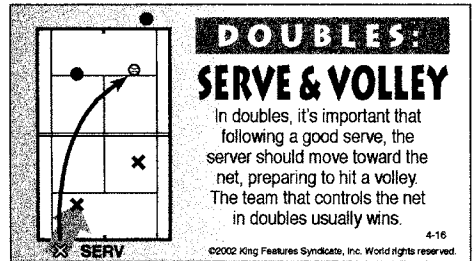
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## Touch 'Em All

By Dave Crow

I think the closest most folks ever get to either sainthood and/or madness is coaching youth baseball. Having coached other sports I can tell you that this statement fits any sport, but it seems especially appropriate for Baseball. With it's slow pace and lack of running around and screaming (two things that are near and dear to every child's heart) coaching baseball can push even the most balanced adult to the brink of madness. Until you've waded into a dugout full of six year olds, you have no idea how you're going to behave under that kind of pressure. And it is that very small act of stepping into that dugout that will bring you to the very best you can be and also push you to the point where you get to hear Nurse Ratchet tell you that, "those who are tardy do not get fruit cup."

Yet I must tell you as a parent that it is, in fact, a right of passage. Our parents went through it and now it's our turn to coach their grandchildren while they sit on the sidelines applauding our children's efforts and smirking at our struggles. It would be easier if our parents provided us with some kind of guidance, yet they have left us to our own devices, much as their parents did to them so many summers ago. So in the interests of encouraging people to sign up to manage and coach baseball this spring and summer in the Orange Little League, I'd like to give you, without further ado, Dave Crow's Survival Guide for Coaching Youth Baseball, more commonly known as, "If You Shave Your Head, No One Will Notice Your Hair is Falling Out."

**SAFETY IN NUMBERS!** - Before you launch into your career as a Youth Baseball coach it's best to make a pact with as many of the other parents as you can find. Enlist as many assistant coaches as you can early and often. I personally recommend that you visit your attorney and force all your assistants to sign a contract because if you don't you might notice some absenteeism among your coaching staff as the season grinds on. In fact, getting something signed and sealed in blood would be optimal.

Now, rules might limit how many coaches can be on the field during a game, but there is no limit to how many coaches can be at practice or at the games guarding the holes in the dugout that the little ones seem to sneak out of when you're not looking. Trust me you'll be amazed at their ability to get out of the dugout through holes that you thought not even a mouse could squeeze through. The more sets of eyes you can bring to bear on your young ones, the better.

This brings me to one of the great untapped resources in Youth Baseball and that's the mothers. Make a concerted effort to get mothers to join in the coaching. I don't know where this bias of fathers coaching started, but its time for it to end. Mothers are every bit as capable of coaching Youth Baseball as Fathers. So contact those other parents and do it as a group. If nothing else you'll have others to cling to as you are swarmed under by sunflower seed spitting munchkins running on a Dunkin Donut sugar high.

**BE PREPARED!** - Bringing a practice plan, a prepared lineup and the equipment bags to the practices and games is a nice start, but it doesn't really address the more fundamental needs you'll run up against in your time as a Youth Baseball Coach. Here are four things no Youth Baseball Coach should be caught without.

1. Kleenex - They're handy for wiping up all manner of bodily fluids, capturing the gum that everyone spits out and squishing the occasional spider that invades the bench. At a minimum someone is going to have to blow their nose. You'll need a fresh box for every game. It's a guarantee the kids won't want to use the ones you left in your trunk after last game, so spend the three

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dollars and get a fresh box. Don’t try to cheat and use one of those pocket sized packs either. That’s just a recipe for disaster.

