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## OUTSIDE LIVING BOX

A pitch to recruit volunteers for the then newly established Rape Crisis Center of Milford nearly 40 years ago actually changed the course of Peggy Pisano's life. Little did she know then that when she decided to volunteer it would be the start of a life-long commitment to helping victims of sexual assault.



Laura Fantarella

Though many residents know Pisano as the First Lady of Soccer --the cheerful wife of Orange Soccer Association President Tom Pisano and a much-loved presence at the town's soccer fields for decades, in 1976 she was new to marriage and to New England. "We moved here from Detroit, Michigan and I didn't know a soul except my husband," Pisano recalled. "I joined the city's Newcomers' group and one day they hosted a speaker from the Center seeking volunteers. It seemed like a good way to help women and get involved so I signed up." According to the Center's mission statement, the Center is a non-profit agency serving Ansonia, Derby, Milford, Orange, Seymour, Shelton and West Haven that seeks to "eliminate violence and sexual assault through education and prevention and



Peggy Pisano

to empower victims to regain control of their lives." It provides a free and confidential hotline for victims and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is involved in any assault and abuse cases being investigated by local police departments and hospitals. Last year 4951 sexual assault cases were reported to nine Rape Crisis Centers in Connecticut, 477 cases at the Milford Center alone. According to national statistics, one in four females and one in six males suffer some form of sexual trauma.

Shortly after Pisano received her volunteer training and was issued a beeper she took her first call -- and a horrific one at that -- from a 16-year-old victim that was involved in a terrifying carjacking and rape. "It was a horrendous first call. It had all the elements of a made for TV movie," Pisano recalled. "I thought 'Holy crap!' is this what it's like?" She soon learned that call was an exception; most victims of rape and sexual abuse know their attack-

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Orange Public Works Department's snow plowing convoy prepares to hit the streets during last Sunday's snow storm.

## TOWN DEALING WITH RASH OF WINTER SNOWSTORMS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Public Works Department staff may be even more fed up than its residents about the steady onslaught of cold, nasty weather. "We've had enough, we're all tired," reported Public Works Crew Chief Don Foyer. Though Foyer has endured plenty of tough New England winters in his nearly four decades on the job, 2015 has been unique. "The problem is it's all come at once, one storm after another. If the bad weather was spread out from December you wouldn't notice it as much," he said. "But when you get it all within a three-week period it's a lot." Whether it's called a blizzard or just a mixed bag of ice, sleet and snow, Public Works is out there, keeping major town roads and side streets cleared and safe.

The challenge this year has been keeping the town's coffers of sand and salt full. According to First Selectman Jim Zeoli, while the town has not had to spend much hiring outside contractors this year, the biggest challenge has been getting deliveries of salt and sand from the town's supplier. "Since

these little storms are coming back to back we are using a tremendous amount of salt and anti-slip products on streets and walkways. We have had trouble getting deliveries from New Haven Terminal in a timely manner because all the towns are in the same predicament," he said. Still Orange is faring better than nearby Woodbridge and Bethany who actually ran out of salt. Foyer noted that his department is not using salt and anti-slip products as generously as he would like, keeping some stashed away for that snowy day.

As usual, Public Works still gets its typical winter complaints from residents with downed mailboxes. "Unfortunately we only repair mailboxes if our plow actually hits the box," Foyer said. "But 99.9 percent of the time the mailbox is knocked down from the snow that comes off the plow. I know the homeowner doesn't like to hear that." He suggests mounting boxes on sturdy wood posts as plastic becomes too brittle in the cold weather and snaps more easily.

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## SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED FOR 2015-2016

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange students will return to school on Monday, August 31 and barring any snow days, will be out of school on June 13, according to the school calendar approved by the Board of Education on February 10. The late August start will (again, barring any more snow days this year), give students a summer that's just one day short of 11 weeks. As of February 20, the last day of the 2014-2015 year would be Tuesday, June 16.

According to Interim Superintendent Michael Nast, Orange's calendar is aligned with Woodbridge and Bethany and will soon be aligned with other area towns. Like this school year, February break will run from a minimum day on Friday, February 12 through Tuesday, February 16. April break will run from April 18-22.

Students will be off from school on Election Day as will be required by a new state mandated regional uniform calendar that goes into effect next school year. Students will continue to be off on Labor Day, Columbus Day and Martin Luther King Day. Five flexible days are allowed for individual district needs.

Specifications of the calendar include: at least 180 days of actual school sessions; a uniform start date; uniform days for professional development and in-service training for certified employees; and not more than three uniform school vacation periods during each school year, not more than two of which shall be a one-week school vacation period and one of which shall be during the summer.

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# BOARD OF ED APPROVES 4.4% INCREASE

## Budget Adds Two Teachers, No More Sneak Peak at Next Year's Teacher

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education unanimously approved an operating budget with a 4.4% increase at a special meeting February 19. The \$19.6 million spending plan will be presented to the Board of Finance at 7:30, March 3 in the board office.

Contractual obligations are the driving force behind much of the increase. "We're trying to be fiscally responsible and address all of the needs," Interim Superintendent Mike Nast said. In an effort to reduce class sizes that could be sneaking up to 23 children as enrollment grows, the budget includes the addition of two teaching positions, presenting an increase of \$120,000 for salaries and an additional \$36,000 for curriculum and equipment to meet the growing number of students at Orange schools.

This school year, Peck Place had seven new enrollments, Turkey Hill had 13 and Race Brook has had 27. "It's hard to know if a big jump like this year will continue, but we need to be prepared," Nast said. "This will have us in pretty good shape with teacher/student ratio."

Most of the new students to Race Brook live in the Avalon apartments on Prindle Hill Road. When the apart-

ments were built, the plan was to split the young students between Race Brook and Peck Place, but since there were only 10, all went to Race Brook. Conversation among the board members at the budget meeting centered around transferring all of the kids who live in Avalon to Turkey Hill School, since Turkey Hill has lower enrollment.

"I would be happy to have them at my school, but I wouldn't want to see them disrupted and removed from their peers at Race Brook," Turkey Hill Principal Denise Arterbery said. The board agreed that at this time, transferring those students to another school is not a feasible option.

Since there may be a need for additional teachers and the potential for reassigning staff, the board suggested that teacher assignments for the upcoming year not go on report cards, a decision that many board members know will not be received well by parents. "We need to have some flexibility and have the teachers in appropriate positions and by June we won't know what the enrollment situation will be," said Board Member Bobby Ricciardi.

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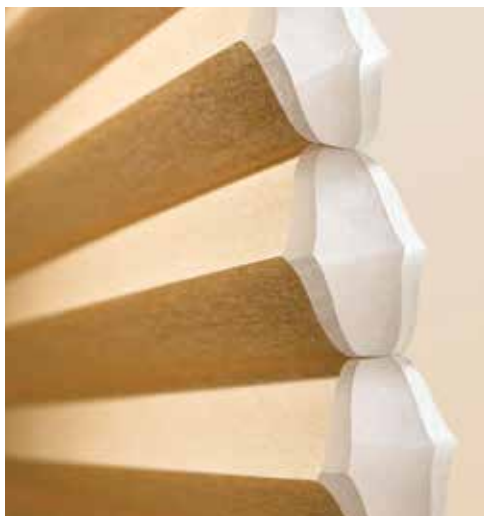
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## Old Man Winter

Spring is scheduled to arrive in less than a month, but the weather is forecasted to remain cold over the next couple of weeks. While we are all praying for the warmer weather, the cold weather, sand and salt continues to take a toll on our roads. The town has spent over \$250,000 so far this winter on labor, salt and sand.

We are currently taking note of all of the repairs that will be needed to our roads and municipal parking lots. We have over 110 miles of roads and municipal parking lots to manage. Road repair is vital to all our residents and a temporary patch is applied at this time of year, but the heaves that have appeared in some areas this winter have been unbelievable. This is all a result of this brutal winter and not the fault of our public works department or Town Hall. This summer, the Town will be continuing to do an extensive amount of milling, some pulverizing and then paving. The anticipated cost for this work is approximately \$1.5 million, which will be paid through the bond that the voters approved last year.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

## Help our Volunteer Firefighters

Yes it is cold and there is snow on the ground, but these facts do not matter when our volunteer firefighters are called to an emergency. When an emergency occurs, every second matters. If you see a fire hydrant in your neighborhood buried in snow, please take a moment to help our volunteers and shovel out the hydrant. It will make a difference when it is needed.

## Old Grassy Hill Road - Culvert work

The Town is preparing to go to bid on a new culvert under Old Grassy Hill Rd. This will cause some inconvenience because the road may be closed for a couple of weeks for the removal of the old pipes and the installation of a new seamless larger opening culvert. Additionally, the Regional Water Authority water main will be moved along with underground communication lines. This project is planned to take place this summer.

## Budget Development Sessions

I will continue to remind everyone that the Town, the Orange Board of Ed and the Amity Board of Ed are in the process of putting the budgets together for the fiscal year 2015-2016. This process is open to the public to view, either in person or on OGAT, to par-

ticipate in. Ultimately, this process will result in the presentation of a budget for the residents of Orange to vote on. Please make every effort to get involved in this process.

The Town and the Amity budgets are what affect our quality of life and the amount of taxes that we pay here in Orange. The Board of Finance's budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center. The Town Meeting, where the budget is given to the Selectmen, is scheduled for Monday, May 11th at 7:30 p.m. also at High Plains Community Center. The Town Referendum on the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at High Plains from noon until 8 p.m. I encourage all voters to exercise their right and to vote on the budget.

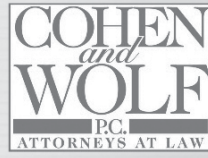
The Amity Regional School system budget is separate from the Town budget and will be voted on May 6th from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m. at High Plains Community Center. The Amity budget is voted on separately and then becomes part of the total budget for the Town. In the event that the Town referendum fails and the Amity budget passes, the Amity portion of the overall budget cannot be changed. Therefore, any reductions will need to come from the Town's operating budget and the Orange Board of Education budget.

## Wolf Park

Thanks to the harsh weather, the work to develop more grass playing fields has come to a halt for now. Once spring comes, the work will resume. The Town has been advised by the State that the decisions on Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) will be made in the spring. The Town has applied for a grant to develop a new entry into Wolfe Park at the intersection of Pine Tree Drive and Peck Lane. This is part of the long range plan developed for the park. When first developed, Peck Lane went through this area, but was abandoned when there were no longer any farming interests that needed this route.

## July 4th Summer Concert

I wanted to end on a warmer note. The annual Fourth of July concert is scheduled for Sunday, July 5th with a rain date of Monday, July 6th. This year's concert band will be "Hotel California - The Original Tribute Band" from Toronto, Canada. The band will play from 6:30 to 9:30pm followed immediately at 9:30 with the traditional fireworks display. Rocky Salpento and his team from the Orange Town News are organizing this event and are currently seeking sponsors. This is one of the great events in our Town enjoyed by thousands of area residents. Please consider making a donation in any amount to support it.



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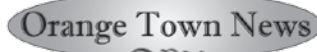
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FROM OUR READERS

Job Well Done by Town Highway Department

Dear Editor, If Rome was founded on seven hills, so was Orange. Among them are Grassy Hill, Turkey Hill, Indian Hill and the rather obscure George's Cellar Hill and others. Under ordinary conditions for three seasons, a driver can hardly detect the hills as driving over our roads, day after day becomes routine and our destination is our goal. Not in the winter!

The goal is to get up those many hills within the 7 hills and arrive home without incident. Needless to say, the darkness, after all of the early February snow, is daunting but to say that our Town Highway Department has made our travel a little less nerve-racking is to thank them for a job well-done. Luckily, I have a wonderful man from Shelton who plows my driveway hill so that I can get out and travel the roads of Orange in safety.

Thank you Fellas,

Ginny Reinhard



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VETS CENTER MOVES TO ORANGE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The Veterans Center, a haven that provides a host of services for vets, has relocated to Orange. Formerly located in the Savin Rock section of West Haven for more than 20 years, the Center had outgrown the facility and has moved to a larger space with more parking at 291 South Lambert Road across from TGIF.

Established in the late 1970s to help ease returning Vietnam vets transitioning from combat to home, the Vet Center now serves locals veterans from all wars, including World War II, Korean, Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. The Vet Center operates under the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and offers group and individual mental health therapy to veterans and their families that may be affected by any of a wide range of service-related issues including marriage counseling, bereavement services, post-traumatic stress syndrome, and military sexual assault trauma. It is also a resource to assisting people about how to access available veterans' benefits. Its members also participate in many community events, like the Orange Memorial Day Parade and Country Fair and area hunting and fishing expos.

There are more than 300 such centers around the United States that

provide services to tens of thousands across the country. Orange Vet Center Team Leader Amy Radivoy estimates about 6,000 people will visit the Orange location this year, just as they have frequented the West Haven facility. The Center also offers fun social activities for its members and their families, including art appreciation and golf outings, fishing trips, and annual picnics and parties. "The Vet Center is a very busy place and we'd like to get the word out that we've moved," Radivoy said. "We're still unpacking while we're seeing veterans!"