2. Ice Packs – Next to Mommy Kisses ice packs are the great panacea of modern medicine. These little beauties cure more ailments than antibiotics. From bruises caused by bouncing balls to bee stings to migraine headaches brought on by high pitched voices chanting in unison, nothing soothes aches and pains like ice packs. Whatever happens on the ball field or on the bench, slap an ice pack on it before you do anything else. To be sure you have enough of these gems figure one ice pack per player per game. Why so many? Because as soon as you put an ice pack on one player the other players are going to figure out a way to need one too. I don’t know why that happens, but it’s like the Murphy’s Law of Injuries. Injuries among youth baseball players spread like wildfire and fortunately ice packs cure many if not all of the ailments you’re likely to encounter in such an epidemic.

3. Water – Every player usually comes equipped with a bottle of some kind of liquid, but that usually doesn’t last past the first inning or two. Mainly because when you’re not looking they pour it on each other’s heads or make swimming pools for the ants in the dugout. You can rest assured that by the third inning or so everyone is going to be thirsty and not everyone likes your particular favorite flavor of Gatorade. Everyone drinks water and you don’t have to read the label to make sure there aren’t any peanuts or peanut by-products in it. Make sure you’ve got enough for each player to have one bottle per game. That should take care of any thirsty ants as well.

4. Bathroom Awareness – Know where the nearest bathroom is in relation to your field. It is a guarantee that during a regular six inning ball game someone is going to have to use the restroom. It has something to do with all that water you gave them back in the third inning when they gave the last of their Red Power Ade to Herman the team caterpillar who crawled into the dugout just before the first pitch. Remember it’s your job as coach to make sure they get to the bathroom and back without incident, distraction or undue delay. Oh, and be prepared for every other player to decide they have to go to the bathroom as well at approximately the same time. Sometime when you’re up at Old Tavern and you need a laugh buy me some bubble gum and get me to tell you the story of how my entire team managed to take a bathroom break while in the field for the third inning of a ball game and I didn’t even call time out. That was a masterpiece of coaching prowess right there. Now that I think of it, that was quite possibly the highlight of my coaching career in the Orange Little League.

EQUIPMENT IS THE ENEMY! – Keep your players away from essential baseball playing equipment as much as possible. Loose baseballs become veritable hand grenades when allowed to roll around on the floor of the dugout. Improvised games of wall-ball and pitching practice tend to break out in the dugout if players can get their hands on a baseball. You’ll find that even the most timid of your players can hurl the ball with amazing force while in the dugout. Nothing spells “lump on the head” like a baseball ricocheting around those concrete blockhouse dugouts.

This goes double for baseball bats. Make the players stack their bats outside the dugout while they remain inside the dugout. The best rule is that no one should be touching a bat unless they are at the plate hitting. It is remarkable how that bat turns into a light saber when you’re not looking or how many players will test their helmets by either a) ramming their helmeted heads into the concrete walls of the dugout or, b) more likely, letting their friend with the light saber/bat swat them on the head. I urge you to remember the sage advice of the very astute and accomplished youth sport’s coach Powell Chodos who once noted, “No kid ever got better at baseball holding a bat on the bench.” Truer words were never spoken. The only thing a kid can get while holding a baseball bat on the bench is a fat lip. It might even be self inflicted if you can ever get the whole story.

WHEN IN DOUBT, LET THEM SCREAM AND RUN AROUND! – Every kid loves to scream and run around. However at home they’re discouraged from screaming and running around. As parents we’d like to keep the screaming and running around in our house to a minimum. So how do you become the greatest coach they’ve ever had? It’s as easy as building “screaming and running around time” into your practice and game plans. My teams would play like mad so long as I let them go scream and run around on the playground for the last half hour of practice. So we’d practice for an hour and then they’d go scream and run around on the playground. The kids loved it and it ensured that I had all of their attention during practice. The parents loved it because it got all that screaming and running around done so that they didn’t have to endure it in their home. Talk about a win/win.