State Senator Gayle Slossberg is happy to see the Center expand. "Orange and its surrounding communities are home to a large number of active and retired military personnel who can, or already do, benefit from the support services provided by the vet center," she said. "We're particularly fortunate that the counselors providing these services are veterans themselves, and I'm delighted that they are now doing their essential work here in Orange."

The Center is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with extended weekend and evening hours as needed. For more information call 203-932-9899.



# LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## 2015 STARTS WITH THREE LONGSTANDING BUSINESS CLOSINGS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

A beloved pizzeria and a store that's been in the White Acre Orange Shopping Center for more than 50 years have both closed their doors this month.

Reno's Pizzeria and Radio Shack both closed in February, following Staples' exodus in January. Though Reno's is the small business among the two corporate big names that are leaving town, it is their mom and pop pizzeria – the place where you always ran into a friend or neighbor --that holds a place in the hearts of the locals. Reno's dedication to giving and community spirit was as much a part of their business culture as their inventive and delicious pies. Few town events and fundraisers passed without a donation or contribution from Reno's.

Owners and town residents Dave and Stephanie Kennedy sold Reno's to a Fairfield County group of restaurateurs who plan to expand the dining room to 45 seats and open an Indian restaurant. Their decision to close their restaurant after 16 years left thousands of loyal customers devastated by the news. Not only did dozens stop by personally to say their good-byes, but the Reno's Pizzeria Facebook page had no less than 35 comments bemoaning where they will go for pizza but also wishing the couple well. "I feel like I did when I graduated from college," wrote Dan Danaher. "I'm happy for my dear friends Dave and Steph, but I will miss Reno's. Maybe that's how Norm felt when they closed Cheers? Radar when he was shipped home from MASH? George when he got busted on Seinfeld!? Thanks for the memories DK and Steph." Resident Ann Marie Sliby couldn't believe it when she heard Reno's was closing. A favorite among her family, it was also Sliby's go-to place when planning business lunch functions at her job at PEZ Corporation. "It was just homey and family oriented," she said. "They had a nice mix of menu items and I loved their food, especially their spaghetti and meatball pizza and harvest chicken salad. I will really miss it."

Reno's first opened on the Post Road in the former Clark's Dairy location, later downsizing the dining room and moving to a smaller store in the 500 Post Center. Dave admitted he and his wife had been thinking about retiring from the restaurant business for the past year and a half to spend more time with family and pursue other interests. "I feel like an aging athlete that's leaving at the top of his game," Dave Kennedy said. "We had a really good run and we're leaving on a high note. We are putting the Reno's name to rest and that makes me happy." Though Dave said he got through the last month fueled by adrenaline, melancholy set in when he began packing up the restaurant. "It just hit me, we will really miss the people – the friends and the



customers – it will be a big void in our lives. People have written and said some really nice things that brought Stephanie and I to tears," he said. "People said they were grateful to us but we are grateful that we operated our business in a community full of great, giving and supportive people and businesses. Whenever there's a cause they come out in droves to do the right thing. We were lucky to have a business here."

Dave, who is also a lawyer, intends to focus on real estate investment and development and Stephanie plans to sell antiques and collectibles with her mother-in-law, Dolores Kennedy. They are also looking forward to the novelty of relaxing on weekends with their three boys and celebrating holidays with family. "I also have about 16-years' worth of items on Dave's 'honey do' list!" Stephanie wrote in a Facebook post.

Paul Grimmer, Executive Director of Economic Development, says Reno's closing is a personal and professional loss. "I've enjoyed a really nice relationship with David and his family, and they've participated in nearly every community event that my office has run. The fact that they are closing their doors makes me sad but I'm gratified to know this was their choice and they will do well. We wish them all the luck in the future," he said.

RadioShack closed to considerably less fanfare earlier this month though it was among the oldest businesses that have operated on the Post Road, having opened its doors in 1965. Though RadioShack representatives declined to be interviewed, they offered a press release outlining plans to close the Orange location and the rest of its Connecticut stores.

The release reported RadioShack had signed an asset purchase agreement with General Wireless Inc., an affiliate of Standard General L.P. ("Standard

General") to acquire between 1,500-2,400 of RadioShack's U.S. Company-owned stores. "To effectuate this transaction and an orderly sale of the Company's remaining assets, Ra-

dioShack and certain of its U.S. subsidiaries have filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. As part of this process, other parties will have an opportunity to submit offers for RadioShack's assets in a court-approved process. The sale agreement is subject to court approval and other conditions," the release noted. It went on to say General Wireless, the entity formed to acquire the stores under the asset purchase agreement, has agreed in principle on terms with Sprint to establish a new dedicated mobility "store within a store" retail presence in up to 1,750 of the acquired stores.

A list of the stores slated for closure will be posted in the near future on the restructuring information section of the company's web site at [www.radioshackcorporation.com](http://www.radioshackcorporation.com).

Last month the Orange Staples closed as part of a corporate plan to scale back on its New England stores, citing declining store sales and increased online business.



## C&M PAINTING CELEBRATES 35 YEARS

Chuck Heifetz, owner of C&M Painting and Home Improvements based in Orange, recently celebrated 35 years of satisfying residential and commercial customers.

Chuck, who resides in town with his wife Maureen, and their black lab, Cody, started the company back in 1980, with the belief that customer satisfaction was their top priority. Thirty five years later, he still believes that!

When asked for the reason for their long term success Chuck states "We have

different crews, for different jobs. We have painting, carpentry, flooring, and tile crews. One of my foremen and/or I am on every job, to ensure that the contracted job is completed as agreed upon. I want to take this opportunity to thank our loyal, repeat customers, and welcome our "new" customers."

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## Did You Know?

### Veterans Administration Proposes Major Changes to Pension and Aid and Attendance Eligibility

On January 23, 2015, the VA issued proposed new regulations that would impact the application process and eligibility determination for Veterans and their surviving spouses. Some of the proposed regulations include:

- A **3 year look back period** for gifts/transfers of assets. Surprisingly, transfers to Revocable Trusts would trigger a complete denial of eligibility, even though the applicant has control over the Trust assets.
- If the applicant made a gift/transfer of assets then the applicant would be ineligible for benefits unless the **entire** gift/transfer is returned to the applicant within 30 days of the application filing date. This provides a very short time for the applicant to get the gift back, so, timing of the application would be crucial. Additionally, this "all or nothing" approach means that the applicant can do nothing to shorten the penalty period once it is imposed; it does not matter if the applicant can "partially cure" the gift/transfer and get back **some** of the transferred/gifted funds.
- Penalizing the Veteran, or his/her surviving spouse, up to ten years for making transfers/gifts of assets for less than fair market value. Additionally, the VA established the **presumption** that a transfer/gift was made for purposes of qualifying for VA benefits unless the applicant can prove otherwise by clear and convincing evidence.
- Establishing a **maximum net worth of \$119,220**. Unlike Medicaid, the VA's definition of net worth would include annual income. This would allow an individual with low income to have more savings in his/her name than an individual with a higher income.
- Establishing that the home property is exempt to the extent that acreage is no greater than **2 acres**. Any additional acreage must be sold, which may be difficult to do if acreage is slightly greater than 2 acres.

These proposed changes present significant consequences to Veterans and their spouses. To have your thoughts heard about these proposed changes you may submit comments before March 24, 2015. All comments must reference that they are in response to "RIN 2900-AO73, Net Worth, Asset Transfers, and Income Exclusions for Needs-Based Benefits. Comments can be submitted:

- Online: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)
- By Mail to: Director, Regulation Policy and Management (02REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave. NW., Room 1068, Washington, DC 20420
- By Fax to: (202) 273-9026
- If you are interested in learning more about the Veteran's Aid and Attendance benefit, or how these proposed changes may impact you or your family members, please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.

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## EDUCATION



### ORANGE BOARD ADOPTS FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Beginning this fall, Orange will move from a three-quarter day kindergarten program to a full day. The decision was made at a board of education meeting on February 10, during which the board discussed the pros and cons for over an hour.

Nicole Feuerstein, a parent of three young children, appealed to the board to not grow the school day. "I understand that we're debating about an hour and 20 minutes of a day. But what that hour and 20 minutes means to a five-year-old is playing games, building puzzles and riding a bike. This time after school is the time that children get to process what they've learned at school and discover their passion for life on their own term."

Board Member Deanna Pucillo said she sees the full-day as a time for the kids to process what they've learned over the course of the day with their friends. "I'm voting for what I think is the best for kids, knowing what they're going through with the curriculum," Pucillo said.

She, along with nine of her fellow board members voted in favor of the change. The cost to the district will be \$79,380 for bussing, curriculum and teachers' pay. Kim Browe voted against the change, saying that she was not opposed to all day kindergarten, but she did want to offer an opt-out to parents of children who were simply not ready for the longer day. This year, Orange is offering that option as part of a pilot program.

"There is little academic benefit as our children leave kindergarten and go to first grade performing very highly. Just as I respect those parents who support full day, I respect those parents who know what's best for their child is to not be in a full-day kindergarten. Offering an opt-out would be good for the parents who are just not ready," Browe said. "I don't think it's our place to tell parents what's best for their children when there is no compelling academic reason to implement full-day kindergarten."

The reason to offer full-day kindergarten, according to Principal Kai Byrd, is that research supports it. "I know that you can always find data that supports your cause. It does bear mentioning that Orange is the only district in our DRG that does not have full-day kindergarten. This is a distinction we don't want to have in Orange because we pride ourselves on being at the forefront in education. We pride ourselves in that we do have high-performing students and wonderful parent involvement. The staff at Mary L Tracy is the best staff, bar none, that you would want to have in front of your kindergarten children day in and day out."

Richard Somela, a father of an incoming kindergartener, fully supports the change, "Surely we're not the only parents in town who work full time and send kids to a day-long program. Going to a half-day kindergarten would be a shocker, it's almost like going backwards to our child. I wouldn't want to bring him back to half-day schooling just so we can have some parents who want an hour and 20 minutes additional time with their kids, though I understand that every moment with your kids is precious."

Board Member Christian Young admits he was opposed to going to all-day kindergarten last year, but has changed his mind. Though he doesn't see it as being best for the kids, he does say it makes good economic sense for the town. "Last year, I said if it's not broken don't fix it. My intuition said that Orange has worked this way for a very long time and when you're on top as far as academic performance, how can it get any better? I don't subscribe to the theory that if everyone else is doing it, we should too. That's one of the worst reasons to choose to do anything. But economically, I think it makes sense. It is a very strong incentive for young working families to move to Orange. Economics shouldn't trump what's best for the kids. I can't find any reason it will be harmful to the kids. It makes sense," he said.

# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

## AMITY SUPERINTENDENT TAKES HIS BUDGET ON THE ROAD

By Bettina Thiel – Orange Town News Correspondent

Amity School Supt. Charles Dumais introduced the proposed 2015-16 budget, showing a 2.12% increase over this year's expenditures, at the February 19 joint meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. The proposed budget for the district, which includes the high school and two middle schools, is for \$47 million, \$976,415 higher than the current budget. Member town allocations are suggested as follows: Bethany ..... \$9,466,530, a \$261,840 increase; Orange ..... \$22,461,127, a \$702,940 increase; Woodbridge ..... \$13,542,972, an increase of \$297,167.

The difference between the \$45.5 million raised from the member towns and the \$47 million in expenditures would be raised through other revenue sources, such as state grants, also a \$150,000 transfer from this year's fund balance and other miscellaneous income. It should also be noted that although the budget shows a 2.12% increase, the share paid by the three towns actually increases by 2.85%.

The expenditure increase is due mainly to salaries (\$390,525 increase) and benefits (\$269,704,) but also to catch up with some expenditures deferred in the past, such as text book purchases (\$110,000) and buildings and grounds (\$343,000). The biggest textbook expense is for new materials in economics, which is part of the new Common Core-driven Social Studies curriculum. Building and ground improvements include the Orange natural gas conversion (\$60,000); a \$100,000 contingency for capital and non-recurring expenditures, re-sodding the crown of the football field (\$16,000); high school stone repairs (\$95,000) and miscellaneous asphalt repairs.

In staffing, the budget suggests elimination of two full-time positions (-\$100,000), but adds \$37,900 for a special education teacher and a paraprofessional for the Transition Program; also adds a technician at the middle school level and increased hours for insurance clerk; adds a girls golf coach. A new feature in this budget is the inclusion of capital improvement projects, and a five-year plan to avoid expenditure spikes. It also includes a proposal for bonding for \$2 million in 2016 and bonding again in 2019-20.

In his presentation, Dumais made reference to the book "Making Thinking Visible," a New York Times bestseller on how to enhance student thinking by having them verbalize the pathway to their answer. It's this philosophy that the superintendent adopted to make his budget presentation as transparent as possible, showing not just the numbers, but the reasoning behind it. He lists in detail capital requests that were deferred, the biggest of which are library renovations at the Bethany Middle School library; a heat exchanger for the high

school, updates to the computer science classroom; lights on the soccer/lacrosse field and garage bay storage.

Some of these requests are on the list for proposed bonding in 2016, which includes the following items:

- \$370,000 for a heat exchanger for the fuel cell; \$161,000 for updates to the Consumer Science room; \$575,000 for air handler replacement; \$350,000 for asphalt sealing; \$400,000 to resurface the tennis courts.
- Fund balance.

The district has been criticized in the past for putting forth a "bare bones" budget, but then ending the year with fat surpluses. Dumais in his budget narrative, delves into the question how fund balances happened and what they were used for, going back to 2006.

Surpluses occur through financial management (cost savings), unpredictable special education costs and other unforeseen situations such as resignations, state grants and such. They actually make up about 1.7% of the total budget. About a third of those savings was used for non-budgeted items, a little over a third was assigned to the following year's budget and a little under a third was returned to member towns. "Both the fund assigned to next year's budget and returned to the member towns reduce the taxpayers' burden," he said. Even so, the district is taking steps to bring the amount of money moved from year to year down. In this budget proposal it is capped at \$150,000. The board also lowered the health insurance reserve.

As a regional district, Amity cannot maintain a reserve for operating expenditures, only for capital expenditures and some limited trust funds. However, fund balances may be used to pay for over-expenditures in some accounts and unanticipated major facility repairs.

The district has received five consecutive clean audits, with no recommendation for improvements in its accounting practices, he emphasized in his presentation in Woodbridge. Last summer, the district got some heat for not returning enough money to the towns. Instead, the board decided to fund the self-insurance reserve fund and an HVAC upgrade in Orange. This budget seems to be responsive to the concerns raised by the member towns.

Referring to a recent study done at the University of Connecticut, Dumais said the Amity District was found to be "fully efficient". The study looked at input (funding) and output (test scores) and found 21 schools at the top of the scale. Amity was one of them.

The public hearing on the Amity budget is Monday, April 6; the budget referendum is Wednesday, May 6.



## TURKEY HILL SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Community efforts continue to thrive at Turkey Hill School as staff, students and community members work together to promote a positive school climate. Two special events were celebrated twice so far this year. There were two school wide PBIS Assemblies and two school wide Advisory Sessions.

In November and January, staff and students gathered together to celebrate and honor the student body for being respectful, responsible and safe. Students participated in a game show in which they reviewed case study scenarios which reflect safety, respectfulness and responsibility, and in January, students participated in a presentation about perseverance.

In addition, students at each grade level were chosen to receive Turkey Titan Quest Awards for demonstrating outstanding citizenship. Cheerful chants were proclaimed as individual students were honored by their fellow classmates, teachers and staff.

Also, in November and January, the

entire staff, student body and community members came together to participate in Turkey Hill School's Advisory Sessions.

As one of the school's goals, the staff is working hard to make sure that all students feel comfortable reaching out to adults in the building for help and support. Every student had an opportunity to participate in activities that promote social development and good citizenship with a staff member other than their classroom teacher. The advisory session allowed students to have an opportunity to build a relationship with another adult in the building. Developing these relationships enables the students at Turkey Hill School to develop a strong support system within the community. It further exemplifies the collaboration of all stakeholders to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all. Hats off to the amazing efforts at Turkey Hill School.

Article Contributors: Denise Arterbery, Monika Corcoran and Dana Zottoli.

## OCNS TO OFFER KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

Orange Community Nursery School is offering a 4-5 year old Kindergarten Readiness Program beginning next school year 2015-2016. We've listened to what the families of Orange need - a 5-day a week program to focus on getting students ready for extended and full day Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten Readiness Program will be the perfect solution for children with late summer or fall birthdays who would benefit from an additional year of preschool. Our Common Core aligned, play-based program is purposely tailored to meet this age group's needs.

Our preschool offers 3 and 4 year old programs as well. Our 3 year-old program focuses on socialization while our 4's begin early literacy and numer-

acy activities. Our certified, friendly staff will welcome you into our child-centered classrooms. We have a large fenced-in outdoor space and playground, which are sure to please your preschooler. We are a partially cooperative preschool run by a Director, so we offer many options for working families to accommodate their schedules. Your family will find OCNS is the perfect fit to meet your child's preschool needs.

Come join us at our Open House on March 1, 2015 from 1:00pm-3:00pm or please contact our Registrar, Sheila Jones or our Director, Danielle Hodinott at 203-795-3869 for more information. You can email us at ocnskidsinfor@gmail.com or visit us at www.ocnskids.com or on our Facebook page.

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| 2nd  | Zoning Board of Appeals ..... 7:00 pm             | Town Hall          |
|      | Country Fair Committee ..... 7:30 pm              | HPCC               |
| 3rd  | Economic Development Commission 5:30 pm           | Town Hall          |
|      | Town Plan & Zoning Commission ..... 7:30 pm       | Town Hall          |
| 4th  | OVNA Board of Governors ..... 8:30 am             | Clark Bldg         |
| 5th  | OGAT ..... 7:30 pm                                | Town Hall          |
| 6th  | Triad 2015 ..... 1:00 pm                          | HPCC               |
| 9th  | Tree Committee ..... 4:30 pm                      | Case Mem. Library  |
|      | 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             | HPCC               |
|      | Orange Board of Education ..... 7:30 pm           | Mary L. Tracy Bldg |
| 10th | Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Comm. .. 7:30 pm  | Town Hall          |
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| 12th | Community Services Commission ..... 7:00 pm       | HPCC               |
|      | WPCA ..... 7:00 pm                                | Town Hall          |
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|      | Board of Finance ..... 7:30 pm                    | Town Hall          |
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| 17th | Recycling Committee ..... 7:00 pm                 | HPCC               |
|      | Town Plan & Zoning Commission ..... 7:30 pm       | Town Hall          |
| 18th | CERT ..... 7:00 pm                                | HPCC               |
| 19th | Senior Advisory Board 2015 ..... 1:00 pm          | HPCC               |
|      | Case Memorial Library Commission . 7:30 pm        | Case Mem. Library  |
| 23rd | Youth Services Advisory Board ..... 7:30 pm       | HPCC               |
| 25th | Safety Commission ..... 9:00 am                   | Town Hall          |
|      | Park & Recreation Commission ..... 7:30 pm        | Town Hall          |
| 26th | Bond Construction Oversight Committee.... 7:30 pm | Town Hall          |

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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

## O.V.F.D. AUXILIARY PANCAKE SUPPER

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 6th annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday, March 4th at Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange. Menu includes Pancakes, Eggs, choice of Bacon or Sausage and beverage.

There will be an early seating at 5:30 PM and late seating at 6:30 PM. Prices are: \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 Children

10 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance as we have a limited number of seats available. Tickets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc., 286 Boston Post Road, Orange. All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. For further information, email Lynn@LMK415@yahoo.com or visit our website at [www.orangevfd.com](http://www.orangevfd.com).

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

By Joan Cretella

### Save the Date! Come Join Us

Orange Community Services presents a first ever "Spring into Action" Food and Fuel Bank Benefit Concert and reception Friday night April 17th at 7:30 PM at the High Plains Community Center Gym featuring our own Gary Harger, Barbie Harger, Art Bellucci on Piano and the Senior Center Chorus! Join us as we celebrate Broadway, the American Songbook, and spring the season of renewal. Reception immediately follows the concert in the Café. Tickets are \$20.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Orange Community Assistance Fund which includes the Food and Fuel Bank. Please come and support these vital programs. Tickets are available at Orange Community

Services Department. Stop by for your tickets or call us at 203-891-4788.

### Veteran's Memorial Wall of Honor

Come join us May 1, 2015 at 2pm at the High Plains Community Center as we honor the men and women who have served our country. This extensive program will include a scrolling frame picturing current town veterans, and will honor the 6 different branches of service. Registration forms are available at Orange Community Services and should be submitted by April 1. This Wall of Honor will be forever a part of our mission and values and will serve as a daily reminder of the Service, Sacrifice and Honor of our Veterans. For more information call 203-891-4784 or stop by Community Services.

## THAT \$10,000 WINNING TICKET IS CALLING YOU!

Be a \$10,000 winner! Sacred Heart Academy is sponsoring a \$10,000 Cash Raffle as part of its annual signature fundraising event—The 2015 Live and Silent Auction! Take a chance and be the lucky winner of \$10,000 by purchasing a \$20 ticket. Visit [www.sacredhearthatmden.org/auction](http://www.sacredhearthatmden.org/auction) to download the ticket form or contact the Main Office at Sacred Heart Academy, 203-288-2309.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Auction on Saturday evening, March 28. Winner need not be present. For information on the \$10,000 Cash Raffle or the Auction—"Under the

Tuscan Sun"—contact Maryanne Pisani at [mpisani@sacredhearthatmden.org](mailto:mpisani@sacredhearthatmden.org) or 203-287-8181, x372 or visit [www.sacredhearthatmden.org/auction](http://www.sacredhearthatmden.org/auction). All proceeds from the \$10,000 Cash Raffle and the Auction directly benefit the students of Sacred Heart Academy.

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent college preparatory school founded in 1946 by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, successfully prepares young women in grades 9-12 for learning, service and achievement in a global society. There are 500 students hailing from New Haven, Fairfield, Middlesex, Hartford and New London counties.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



So the holidays are now over, January is over, February is almost over and in just a matter of a week or two winter will become a memory. As we end this part of the year the generous supply of food we received from all the holiday food drives has dwindled. Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard is showing bare spots.

I would first like to thank everyone for all their generous support and previous donations. But, it is time once again for me to ask the residents of

Orange for help to restock our shelves. That being said, I know you are asking what kinds of items does the Food Bank need? We need lots. A suggested list includes, crackers, cookies, snacks of any kind, jam, tea, coffee, pasta sauces, baked beans (vegetarian), small jars of mayonnaise, cereal, paper products, laundry products, rice, boxed potatoes and juices of any kind.

I thank you all in advance for your kind generosity in helping us do our job for our neighbors.

## FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



### Youth Services Newsletter Online Featuring Current Photos & Events

Youth Services recent newsletter, The Youth Informer, is online on the Town website. The newsletter features many articles and photos of recent Youth Services programs and events. Featured in this edition are items on babysitting, Artist Colonies, the K-6 Children of Orange exhibit, the Living History Club, the Youth Services e-Parenting series, and Job Bank. The newsletter can be accessed by going to the Town website/click on Community Services, then Youth Services, then on the Youth Services Newsletter attachment.

by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, attics/basements, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper...and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.

### Youth Services Volunteer Program Assists High School Students

Youth Services has assisted many Orange High School Students with opportunities to accumulate their quota of High School volunteering hours.

Students have had opportunities through dances, local Town and community events and more to participate with assisting the Town and organizations who may have specific needs for volunteer assistance.

Parents can email John Ulatowski, Youth Services Coordinator, at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov) for information.

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

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### Movies on DVD

- Dawn of the Planet of the Apes
- How to Train Your Dragon 2
- Into the Storm
- Katharine Hepburn 100th Anniversary Collection
- A Million Ways to Die in the West
- A Most Wanted Man
- Sex Tape
- Snowpiercer
- Tammy
- Tim's Vermeer (Nonfiction)

### Audiobooks

- Diamant, Anita - The Boston Girl
- Gawande, Atul - Being Mortal (Nonfiction)
- Gerritsen, Tess - Die Again
- Green, John - An Abundance of Katherines (Teen)
- Poehler, Amy - Yes Please (Biography)
- Riggs, Ransom - Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (Teen)
- Tobar, Hector - Deep Down Dark (Nonfiction)
- White, Ruth - Belle Prater's Boy (Juvenile)

### Music

- Charli XCX - Sucker (Popular)
- Higdon, Jennifer - On a Wire (Classical)
- Imagine Dragons - Night Visions (Rock)
- Lloyd, Charles - Manhattan Stories (Jazz)
- Minaj, Nicki - The Pinkprint (Rap)
- Reich, Steve - Radio Rewrite (Classical)
- Strauss, Richard - Alpine Symphony (Classical)
- Theofanidis, Chris - Rainbow Body (Classical)
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# STUDENT NEWS

## Graduations

### Mccabe Graduates from Ithaca College

Ithaca, NY -- Alison McCabe from Orange, CT graduated from Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance with a B.S. in public and community health. The degree was awarded in December 2014.

## Dean's List

### Dan Brennan Makes Dean's List at Adelphi University

Dan Brennan was placed on the Dean's List at Adelphi University for the Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies for the Fall 2014 semester. Dan is the son of Jim and Susan Brennan of Orange, and is a member of the Amity High School Class of 2012.

### Alexa Gherlone Named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Fall 2014 Semester

Poughkeepsie, NY-- Alexa Gherlone of Orange, CT, is a member of the Class of 2015 and is majoring in Business Administration. Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,700 full-time undergraduate students.

### Victoria Carcova Named to the Dean's List At Mercer University

Macon, GA -- Victoria Carcova, of Orange, Connecticut, a junior, was named to the Dean's List of Mercer University's College of Liberal Arts for the fall 2014 semester. Inclusion on this list requires students to meet rigorous grade-point-average standards specific to the college or school within the University.