Even if you don’t script it in there if you ever feel like your kids are drifting a little and you’re losing them, well then it’s time to have a race around the bases. Nothing gets the kids fired up like racing around the bases. Some kids like to hit, other kids like to field, but every kid likes to run. It’s better to let them blow off that steam than try to squeeze in three extra ground balls when they aren’t paying attention. If you’ve got a little steam of your own to blow off then I recommend screaming and running around with your team. Let them chase you around the bases a few times. I guarantee everyone will feel a lot better after that.

ROLL WITH IT! – This is the final and most important tool in your sur-

vival package. Sit back, relax and let those magic moments happen. And when they do happen make sure you enjoy them. Remember to celebrate the fact that a butterfly or a low flying jet plane can bring that Tee Ball game to a screeching halt because all the players are more interested in that than getting into the ready position. The best memories you have probably won’t have anything to do with the game at all.

For example I always recall one afternoon at Old Tavern about three years ago on a Saturday in late May. I had been at the fields since six in the morning draining puddles from the fields so we could get the games played. I’d coached two games in the morning and my youngest son’s Tee Ball game was in the afternoon. Needless to say I was feeling a bit frazzled by game time.

Now on this team I had a little girl who was just as cute as a button and couldn’t have cared less about baseball. Her favorite part of the game was posing for pictures and blowing kisses to the crowd as she wandered to first base after nudging the ball off the tee. Baseball didn’t concern her one little bit.

On this particular day after the first inning my team came in from the field and as we always did, we checked our shoe laces. For some reason shoe laces seemed to come untied every single inning causing me to coin the phrase “one inning laces”. To combat this every player did a “laces check” as they came in the dugout and I would tie the little laces that somehow came untied from last inning. This usually left me about eyeball deep in a crush of little ball players all holding their feet out towards me to get their laces retied.

As I finished the last lace I looked up into two of the bluest eyes I have ever seen and she said to me with all sincerity, “Coach Crow, I’m pretty hungry. Can I get a hot dog instead of hitting?” To that I replied, “That’s a good idea. Let’s you and I go get a hot dog.” And she took me by the hand and led me over to the snack stand and we each had a hot dog while the game went on without us. It’s still one of my all time favorite memories from Orange Little League.

With that I’d like to ask each and every one of you to get involved in either managing or coaching a team at Old Tavern this year. You’re going to be there anyway and all of us are busy people. Fore-armed with this guide you’ll be coaching like a professional and I promise you memories that will last a lifetime.

## Posada Had “It”

Jorge Posada, 40, retired from the New York Yankees last month after 17 years and five championships. In short, he said, he had had it, and it was time to go.

He wasn’t supposed to be the Yankee catcher when the team drafted him. Third base and second base were where he worked his trade. Never known as a great glove man, even Derek Jeter used to joke that it was unlikely the two would have formed a long-lasting double play combination in the majors. Posada instead made it to the big leagues as a switch-hitting backstop.

Posada was not the best catcher in Yankee history, and not by a long shot, either. But he’s in the discussion. Bill Dickey, Yogi Berra, Elston Howard and Thurman Munson hold that distinction -- with apologies to Rick Cerone. Dickey hit for better average, Berra hit for better power, Howard did it all, and Munson set the tone for an entire era of Yankee baseball before tragically losing his life in a plane crash in 1979. But ironically, it was Thurman’s wife, Diana, that delivered the most poignant remarks at Posada’s retirement press conference. He had “it,” she said.

She shared a story about how Posada showed her a quote from Munson that he kept in his locker at all times:

*“Look, I like hitting and I like the good batting average. But, what I do every day behind the plate is a lot more important because it touches so many more people and so many more aspects of the game.”*

“I knew right away he had something special,” Diana said. “I have admired and loved watching him play the game, because he plays the game I think the way Thurman played it. A lot of grittiness and toughness, but obviously with his beautiful family a very gentle, loving side also.”

Diana said that she lost her love of baseball after Thurman died.

“This is a man who probably doesn’t realize it, but he in fact is the one who brought me back to love baseball again,” Diana said. “I think he and Thurman would have been best buds. He definitely has the ‘it’ factor. I can’t describe it. I don’t know what it is, but I knew immediately upon meeting him that he had it.”