### Kristen Killeen Makes Dean's List at Northeastern University

Kristen Killeen of Orange, a 013 graduate of Amity High School has been

named to the Dean's List at Northeastern University in Boston for her outstanding academic achievement during the Fall semester of the 2014-2015 Academic year. Kristen is a sophomore in the D'Amore - McKim Northeastern University School of Business.

### Michael Brennan Named to Dean's List at Quinnipiac University

Michael Brennan was placed on the Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in the School of Communications for the Fall 2014 semester. Michael is the son of Jim and Susan Brennan of Orange, and is a member of the Amity High School Class of 2014.

### Jared Loewenthal Makes Dean's List at RIT

Rochester, NY -- Jared Loewenthal, of Orange, Conn., a third-year student in the electrical engineering program in RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering, made the Dean's List for the fall 2014-2015 semester. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

### Joshua Sabitsky Named to Springfield College Dean's List

Springfield College has named Joshua Sabitsky of Orange, CT to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2014 term. Sabitsky is studying Athletic Training.

### Fall 2014 Dean's List at University Of Delaware

Newark, DE -- Students have been named to the University of Delaware Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. Students from Orange include: Courtney Brennan and Lauren Mastrofrancesco.

### University of Maine Announces Fall 2014 Dean's List

Orono, Maine — The University of Maine recognized 2,114 students for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2014 semester. The following Orange students who received Dean's List honors for fall 2014, completing 12 or more credit hours in the semester and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher are: Samantha Kringstad.

### Students Named to Dean's List at the University of South Carolina

Columbia, SC – Jeffrey S. Curtin and Brianna E. Gray, of Orange, CT have been named to the Dean's List at the University of South Carolina for the Fall 2014 semester. Jeffrey Curtin is working towards a degree in International Business and Brianna Gray is working towards a degree in Nursing. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

### Students Named to the University of Vermont Dean's List

Burlington, VT -- The following Orange students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at the University of Vermont: Emma Feldmann is a junior Communication Science & Disorders major and Samantha Monck is a senior Animal Sciences major. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

### Jordan Herskowitz Makes Dean's List at Washington College for the Fall 2014 Semester

Chestertown, MD -- Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland,

has announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester. Jordan Herskowitz '17 from Orange, CT was recognized for academic excellence and achieving a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

### Worcester Polytechnic Institute Announces Fall 2014 Dean's List

Worcester, MA -- The following local residents were among 1,082 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2014 semester: Ajay King, a first year student majoring in mechanical engineering and Thomas Meehan, sophomore majoring in interactive media and game development, and computer science. The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

### Matthew J Lettick Named to Dean's List at University of New England

Matthew J Lettick of Orange has been named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

### Students Named to Dean's List at the University of North Carolina Charlotte

Charlotte – Stephanie A. Gray, of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean's List at the University of North Carolina Charlotte for the Fall 2014 semester. Stephanie Gray is working towards a degree in Nursing. Students are named to the Dean's List for achieving a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

## ASSOCIATION OF CT FAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

The Orange Country Fair has announced that applications for the CT Association of Fairs Scholarship Program are available at Amity Senior High School Guidance Department, The Case Memorial Library, and at the Orange Town Hall.

One, \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or college student pursuing a course of study in agriculture, home economics or a related field during the next school year. One \$1,000 Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior

or college student pursuing a course of study in any field during the next year. One \$1,000 Scholarship to a graduating senior or college student to be chosen at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

All applications must be received and returned to the fair secretary by May 15th. Please mail to:

Marianne Bauer  
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## SACRED HEART ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the SECOND marking period of the 2014 - 15 academic year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll:

### HIGH HONORS

- Emily Drezek

### HONORS

- Jessica Gallagher

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the end of each quarter to students attaining an average of 3.5 or better. Those students achieving a grade point average of 3.8 or greater are awarded high honors.

# SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



## Call for Nominations for Living Treasure

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 13, 2015 for the 2015 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website at [www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov), [www.orangeseniors.org](http://www.orangeseniors.org) or Facebook/Orange Senior Center. The three individuals chosen will be honored at Pasta Festa! on May 15, 2015.

## Veteran's Wall

Come join us May 1 at 2pm as we honor the men and women who have served our country. The extensive program will include a scrolling frame picturing living town veterans and will honor the 6 different branches of service. Registration forms are available through Orange Community Services. This Wall of Honor will be forever a part of our mission and values and will serve as a daily reminder as to the Service, Sacrifice and Honor of our Veterans. Call (203) 891-4784 for more information.

## Save the Date - OCS Benefit Concert

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All proceeds from this event will benefit the Orange Community As-

sistance Programs which includes the Food and Fuel Bank. Please come and support these vital programs. Tickets available at Orange Community Services Department. Stop by for your tickets or call us at 203-891-4788.

## Coming in March - Juice

Join Tara Graham - March 9 at 11:30am for "Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead" a documentary that follows the 60-day journey of Australian Joe Cross across the United States as he juice fasts to regain his health. Call the office to register for this free movie and discussion to follow.

## Lions Club Valentine's Pizza Party

Monday, March 9, 1:30—3:00pm, Johnny P will be performing at the Orange Lions' Club Valentine's Pizza Party. We look forward to seeing you there. Call to reserve a seat as we need to know how many pizzas to get!

## United Girls Choir Cabaret

FREE! March 25 we will have a very special concert with the Shelton division of the United Girls Choir. If you have ever seen them perform then you know how wonderful they are. Coffee and dessert will be provided and served at 5:30pm. The music begins at 6 pm. RSVP to (203) 891-4784.

## Wellness

Monday, March 23, Tara will discuss "Clean Eating Secrets: Pesto, Chutney & Dips" from 11:30am-12:30pm. Call to let us know you are coming at (203) 891-4784.

## Movie of the Month

Join us Friday, March 20 1:00pm, "Inside Llewyn Davis" starring Oscar Isaac, Carey Mulligan, and John Goodman. A story about a week in the

life of a young singer as he navigates the Greenwich Village folk scene of 1961. Popcorn & soda will be served. Call to reserve a seat.

## Qigong Exercise Study

Qigong practice typically involves moving meditation, coordinating slow flowing movement, deep rhythmic breathing, and calm meditative state of mind. This 8 week exercise study is open to seniors 65 years and older and is expected to begin in April. It will test if Qigong can improve the physical and mental health of older adults. The study will be lead by Pei-Shiun Chang, a PhD student in Nursing from the Yale University School of Nursing. Call Pei-Shiun at (203) 393-6189 to join this exercise program.

## Flower Arranging

Come join us for a Flower Arranging class on Friday, March 13—St Patrick's Day Theme. 10-12 in room 2. \$10 fee will be applied to cover the cost of materials. Call or stop by to register (203) 891-4784.

## Downtown Abbey Tea

Diane has been hard at work planning our First Ever Downton Abbey Tea & Luncheon! Join us in celebrating the season finale of Downton Abbey on March 23 1:30-3pm. We will be serving tea in our own fancy tea cups! Lunch will be chicken salad and cucumber sandwiches. Kandie Carole the "Victorian Lady" will present the history of the Edwardian Era. Please wear your favorite "dress-up tea party" attire such as: beads, pearls, gloves and hats! You MUST call the office to register for this event as there is limited seating.

## Basic Photography & Video Seminar

So you took all those photos and videos with your iPad & iPhone but you don't know what to do with them. Join us as Ed Jolley leads an informative seminar—Basic Photography & Video on Wednesday, March 18 at 10am. If there is enough of an interest we will

continue to meet from April 1—May 6 at 10am. Call the center (203) 891-4784 to RSVP.

## Book Club

Come join us for our FREE Senior Center Book Club to be held March 27, from 2:00-3:30pm in Lounge. This month's title is Molokai by Alan Brennert.

## 2015 Trips

NEW YORK SPRING SPECTACULAR with the Rockettes! April 1, 2015.

Lunch at Carmine's served family style with Rigatoni & Broccoli and Chicken Parmigiana. Enjoy this brand new show featuring the Rockettes. Cost: \$169 pp. Includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities. Full payment due at registrations.

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ENTERTAINMENT BY THE SEA—Myrtle Beach, April 18-24, 2015.

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NEIL SEDAKA at Mohegan Sun, Tuesday April 21, 2015

Singer/songwriter Neil Sedaka will be performing many of his recorded hits as well as the songs he has written for other artists. Sing along to "Oh Carol", "Calendar Girl", and "Breaking up is Hard to Do". Cost: \$93pp. Includes show, \$15 free bet, and a \$15 Meal Voucher, transportation, & driver gratuities. Full payment due at registration.

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Riley O'Neill of Trumbull, Maggie Schreck of Hamden and Bridy O'Neill of North Haven (2013 Sacred Heart Academy Children's Easter Party).  
[Photo courtesy of SHA Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ]

## CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

**Sponsored by the Sacred Heart  
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Spring is in the air, Easter is just around the corner, and it's time for the Annual Children's Easter Party, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Academy Alumnae Association. This year's event, one of its kind in the area, will be held Saturday, March 21, rain or shine, from 10:00 am until noon on the Sacred Heart Academy campus, 265 Benham Street in Hamden. Activities include face painting, games with prizes, raffles, three separate Easter candy dashes, and, of course, professional photos with the Easter Bunny. There will be "Coffee and..." for the parents

and children will enjoy Easter snacks and treats. Best suited for toddlers to age nine, the Easter Party is open to the community. The fee is \$10.00 for children; adults and children one and under are complimentary. Spread the word to your families and friends, but don't wait to make your reservation as this event is always a sell-out.

Advance reservations are required by March 14 and can be made online @ [www.sacredhearthamden.org/easterparty](http://www.sacredhearthamden.org/easterparty). Questions—Contact Sr. Mariette Moan @ 203-288-2309, x313 or [alumnae@sacredhearthamden.org](mailto:alumnae@sacredhearthamden.org).



Students in the JCC kindergarten program enjoy the snow. The JCC Kindergarten will hold an informational meeting for prospective parents on Thursday, February 19 from 7-8:30pm. It's an opportunity to explore the dynamic hands-on learning environment, meet the experienced staff, spend time in the classrooms, learn about enrichment programs, and tour the JCC's spectacular facility. The program is open to children of all faiths and backgrounds. For more information, contact Lynn Bullard, [lynnb@jccnh.org](mailto:lynnb@jccnh.org), (203) 397-7415.



Four year olds at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School proudly display the windsocks they made, covered with hearts for Valentine's Day. Come to our Open House on 3/1 from 12:00-2:00. Snow date 3/8, same time. For more information, contact us at [ocns@yahoo.com](mailto:ocns@yahoo.com) or (203) 795-9749, ext. 305.



On February 7th, Peck Place School held its annual Father/Daughter Dance. This is the first year that the dance was moved from the school gym to Grassy Hill Country Club. It was an amazing night with by far the highest attendance ever, with over 285 guests! Needless to say, a new tradition has been started!

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



Loyal readers, I am taking my "Winter Recess" and look forward to being back for the April 1st Easter Issue... Stay Warm & Eat Hardy!



Meteorologist Kevin Arnone

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**Q:** I think this season of "Portlandia" might be the funniest one yet. Please tell me I'll get to enjoy new episodes for years to come. -- Paula T., via email

**A:** I am happy to tell you that you'll get at least two more seasons of funny from **Fred Armisen** and **Carrie Brownstein**. IFC announced that it has picked up the hit comedy for seasons six and seven, each encompassing 10 half-hour episodes.

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**Q:** I wanted to ask about two ABC shows that I very much miss: "Red Widow" and "666 Park Avenue." I enjoyed both shows, especially the eye candy in "Red Widow," and wondered if there's any chance they'll be aired again -- Marsha R., Naples, Florida

**A:** Both ABC series premiered in the 2012-13 season -- "666 Park Avenue" in September and "Red Widow" as a midseason replacement -- to much hullabaloo and fanfare; however, both were canceled due to low ratings. Of the two series, "Red Widow" is available on DVD, in case you're feeling nostalgic and want to relive the drama and intrigue ... and eye candy.

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**Q:** I truly hope the writers and producers of "Galavant" know what a superb show it is. I laugh so hard and watch each episode several times since there are so many jokes and bits every second. I thank them for this wonderful production. If it comes out on DVD, I will buy it! -- Nancy M., Venice, Florida

**A:** I know a lot of people who feel the way you do, Nancy. And they are all hoping for a second season, as I'm sure you are. If anything, it's just nice to



Fred Armisen

have the option to watch a series that is inventive and unique, and there really is no other show out there like it right now. I believe in rewarding people for thinking outside the box, and I hope ABC does too.

While "Galavant" started out really strong, it then slipped in numbers as the limited series went on. However, since it is a limited series (meaning each season has fewer episodes than a normal series, and it can air at any time during the season as a place-filler or replacement), its low numbers won't necessarily be nails in its coffin. I'd still place this show very much on the bubble. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

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**Q:** I read that **Andrew Garfield** will no longer star in "Spider-Man." Does that mean the franchise will be ending? -- DeeDee R., via email

**A:** The franchise will go on -- but with a new Spidey. Like **Tobey Maguire** before him, Andrew is moving on to other things, and a new (not-yet-cast) actor will take his place. The premiere date for the new "Spider-Man" movie has been set for July 28, 2017. Because of this, "Thor: Ragnarok" will now open in November 2017, since Peter Parker and company have taken his release date.

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# CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Scholarship Committee Chair Gail Nixon with The Garden Club of Orange President Maryellen Bspuda. [Photo by Lana Ho]

## THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP

The Garden Club of Orange has set up a scholarship fund to promote and encourage interest in gardening, horticulture and environmental studies. The Garden Club of Orange will award a \$1,000 dollar scholarship to an Orange high school senior planning to major in Plant Science, Environmental Studies and/or Agronomy.

The scholarship was made possible by Memorial Gift donations to the club. Scholarship applications are available at the high school guidance offices and Case Memorial library. Applications

together with an official high school transcript must be submitted by April 10, 2015 to:

The Garden Club of Orange  
c/o P. O. Box 1072  
Orange, CT 06477

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc., The New England Region of Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.

If you are interested to learn more about the Garden Club call Teresa Evangeliste (203)795-3195.



Pictured WRCO President Vicki Grande. [Photo by Rita Nardecchia.]

## WOMENS REPUBLICAN CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER

The Installation luncheon of the Women's Republican Club of Orange will be held at the Grassy Hill Lodge, Sodom Lane, Derby, on Saturday, April 11th @ 12 noon. There will be a cash bar, and luncheon is \$30.00 per person with a choice of: Stuffed Filet of Sole, Prime Rib Au Jus, Chicken Marsala, or a Vegetarian Option - Pasta Primavera. Reservations should be made to

Beth Michael, 386 Drummond Road, Orange. Phone (203)799-1223 by April 3rd. Members may send a separate check for \$5.00 dues with luncheon reservations.

Vicki Grande, president, welcomes members to attend the event. There will be door prizes and an afternoon of fun and camaraderie is planned. Come and salute spring with all of us!



Pictured (left to right): Republican Senate Minority Leader Len Fasano, House Republican Minority Leader Themis Klarides, First Selectman Jim Zeoli and long time Republican Doris Knight. [Photo by Rita Nardecchia]

## REPUBLICANS HOLD GALA

On February 5th 2015, the Orange Republican Town Committee held a Gala event, "An Enchanted Evening", at the Grassy Hill Country Club. Nancy Nastri, chairman of O.R.T.C., introduced James Zeoli, Orange First Selectman, as Master of ceremonies for the evening. Newly elected State representatives, Themis Klarides, Charles

Ferraro and Pam Staneski were the honored guests, and Senate Minority Leader, Len Fasano, was also in attendance.

It was a very successful and festive event thanks to the Gala Committee members; Debra Marino, Karen Arnold, Kevin Houlihan, and Laura "Peach" Reid.

## UMPIRES SPRING 2015

For anyone interested in returning or becoming an umpire for Orange Little League this spring season, there will be an information meeting for everyone. (Minimum Age 12, 7th Grade)



The meeting will be held at High Plains Community Center in Orange on March 11th at 6:30pm.

Everything that you will need to know will be explained at this meeting. If there are any questions, feel free to email tmoney72315@gmail.com

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 127 LAUREL GIRLS STATE

Laurel Girls State is a leadership action program course designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government to all girls interested in government. This a one week program of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 127 devoted to citizen training. It is open to all Orange High

School senior girls and secondly to any Woodbridge or Bethany senior girl. Applications may be obtained at the Amity Senior High School Guidance Department or by contacting Marianne Bauer. All applications must be returned by April 16th to the guidance department.

### AMITY GIRL SCOUTS SIGN UP!

Come join the fun! Girl Scout Sign up! Each year we offer a way for all families to see Girl Scouts in action and to enjoy the fun of a truly wonderful international day including food, crafts, songs and entertainment! Families can learn more about customs around the world while asking questions and signing up for Girl Scouts!

Girl Scout World Thinking Day and Sign Up will take place Sunday, March 8, 2015 from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at Holy Infant Church - Gymnasium, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange. The cost is \$2.00 each child, Girl Scout and adult. Please RSVP: Anita M. Silvestro at asilvestro@gsofct.org or (203) 239-2922 Ext. 3334.

### GARDEN CLUB MARCH MEETING

#### “Understanding Weather Change”

Who doesn't want to know why we are having such extreme weather now! To understand the weather changes, The Garden Club of Orange has invited Art Horn, Meteorologist. Art Horn, professor of Meteorology, TV weatherman for 25 years and climate change expert, will explain what forces cause climate change with detailed insight not seen or heard in the media. He will answer your questions.

The program will start at 1 PM at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City

Road, Orange, CT. All guests are welcome and the program is free to the public.

The Garden Club of Orange members will also be exhibiting Creative Designs using dried or weathered wood “The Wind Doth Blow”.

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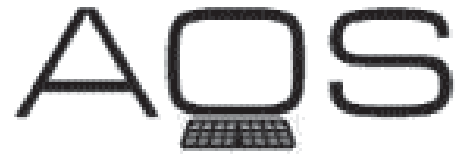
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Also, we will be offering a 5 week series in Lent: "Faith in Action". You will have the opportunity to hear members of the congregation share their individual faith journeys and the ways they put their faith into action on a daily basis. We will meet in the Reception Room following the 10:00 am worship service on 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, and 3/22.

Come Break Bread with us for Lent at our Lenten Suppers, Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Dining Hall, for the weeks of 2/25 - 3/25. We will have a simple supper of bread and soup, with a study of scripture to follow. A \$5 free will offering will be taken. - The church is located at 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange. Call 203-795-9749 for more information.



Orange Congregational Church

The Music Ministry of the Orange Congregational Church invites you to its next performance in the "Music on the Green" concert series. The fine Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet will perform "Esther" based on the Biblical story along with other modern works. Ticket price is \$10. The performance will be March 22, 2015 at 4p.m. The church is located on the town green at Orange Center Road and Meeting House Lane.

For more information, call 203-795-9749 or visit [www.orangecongregationalchurch.org](http://www.orangecongregationalchurch.org) or [www.ekklesiacontemporaryballet.com](http://www.ekklesiacontemporaryballet.com).

### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SEEKS VENDORS

Vendors are wanted for the 7th annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Orange Congregational Church to be held on June 13 (rain date - June 14) at the Orange Fairgrounds in Orange, CT. Artists, arti-

sans, handcrafters, antique dealers and local business owners are welcomed. For more information, contact the church at 203-795-9749 or visit the church website at [www.orangecongregationalchurch.org](http://www.orangecongregationalchurch.org).

## DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE

### "ASSISTED LIVING DECISIONS"

By Roberta L Nestor

Assisted living facilities (ALF) are growing in popularity and are a viable choice for many seniors. Assisted living is part of a continuum of long-term care services that offers services, in combination, with housing, personal care services, and health care that can help residents in need of assistance with daily activities in such a way that promotes maximum independence. Our tiny state has over 80 assisted living communities and that is up 20% over the past two years.

Selecting an ALF is a life changing event and most often the task of selecting the ALF is not made by the aging individual, but more often, it is a family member who is making the decision as to where to place mom or dad. Unfortunately, there are many common mistakes families make when selecting an ALF. Starting with underestimating the long term cost of care. A careful analysis with all of the "what ifs" is essential to be sure that living in the ALF can be affordable for the long term. Moving a loved one from place to place can be emotionally and physically detrimental to the senior, especially if that senior is experiencing signs of dementia which make adapting to change very difficult.

Let's assume someone has a monthly fixed income of \$3,000 between social security and pension, the ALF costs \$5,000 each month and this person has \$200,000 from the proceeds of selling their home. In this example the individual would have to draw off \$2,000 a month from their savings. Without any gain or loss to the principal, and assuming there are no increased fees or increases in the monthly cost, she could afford to stay at the ALF for 8 years.

Now let's put the "what ifs" into the equation and assume that the ALF increases the monthly fee by 5% each year. With the same assumption of no gain or loss on her \$200,000 and no additional fees, the safety net goes from 8 years to 4 years. Be aware that every additional service provided by an ALF has a cost, whether it is to give medication to a resident or watching the resident actually swallow the medication. So, when you are looking at affordability, it is important to do a detailed analysis to understand the probability of running out of money.

Another common mistake family members make when selecting a facil-

ity is that the ALF be in close proximity and convenient for themselves versus the senior. Chances are that the senior individual has been a part of his or her community for a number of years. Moving outside of their community means getting used to a myriad of new things, be it church, grocery shopping, where they have their prescriptions filled, even when it comes to friends being able to visit. Most ALF residents don't expect to see their family members more often just because they moved out of their home. Make sure the location is convenient for the resident.

Lastly, many families don't read the fine print and only find out about extra costs after the fact. For example, communities generally raise their prices at an approximate annual rate of 5%, which is actually twice the rate of inflation. Unless your contract clearly specifies a rent freeze or "locked rate," your fees increase each time you renew your contract. You might find separate fees for the apartment and an additional fee for personal care. There could also be fees for laundry, transportation to grocery store, medical supplies, medical delivery, etc. Don't do it alone and take your time comparing these communities. Don't just visit once, go a few times and at different times during the day or early evening. Learn more about the existing residents, the average stay and spend time with different staff members to understand their function. Don't make quick decisions and try to involve your loved one in the process as much as possible.

*Roberta L. Nestor is a financial advisor practicing at 491 New Haven Avenue in Milford, CT offering retirement, long term care, investment and tax planning services. She also offers securities and advisory services as an Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network - a member FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products offered through Nestor Financial Network are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. Commonwealth Financial Network or Nestor Financial Network does not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation. Roberta can be reached at Nestor Financial Network, 203-876-8066 or [roberta@nestorfinancial.com](mailto:roberta@nestorfinancial.com).*

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## Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



### AMERICANS RELY FAR TOO MUCH ON THE SAME WINES!

Recently a friend emailed me an article Megan Willet wrote for the Business Insider that touched upon a subject that has been my belief for many years. Americans rely far too much on the same old wine varieties and are afraid to try some they may have never heard of. She interviewed Jeremy Block the owner of "Some Old Wines" a major wine retailer in New York City. He made some great comparisons I want to share with you.

Everyone who loves wine knows about Cabernet. It is a big robust wine that has lots of fruit and chocolate overtones and can have a long finish. The wine is the steak and roast lovers delight. With a wonderful prime rib a fine Cabernet makes the rib taste better and the wine taste better and that's the big deal about food and wine pairing. Block suggested to try a Spanish Grenache with your next big beef dinner. Block indicated the wines have "similar intensity". I think he was trying to indicate the wines have similar weights. Wines that are weighted in a similar manner generally match well with the same foods. Grenache has a little less fruit and a little more chocolate overtone but can also have a long finish. It is also a big wine and it works surprisingly well with steaks and chops.

Block is a great Pino Noir lover and feels it is the greatest wine variety in the world. He indicates rather than Pino try some Beaujolais. I disagree with him about this comparison because the wines are not weighted in a similar manner. Beaujolais is very light bodied and fruity. Pino Noir is similar in fruit and acidic content but the weights are wrong. It doesn't work for me. He is right on the mark when he suggests trying some Nebbiolo in place of Merlot. The wines share the same weight and texture; they are both velvety and have plumb-like characteristics. I would, however, take this one step farther. I much prefer Nebbiolo to Merlot. Nebbiolo is grown in Piedmont region of northern Italy and it is referred to as Barbaresco or Barbera. It is all the Nebbiolo grape and it will stand up to meat dishes and works well with big pasta dishes. It has layers of flavors and it is one of my favorites. He goes on to compare Syrah with French Mourvedre. Both wines are spicy and a bit earthy. They work well with wild game and heavily seasoned

meats. One comparison he does not make which rather surprised me is Zinfandel and Primitivo. These wines are very similar and have only slightly different DNA. Most of the differences come from the soil and weather conditions where the grapes are grown. Both wines are high in alcohol content and contain lots of tannins. In blind tastings I have found it is difficult to tell them apart. He then compares Malbec to French Cotes du Rhone and indicates Cotes du Rhone is a less expensive alternative to Malbec. I think the jury is out on that one. Cotes du Rhone is a vintners blend wine that the winemaker has some varieties that go well together left over and he puts them together. Some are very good, but there is not much consistency in that there is no formula for the wine. It is left up to the winemaker. I would stick to Malbec!

Some white wine alternatives include Viongnier rather than Chardonnay. Rather than Sauvignon Blanc try some Albarino. This north eastern Spanish wine may surprise you. Both wines are high in acid and with citrus flavors and both are super. The point of the article I like the most though is the wine professionals war with Pino Grigio. There are so many great Italian white wines to try; why do we Americans drink so much Pino Grigio? My theory is we all have a favorite aunt somewhere that loves Pino Grigio and just can't disappoint her. Next time she comes over sneak her some Vermentino when she is not looking! She will love you for it.