Posada is only the fifth MLB catcher with 1,500 hits, 350 doubles, 275 home runs and 1,000 RBIs in a career. For the past decade, Posada racked up more RBIs and home runs than any other catcher in baseball. He was dominant in that regard, for that position. He was a clutch hitter. He was a force in the clubhouse, a leader in words and deeds. He was one of the “good guys.” No drugs, no late-night brawls in gin mills.

And he also had “it.”

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





The 8th grade Orangemen Basketball team from Holy Infant Church traveled to compete in the 2012 Junior Hoop Hall Classic in Springfield, MA on Martin Luther King weekend. The team competed against 3 other teams from the Northeast, and also attended the prestigious Hoop Hall Classic, which featured the top high school teams in the country. They rounded out their basketball weekend with a tour of the Basketball Hall of Fame. The squad has also participated in several other team-building events at Southern Connecticut State University and Yale University. Many team members are in their 5th and final year in the Orangemen basketball program.



Congratulations to the CT River Hawks Squirt B team who won the 2012 Tier 3 Fire & Ice Tournament in Westfield, MA on January 15, 2012 with a record of 3-1. Pictured (L-R): Back Row - James McLaughlin (Oxford), Assist. Coach Mike McLaughlin, Alex Chopskie (Trumbull), Brendan Prendergast (Shelton), Owen Finnegan (Trumbull), Michael Beaudoin (Westport), Sam Gertner (Monroe), Andrea DelVecchio (Orange), Coach Drew Roselli. Middle Row - Lucca Soderlund (Cheshire), Sean Squibb (Monroe), Nicky Wootton-Smith (Westport), Brandon Roselli (Stratford), Connor Scalia (Monroe), Brandon Travisano (Trumbull), Alex Goodman (Weston), Francesco Thomas (Oxford). Front Row - Chris Higgins (Trumbull), Isaiah DeLoatch (Stratford).

## Amity Rugby Plans for Third Season

Led by Orange resident, Amity senior and captain Tyler Bishop, the 17 returning players from season two the Amity rugby club are looking to make big strides in their divisional play this season.

Amity will compete against clubs from Southington, Madison, New London, Stamford, Fairfield Prep and Cheshire. In addition the club will participate in three home games to take place right at the Orange Community Center field. The club which is part of the Connecticut Rugby Union and one of now 14 clubs in the state. will also compete in the state championship games in May and the summer 7's (Olympic style\*) in July. Over 100 students signed up for the club in September and practices will begin in early February. Amity will host Madison, New London and Stamford at their home field location in Orange.

New players are welcome. Please visit [www.amityrugby.org](http://www.amityrugby.org), for more information and links.

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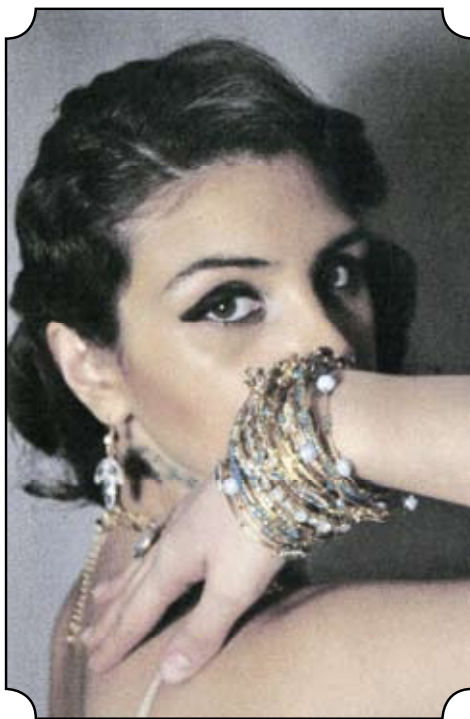
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