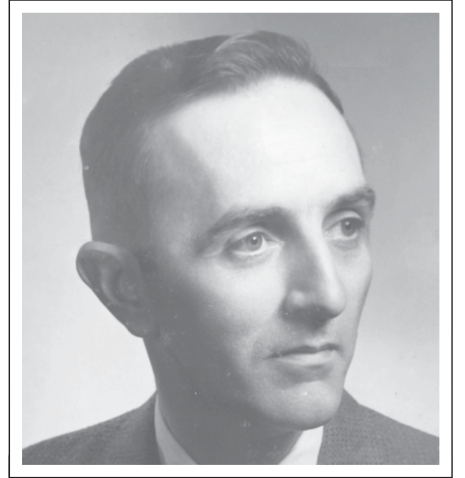
So try some of these great substitutions and make up your own mind about some other wine varieties. I think you will be glad you did! (The article I am referring to in this article is The Business Insider 2/13/15 Megan Willet interviewing Jeremy Block.) I am teaching some great wine classes. If you have some interest email me!!

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Francis A. Zeoli

Francis A. Zeoli, born to Angelo Zeoli and Theresa Martino Zeoli, grew up in Woodbridge, Connecticut and graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1947. He was the Chief Medical Technologist at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Connecticut until opening his own Clinical Laboratory in Derby, Connecticut. He was highly regarded in his profession for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Patricia Tracy Zeoli, and his children, Michael Tracy Zeoli (Ewa), James McEnerney Zeoli and Melissa Louise Zeoli, and his brother Joseph B. Zeoli and his wife



Dorothy of Wallingford, Connecticut. Predeceased by Robert Zeoli, Lorraine Pagliaro and Helen Nuzzo.

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ers and/or molesters. "People assume most rapes occur when a stranger jumps out of the bushes," Pisano said. "But that's rarely the case, usually it's a family member or friend."

Once Pisano gets a call about a sexual assault, whether from a police department, hospital or the victim themselves, she stays with the client from disclosure through the court hearings, a process that can last for years. Though difficult and often heart-breaking, the belief that she's a supportive and compassionate advocate for the victim helps Pisano stay the course. "It's empowering and meaningful work. I like to think I make a positive difference," she said. One of the most tragic cases she's encountered was the rape of a five-month-old baby. "At the time my own daughter was seven-months-old and it was very difficult. You think you've seen and heard everything and then something like that happens." At such times the Center's close-knit staff pulls together for support. "We really rely on each other, we get together and talk things out," Pisano said.

Though she had been offered staff positions over the years, in 2002 the time was right in her personal life to finally take a job at the Center. She was hired as Director of Victim Services and Coordinator of the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). The MDT is the group of professionals involved in a victim's case which includes representatives from the State's Attorney's Office, the Department of Children and Families, police, medical and mental health providers, forensic interviewers, victim advocates, school personnel and social workers. "The team was created to minimize the number of times a child has to talk about what happened. It's very effective, I'm very proud of our team," she said.

Her job responsibilities also include

providing required sexual assault certification training at police departments throughout Connecticut. She and her training partner, Cindy Dugan, teach police officers how to be compassionate first responders when dealing with sexual assault victims. "The initial officer plays a major role in how the victim interprets the way in which society will respond to his or her charge. They are listening and watching the officers' eyes and if they think the officer doesn't believe them they are not going to take it any further," Pisano explained. "We try to train officers on how they can make the victims' road a little easier to travel."

Reflecting on her own first call, Pisano marvels at how much has changed in public awareness of sexually based crimes and the judicial process itself. Forty years ago, there was no DNA evidence and cases were difficult to prosecute. For the carjacked 16 year old, the police lineup of potential perpetrators was actually done face-to-face - there was no one-way glass separating the victim and her possible attacker. Since the perpetrator spoke to the victim, the men in the police line up even had to talk to her, a distressing experience made a bit easier by Pisano's presence. She also recalls being present at the first DNA case in Connecticut which took place at Milford Superior Court in the 1980s. "It was brand new for the prosecution, the judge had to explain to the jury what DNA was," Pisano said. "She was using diagrams of molecules -- people had never even heard of it."

The increasing numbers of reported sexual assault cases continues to climb, a trend Pisano sees as reflective of the Center's educational programs and presence in the community. "We are available 24/7 and victims get a real person on the line. We are out there more than ever and it's paying off," she said.



# HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



## The Facts Mme. Just the Facts...

We all know that stories, when told over and over again become tall tales and one must wonder if all of the “tales” about the Blizzard of 1888 are true or just exaggerations of a populous, unprepared for a deluge of snow, wind and cold. From all accounts that appear online, the snow count was as high as 50” but the wind is what brought the storm to its reputation with winds in New Haven topping 60 mph and other parts of New England past 70 mph. With this velocity, drifts were high, as the fluffy “stuff” blew drifts to a height of 38 feet in Cheshire!

Many were stranded in this storm and Mary Woodruff, in her History of Orange, tells a tale that goes like this.

“In March, 1888 occurred the big blizzard. It began to snow on Sunday afternoon, March 12\* and the snow continued to fall for three days and nights. On Monday morning, the district schools did not open but a few hardy girls and boys braved the storm and went to the High School on the Green (Academy).

Although the school closed at noon, by that time the storm was so severe that the children could not reach their homes but stopped to spend the night with some kind neighbor, who lived near the Green. Having no telephones to ascertain their whereabouts, the parents had to hope and pray they were safe.”

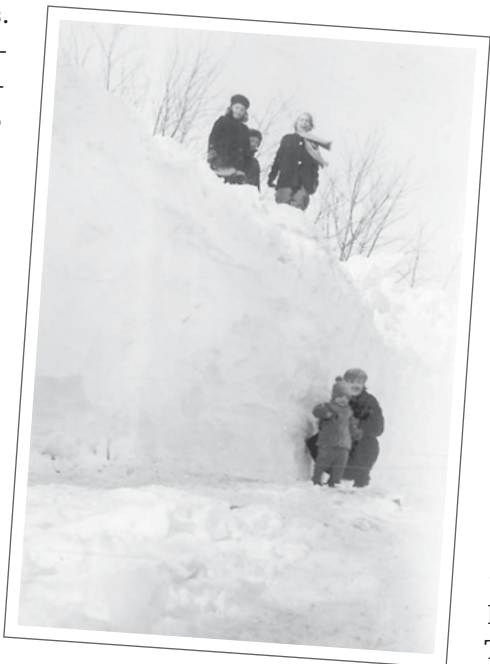
Does this bring up a thought of how horrible the storm was without

today’s technology? Had those children had a cell phone, the worry and torment would have been eliminated. Do you think that maybe the “horror” of 1888 was heightened by the lack of communication? I would say so. A sad note about two women working in a Bridgeport factory set out for home rather than compromise their reputations by sleeping in mixed company at the factory. They were found dead in each other’s arms when the digging out commenced. In contrast to this, in the Blizzard of 1978, UCONN students were mixing it up and one dorm had students jumping out the window into the high snowdrifts after showering as a group in a shower that at that time had 12 shower-heads.

Many, many trains were stranded and Mary has this to say about that. “A combination three-car freight and passenger train started at Derby at 7 A.M. to go to New Haven, with thirteen passengers. They were stuck in drifts when they reached the cut\*\* at Platt Valley. (West of Tyler City Road down Lambert.). All that day and throughout

Monday night, they were marooned on the train. By Tuesday afternoon, the group climbed through the drifts to the nearest farmhouse. Fortunately for the passengers, the freight car was carrying 600 pies, 5 gallons of oysters and three hundred pounds of pork, bacon and sausages.”

Six of the group remained at the



Main Street, Derby

house, while the others returned to the train. By Wednesday, the brakeman and five other men managed to make their way to New Haven and on Thursday a rescue party came to take away the rest of the weary travelers. One hundred men dug for four days, opening a path to New Haven to deliver milk and, with records at our Mary Woodruff Research Center, Fairlea Farm delivered milk to New Haven, regularly. The opening of the drifts was made wide enough for a sleigh or farm sled to pass but this was not the only problem in traveling through Orange.

Nearly a month later, on April 7, Charlotte E. Woodruff, wife of Jeremiah, who lived in the Turkey Hill District, died and it took a group of men to widen the roads to allow the passage of the hearse and funeral carriages. Some traces of the snow were still seen in the month of May.

With the history of the 1888 blizzard in the past, we have our memories of the Blizzard of 1978, remember? It was a category 4 being identified as “crippling”. Lasting from February 5th-to the 7th it cost \$520,000,000 worth of damage that would be 1.8 billion dollars in 2015. The storm was a catastrophe, a historic nor’easter with the bulk of the storm for Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts hitting on the 6th, being particularly hit hard by this storm. Due to the new moon, the tides were unusually high and the storm brought massive amounts of water to the coast.

Once again, people were stranded, visibility zero and strong winds making power outages frequent. The winds in this storm topped 84 mph with gusts up to 111mph. Most nor’easter storms bring a steady snow for up to 12 hours but the Blizzard of ’78 brought heavy snow for 33 hours and to top it off, lightning and thunder. What made the scenario worse was the lack of good weather forecasting as it is difficult in New England and whatever was forecast was taken lightly as folks didn’t

have much faith in their information and it didn’t snow Monday morning as predicted.

If you remember this storm, you will remember

Ella Grasso

was governor and that she closed the streets throughout Connecticut and businesses closed. On the lighter side you might remember disco, platform shoes, and bell-bottom pants but all that didn’t make the storm any easier to endure.

So the only thing we need to know with this latest snowy season is it could be worse. How worse depends on how you view worse. If you can’t get out, you get cabin fever. If you fall or get hurt, you might be laid up until spring. If your electricity goes out, you panic and the food spoils. BUT if you plan ahead, you just might not be part of the written history of the storms of 2015.

\*Historical data says storm for 1888 was March 11-14.

\*\*A cut in railroad terms is an area that has been blasted open.



Arnold Hine, Orange - 1920



Church Street, New Haven

# ENTERTAINMENT

## TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water (PG)**  
animated
- 2. American Sniper (R)**  
Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller
- 3. Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)**  
Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis
- 4. Seventh Son (PG-13)**  
Ben Barnes, Julianne Moore
- 5. Paddington (PG)**  
Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins
- 6. Project Almanac (PG-13)**  
Amy Landecker, Sofia Black-D'Elia
- 7. The Imitation Game (PG-13)**  
Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley
- 8. The Wedding Ringer (R)**  
Kevin Hart, Josh Gad
- 9. Black or White (PG-13)**  
Kevin Costner, Octavia Spencer
- 10. The Boy Next Door (R)**  
Jennifer Lopez, Ryan Guzman

## TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Fury (R)**  
Brad Pitt
- 2. The Judge (R)**  
Robert Downey Jr.
- 3. Lucy (R)**  
Scarlett Johansson
- 4. Gone Girl (R)**  
Ben Affleck
- 5. The Boxtrolls (PG)**  
animated
- 6. Annabelle (R)**  
Ward Horton
- 7. A Walk Among the Tombstones (R)**  
Liam Neeson
- 8. Boyhood (R)**  
Patricia Arquette
- 9. The Equalizer (R)**  
Denzel Washington
- 10. The Interview (R)**  
James Franco

## CHART BUSTERS

### Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars**  
"Uptown Funk!"
- 2. Ed Sheeran**  
"Thinking Out Loud"
- 3. Hozier**  
"Take Me to Church"
- 4. Taylor Swift**  
"Blank Space"
- 5. Maroon 5**  
"Sugar"
- 6. Meghan Trainor**  
"Lips Are Movin'"
- 7. Sam Smith**  
"I'm Not the Only One"
- 8. Nick Jonas**  
"Jealous"
- 9. Taylor Swift**  
"Shake It Off"
- 10. Fall Out Boy**  
"Centuries"



Ne-Yo

### Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Luke Bryan**  
"I See You"
- 2. Eric Church**  
"Talladega"
- 3. Florida Georgia Line**  
"Sun Daze"
- 4. Blake Shelton feat. Ashley Monroe**  
"Lonely Tonight"
- 5. Sam Hunt**  
"Take Your Time"
- 6. Thomas Rhett**  
"Make Me Wanna"
- 7. Carrie Underwood**  
"Something in the Water"
- 8. Jason Aldean**  
"Just Getting Started"
- 9. Lee Brice**  
"Drinking Class"
- 10. Randy Houser**  
"Like a Cowboy"



Natalie Dormer in "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of March 2, 2015..

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay -- Part One" (PG-13)** -- After wrecking the Hunger Games and igniting a revolution, Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) -- the franchise's arrow-slinging teen heroine -- is determined to rescue Peeta (Josh Hutcherson) from the clutches of the evil President Snow (Donald Sutherland). Katniss gains new allies from District 13 led by Alma Coin

(Julianne Moore), who means business, and from the Capitol when Cressida (Natalie Dormer) and her camera crew flee. However, it seems like Katniss and the 13ers have different priorities. Those two words at the end of the title tell you everything else you need to know about the movie. "Part One" is now the universal code for "we stretched out a single book of material into two bloated movies, because you'll see both anyway, and we'll get twice as much money." It's a shame. While the looks and performances are all there, this movie -- or more accurately the first part of a movie -- has a lot of set up and no climax.

**"The Captive" (R)** -- A young girl goes missing in an instant, leaving no trace and little to clear the guilt from her father (Ryan Reynolds). Almost a decade later, the parents are divorced, damaged and still searching for the people who kidnapped their daughter -- somebody who apparently kidnaps and abuses children, and spies on the parents while their lives fall apart. You'll endure plot twists and TV crime-show cliches, and all you'll be left with an icky feeling.

**"The Better Angels" (PG)** -- This ponderous black-and-white film takes us into the childhood of Abraham Lincoln, but it's not a biography, and it's certainly no history lesson. Much of the story comes from the environment -- little sounds of nature, a timely breeze swaying the old oak branches. But it's easy to miss the story. It's a more moody, artsy look at growing up and the role of virtues. It's plain to see that filmmaker A.J. Edwards has drawn on his work with Terrence Malik; he just hasn't reached that level with this offering. the other side.

- Name the only No. 1 song by the Edgar Winter Group.
- Which song mentions not playing B-17 on the jukebox, as it would bring back memories?
- What day of the week is mentioned in two songs by Spanky and the Gang?
- Name the group that released "Have I the Right?"
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "He got joo-joo eyeball, he one holy roller, He got hair down to his knee, Got to be a joker he just do what he please."



1. "Frankenstein," in 1973. The instrumental was heavy on synthesizer, and Winter played a number of the instruments.  
2. "Please Mr. Please," by Olivia Newton-John in 1975.  
3. Sunday: "Sunday Will Never Be the Same" and "Sunday Mornin'".  
4. The Homecoming, in 1964. To augment the drums during the chorus, band members stamped their feet on the stairs in the studio.  
5. "Come Together," by the Beatles in 1969. The song was the subject of a lawsuit when it was claimed that John Lennon lifted part of Chuck Berry's "You Can't Catch Me." It is suspicious: Berry's words were "Here come a fattop, he was movin' up with me," and Lennon's were "Here come ol' flattop, he come groovin' up slowly."

Sudoku answers on page 30

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

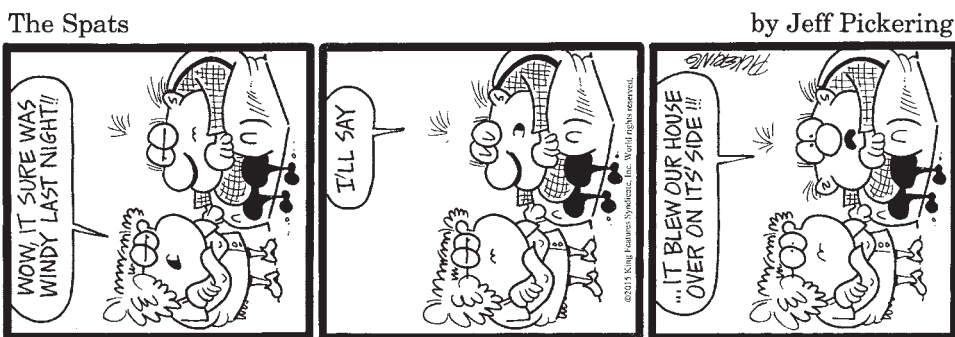
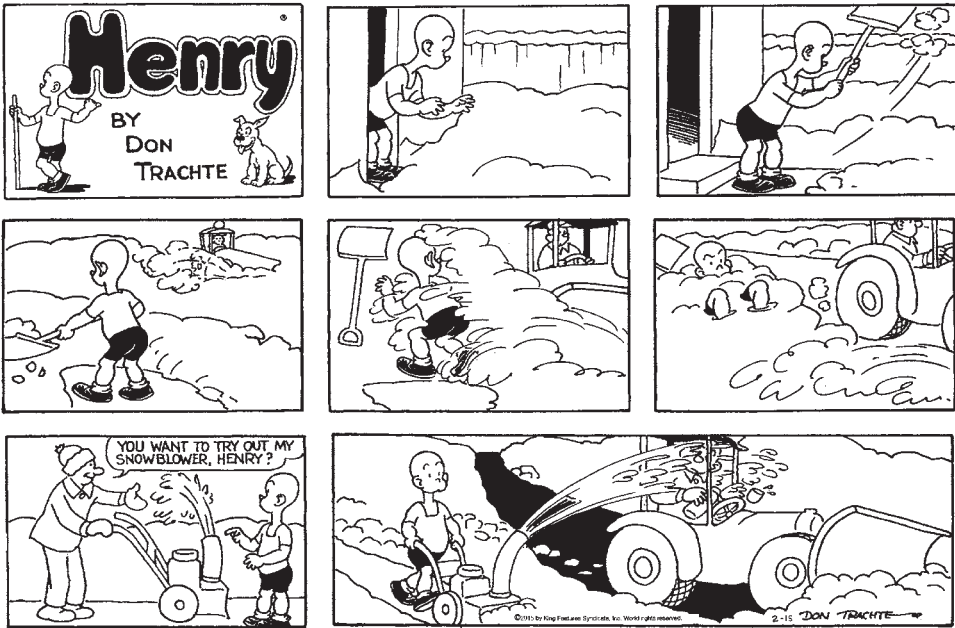
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



## HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- The confirmation that Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner really is transitioning to become a woman has shocked many people. The upcoming reality show, starring Bruce, will keep the shock value going.

Last year, Jarod Leto won his best supporting actor Oscar for playing a transsexual in "Dallas Buyer's Club," which may have swayed Eddie Redmayne, Oscar nominated for his portrayal of physicist Stephen Hawking "The Theory of Everything," to take on a risky project for his post-Oscar film. He first hit with "My Week With Marilyn" (2011), then he impressed in "Les Miserables." Redmayne won a Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild Award for "The Theory of Everything" and is the favorite to win an Oscar this year. He's currently on big screens in the \$175 million "Jupiter Ascending," playing an effeminate dictator of another planet.

He'll next take on the role of Danish painter Einar Wegener, who later transitioned to become Lili Elbe, the first man to have sexual reassignment surgery, in 1931. The film, "The Danish Girl," will be directed by Eddie's "Les Miserables" director, Toby Hooper. Before Redmayne, those considered for the role were Nicole Kidman, Gwyneth Paltrow, Charlize Theron, Marion Cotillard and Rachel Weisz. Hooper won the Academy Award for "The King's Speech," which grossed \$414 million worldwide.

Redmayne admits, "I have put on dresses and wigs and make-up. I'm beginning to embark on trying to find out who she was." This is a time when interests, thanks to Bruce Jenner, are high on men transitioning to women.



Eddie Redmayne

Sad to hear of the passing of Donna Douglas, born Doris Smith, in Pride, Louisiana, 82 years ago, whom we all loved as Elly May Clampett on "The Beverly Hillbillies." I attended the CBS affiliate gathering in 1962 and met Donna, who was a beautiful, shy and unassuming young woman who stuck close to her co-stars Buddy Ebsen, Irene Ryan and Max Baer, Jr. Many years later, I'd see her around Beverly Hills functioning as a real-estate agent. When she succumbed to pancreatic cancer on New Year's Day, Max Baer said, "She was Elly May until the day she died. She always dressed in pink or blue, and of course had those signature pigtails." She is survived by her brother, her son, Danny Bourgeois, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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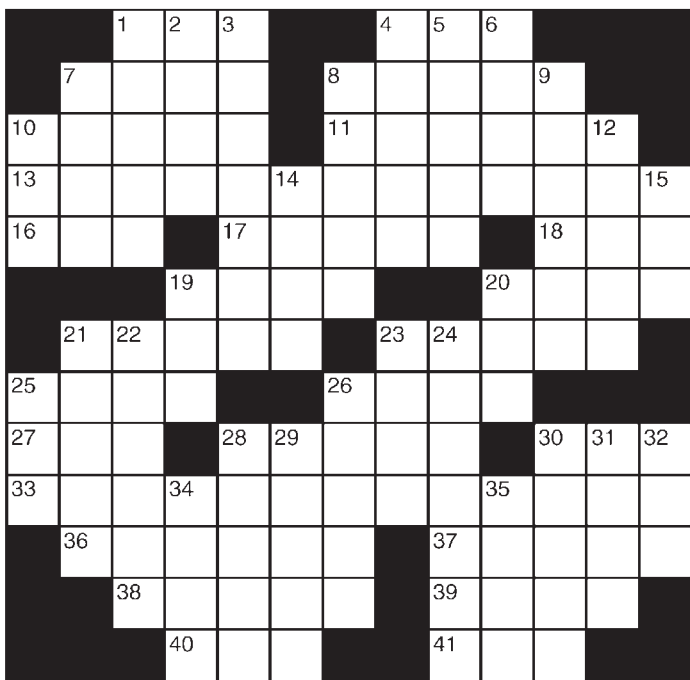
"American Sniper," which cost \$58.8 million to make, grossed nearly \$400 million in its first three weeks and is still going strong. Despite being ignored by The Golden Globes, it has grabbed Oscar nominations for Bradley Cooper as best actor, and for best picture. Hope Bradley doesn't get sore if he doesn't win the Oscar ... he knows how to use a rifle really well now!

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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 — de deux
- 4 Rotating part
- 7 St. Louis landmark
- 8 Sorcerer
- 10 Durable wood
- 11 Obliterated
- 13 Jake and Elwood
- 16 Foundation
- 17 Kin of linen
- 18 Also
- 19 Accomplishment
- 20 Fragment
- 21 Scrub, as a space mission
- 23 Old-hat
- 25 Pitcher type
- 26 Taverns
- 27 Petrol
- 28 Wails like a banshee
- 30 School org.
- 33 Golf course maintenance crew
- 36 Concoct
- 37 Canonical hour
- 38 Small plateaus
- 39 Rooster
- 40 Bashful



- 41 Before
- 7 Competent
- 26 Chinese dogs, for short
- 8 Deserve
- 9 Boil
- 28 Deli turnover
- 10 Recede
- 12 R2-D2, e.g.
- 29 English homework, often
- 14 Lake vessel
- 15 Bribe
- 30 Pound pieces
- 19 Supporting Dol. fractions
- 20 Dol. fractions
- 21 Prize
- 22 Suit, old-style
- 31 "Star —"
- 32 Fool
- 34 Prior nights
- 35 Indigent
- 23 Sand formation
- 24 Lack
- 25 Ovum

**DOWN**

- 1 Exultant
- 2 Teen's complexion woe
- 3 Unscrupulous lawyer
- 4 Yuletide rendition
- 5 Playing marble
- 6 Dog-sledding "giddyap"

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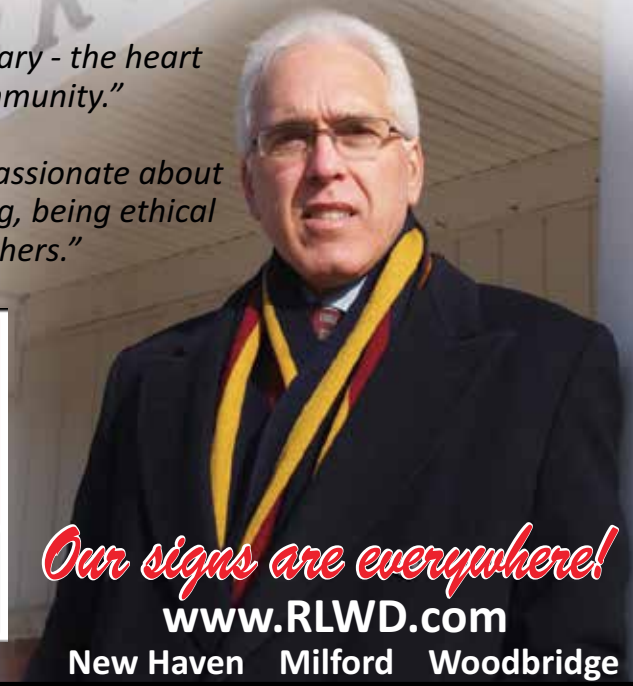


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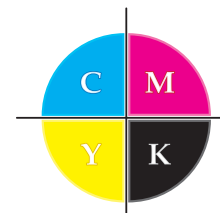
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dent physician in Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Hospital in Manhattan, NY. Mr. Zais graduated from Century High School and served in the Army until 2011. Since leaving the Army, he has been working as a professional stand-up comedian, performing in NYC and around the country. Mr. Zais also works for National Car Rental and is studying Business. The wedding is planned for June 2016.



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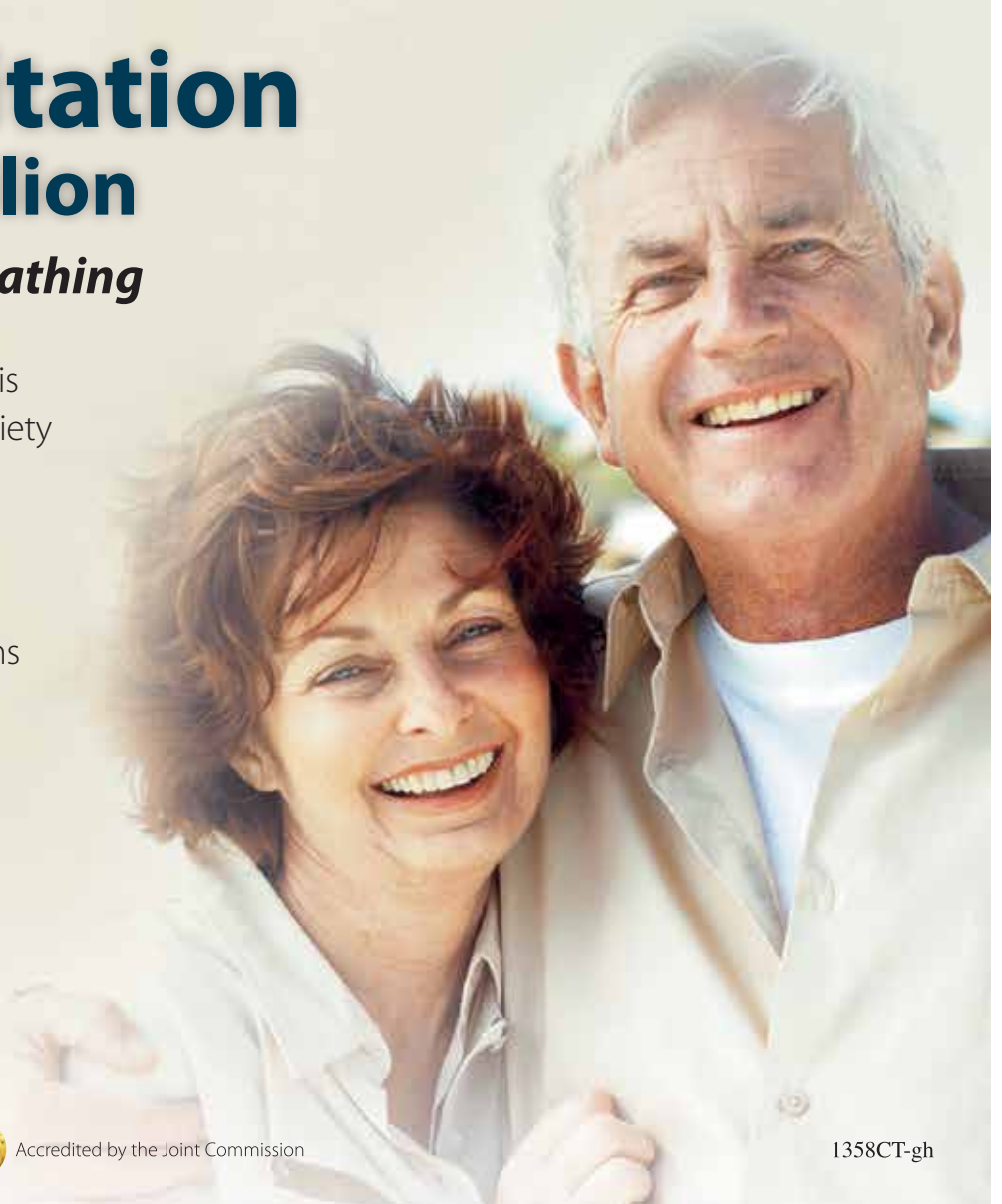
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## ARTS & LEISURE

### TARZAN SWINGS ONTO THE AMITY STAGE!

The award winning Amity Creative Theater will dazzle audiences with its high flying production of the Disney Musical Tarzan. Single performances are scheduled for March 20th, 21st, 27th, and 2 performances on March 28th.

Amity Creative Theater has hired the world renowned ZFX, ([zfxflying.com](http://zfxflying.com)) flying effects company from Louisville, Kentucky to train the student cast and crew. ZFX personnel will be working with students from March 15-19th. 7 actors will be swinging through the trees, the audience gazing above in awe while this talented cast and crew tell the story of Tarzan's first experience with modern civilization and love.

A Broadway Hit in 2006, Tarzan features the music and lyrics of 5 time Grammy Winner Phil Collins, combined with the breathtaking character flying and acrobatics of this Amity H.S. student cast. Under the direction of Theater Teacher Robert Kennedy, Amity Creative Theater is known as one of the top Theater programs on the East Coast. Amity has won two Moss Hart Awards for Best High School Production from the New England Theater Conference and 21 awards from the CT High School Musical Theater Awards, including Best Overall Production

(Sweeney Todd in 2013), Best Actress (Ali Kramer in 2012) and Best Actor (John Jorge in 2010). In addition, in the Summer of 2016, Amity has been selected from a group of 2500 candidates to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, England. It's the second time in 5 years the school has received this honor.

More than 110 students are working 5 days a week preparing this production. The play stars Max Karasnow (Woodbridge) as Tarzan and Addie Robbins (Orange) as Jane. Also featured are Khari Blue (Bethany) as Kerk and Morgan Guadagnoli (Orange) as Kala. The cast of 50, will work with a live student orchestra (36 members) and a stage crew of 30, to put on another captivating show. Tickets are on sale now online at [amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://amitytheaterdepartment.com). All seats are \$ 18.00. Show Dates are March 20th, 21st, 27th at 8pm and March 28th at 2pm and 8pm.

Amity Creative Theater would like to thank its corporate sponsors, Kenneth J. Burns Insurance, Chip's Restaurant, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Daniel E. Durkee, CPA, Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation, Laticrete International Inc, Leibo Brothers Management, NJ, Pet Supplies Plus and New England Cat Care.



The winning band Grey Negative on the Toad's Place stage. [Adair Photography]

### 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS BENEFIT SHOW

On Presidents Day the Amity Teen Center hosted the 20th Annual TOAD's Place Benefit "Battle of the Bands" show at 300 York Street in New Haven. Eleven teen bands performed in front of hundreds of teens, friends and family members. The winning band, chosen by the judges, was Grey Negative.

After all expenses were paid, the Teen Center raised \$1,875.00 from the ticket sales, commemorative t-shirt sales and bake sale run by the Amity

Leo Club. Event sponsors were Parillo, Cohen & Co., Woodbridge UPS and Jay Jaser.

The Amity Teen Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was formed in 1987. We hold after school, evening and weekend activities for area teens in grades 7 - 12. We are located in our own building at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge. Anyone wishing to learn more about the Teen Center, please go to [www.amityteencenter.org](http://www.amityteencenter.org).

## ORANGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO PRESENT PROGRAM

### Featuring Glenn Gordinier, Master Story Teller

The Orange Historical Society will hold its annual Taste of the Past event on Saturday, March 28, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Orange Congregational Church Community Room, located on Orange Center Road. A light lunch of homemade soups, breads and desserts will be served at 1:00. The performance will begin at 2:30. The event also includes a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.

Glenn Gordinier, master story teller, will appear as Josiah Gardener, master mariner, an historic character who has been going to sea since before the Civil War, has fished the Grand Banks, cruised San Francisco's Barbary Coast and faced gales and shipwrecks. Gordinier "becomes" Josiah Gardner with this amazing "first person" performance... right down to answering your questions in character. Acclaimed by the New York Times, his historical portrayal of Josiah Gardener has been seen across the United States, in Canada, Australia and Europe.

Mystic Seaport's Robert G. Albion Historian, Dr. Gordinier teaches history for the University of Connecticut and the Williams College/Mystic Seaport Program in Maritime Studies. A museum professional since 1979, Gordinier directed Mystic Seaport's living history program for ten years and has worked with mixed media, television and live sea music performances. Gordinier earned his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut. Gordinier has served as a Smithsonian Institution lecturer and a visiting instructor for Trinity College and Connecticut College. His publications have involved maritime commerce, seafaring culture, and issues of race and ethnicity. Gordinier serves as coordinator of Mystic Seaport's national "Conference on Race, Ethnicity, and Power in Maritime America" and is editor for the volume of conference papers.

His publications include *The Rockets' Red Glare: the War of 1812*

and Connecticut, 2012; *Surfing Cold Water: A New Englander's Off-Season Obsession*, 2012; *Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Power in Maritime America*, 2008; *Race, Ethnicity and Power in Maritime America*, 2005; and *Fishing out of Stonington*, 2004. He was also a contributor to *America and the Sea: A Maritime History*, 1998, and has written articles and reviews for numerous peer reviewed publications. Gordinier is co-director of the Frank C. Munson Institute of American Maritime Studies at Mystic Seaport, which offers graduate courses in maritime studies.

The Orange Historical Society appreciates the support of its members, residents and business owners in order to continue to fulfill its commitment to maintain the Academy Museum and the 1830 Stone-Otis House, both located on Orange Center Road, as well as raising funds to complete the restoration of the 1740 Bryan-Andrew House, located on Old Tavern

Road. The Orange Historical Society is struggling financially to preserve Orange history for future generations and would be extremely grateful if anyone is willing to be a co-sponsor of this event. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook, bake, or serve, call Phyllis Gwatkin, chair of the event, at 203-795-4549. If you would prefer to bring an item for the silent auction, call Priscilla Searles at 203-397-1465.

Because the Orange Historical Society expects this event to sell out, reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold first come, first served. No tickets will be sold at the door, prepaid reservations only.

Reservations can be made by sending your check for \$25, payable to OHS, and addressed to OHS, P.O. Box 784, Orange, 06477. Include your name, phone number and email with reservation.

Make it a family affair. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy the performance.



*In honor of Black History and as a part of the Cultural Arts program at Turkey Hill School, students and staff enjoyed a presentation by the New Haven School of African Drum and Dance. Using storytelling, song and movement, this exhibition engaged students in African tradition and folklore. Embedded within this experience was wisdom about personal growth, family roles, sound decision-making and being a good citizen."*



## American Red Cross

### GIVE BLOOD DURING RED CROSS MONTH

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become a hero for patients in need.

Red Cross Month is dedicated to the everyday heroes who support the Red Cross mission by giving blood, volunteering their time, learning lifesaving skills or making a financial contribution.

The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes in communities across the

nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

To learn more about donating blood and to schedule an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

In Orange, you can donate blood on March 12, 2015 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven, 150 Derby Avenue, Orange.

## BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



### February is Responsible Dog Ownership Month...

#### What Is Your Dog Learning From You?

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

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

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

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

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

Instead of waiting patiently by the door, Rover might decide a walk is in order and bring your sneakers to you. Or if he's in the mood for a snack, he might bark at you from the kitchen to call you. Whether these more assertive gestures are considered problem behaviors often is a matter of personal preference. Sometimes, they are just downright cute!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**

Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**

Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once that happens, the rest should be easier to unsnarl.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**

Family matters once again take center stage, and should be dealt with competently and quickly. Insist on others taking on their fair share of the responsibilities.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**

Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**

Keep that keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**

As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem affecting your project. Some cheerful news is about to come your way.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**

While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)**

Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**

Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than rely on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**

Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what he or she would like to see done.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**

A matter you thought had been settled might still produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**

While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

**BORN THIS WEEK:**

Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you a great friend.

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



**MISTER BREGER** By Dave Breger



"There! This time I missed a hole-in-one by only EIGHT strokes!"

**LAFF - A - DAY**



"If I were to become the new Miss Universe, the first thing I'd do is visit all the planets."

**HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert**



"None for me, thanks—I'm here on business."

## top ten

### Best-Perceived Brands

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9. Ford
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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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## WHEN YOU CAN'T AFFORD A PET

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I've always wanted to own a dog, but financially I just don't feel I can afford one right now. It makes me feel guilty that I can't just adopt a dog and care for it. Should I really feel this bad?  
-- Harry in Trenton, New Jersey

**DEAR HARRY:** I think you're taking a very responsible attitude toward pet ownership. Instead of running out and getting a dog, you sat back and asked yourself if you could afford it. And that's important, along with questions like, do you have the time to spend with a dog, is your family or roommate in agreement about owning a pet, and are you allowed to keep one in your apartment. But you can help make the world a better place even if you aren't

able to keep a pet. I encourage you to contact a local shelter to see if it accepts volunteers. Many need unpaid volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, from paperwork to cleaning cages and play areas. Some have enough people on site to handle all the work, so don't be too disappointed if you're not needed. Look for other opportunities instead. Sign up for classes that train you how to care for pets in a shelter. Research pet charities, and give a small percentage of your paycheck to one. Or, if you can't spare even a couple of dollars a month, become a fundraiser ... from phone campaigns to waggy walks, you can help a pet-care organization raise thousands of dollars. Cash is what many shelters desperately need to keep caring for abandoned pets.

**Paw's corner** by Sam Mazzotta

Send your questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

## The Garden Bug

**Japanese climbing fern** BY BRENDA WEAVER

This native of Asia and Australia was first introduced to North America as an ornamental in the early 1900s. It is considered invasive in the southeastern U.S., and smothers native vegetation by blocking sunlight. It increases fire risk by allowing fire to spread up trees along its vines and leaves.

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