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Numet Machining Relocates to Orange

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Carl G. Russell, CCIM, SIOR, Executive Vice President of George J. Smith & Son Commercial & Investment Real Estate, Milford, recently announced the sale and leasing of approximately 40,600 sq. ft. of light industrial and office space at 235 Edison Road in Orange. The property, formerly owned by Wallach Surgical Products was represented by Jon Angel, President of Angel Commercial LLC of Fairfield. The Buyer, TMC Properties, and the Tenant, Numet Machining Techniques were both represented by Carl Russell of George J. Smith & Son.

"This was a very exciting and challenging project to work on", Russell said. "I had a quality tenant in search of a modern facility to lease. We found an excellent match with the building on Edison Road in Orange, but the real

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Orange's new VNA Director Judy Benson (left) with Community Liaison Maria Biondi (right).

Orange Welcomes New OVNA Director

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

New Orange Visiting Nurse Association Director Judy Benson is excited to begin her new job the same year the organization is celebrating its 75-year anniversary. As one of the last non-profit, municipal agencies left in the state, the town organization certainly has something to celebrate. "This is a great town agency and one that's becoming increasingly rare," Benson said. "Orange is a very special and unique town and the town leaders really rally around to make sure its residents stay safe."

Benson is a registered nurse who comes to the OVNA from Connecticut Home Health Care in Trumbull where she was supervisor of Clinical Services. She began her nursing career in her native state of Iowa and has spent more than 30 years working as both a clinician and an administrator, in hospitals and health care facilities in Iowa, Oregon and Connecticut, experience that she expects make her ideally suited for her new position. A lover of antique homes, the Oxford resident felt comfortable right away in the OVNA offices on Orange Center Road in the town's historical district which once housed the Orange Library. Benson said she "jumped right in" to her new job as director last month, learning the office systems and how she can best support her staff. One of the most exciting new developments at the OVNA is the purchase of laptop computers and new software which helps staff coordinate care between all of a patient's caregivers in an instant. "This is really cutting edge technology," Benson said. "To be electronic is really something for an agency of this size. The technology enables us to send information

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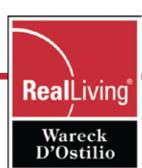
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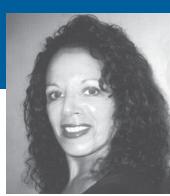
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estate was only available for sale. I was able to sell the property to an investment group who then leased it to Numet. The total transaction value of the sale and lease is in excess of \$7 million."

Currently based in Stratford, Connecticut, Numet is a highly regarded manufacturer of precision machined components for jet turbine engines for a wide variety of commercial and military aircraft. The Company specializes in highly engineered five-axis milled components and assemblies made from extreme temperature alloys. Numet is a Tier 1 supplier to both General Electric Aviation and Pratt & Whitney.

As part of the lease agreement, Numet Machining Techniques will upgrade the electrical service, improve the lighting, and install all new flooring systems throughout the entire building. Management estimates that the improvements to the facility and the move from the current operations will be completed by the end of May 2012.

According to Andrew Gale, Numet President and CEO, "Based on contracts recently awarded, we project our 2013 sales to exceed \$30 million, up from just \$20 million in 2011. There is no way we could support a 50% growth in two years without this investment in facilities and equipment. We have also started recruiting for experienced CNC machinists to support our growth plans. In a competitive market for these skilled workers, this facility will be a major recruiting tool as it is one of the nicest working environments in the entire region. The new location also strikes a balance between where our current workforce lives and the I-91 corridor where we expect many of these new workers to come from."

Since its recapitalization in September of 2011, Numet's workforce has already grown from 24 employees to 30, with plans to hire an additional 6 employees by June 2012, and expects total staffing to approach 50 by the end

This will make the 4th new company to call Orange its home in the last few months. They include Aurora Foods, Colony Hardware, and United Illuminating Co. This is expected to increase the employment base by almost 1,700 jobs. Combined with the new Edison Road extension, this light industrial area of Orange has blossomed, and brought the vacancy rate for light industrial property in the Town of Orange down to 4.9%. First Selectman James Zeoli said, "Orange's light is shining bright at the moment. We have put in a lot of hard work and effort over the last several years to prepare the industrial zone for this level of development. With continued support from our team, which includes the Orange Economic Development Corporation and our local commercial realtors like George J. Smith & Son, we expect to maintain this momentum through the long term."

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United States Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro tours award winning Orange business, Dark Field Technologies in a recent town visit.

DeLauro Visits Award-Winning Solar Tech Company

By Richad Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE — An award-winning solar technology company in Orange is attracting global attention and prompted a visit last week by Democratic Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. And after a tour at Dark Field Technologies, which makes solar panels and has developed a new way to detect flaws and fix them, DeLauro was more than a little impressed.

DeLauro, who spent a few hours at Dark Field Technologies - a manufacturer that uses unique technology to find problems in solar panel products on high-speed assembly lines said afterward the company has developed "cutting-edge inspection systems." The company's machines are capable of detecting defects at high speeds as products move down the assembly line, alerting operators and ensuring that the final product meets quality control standards. The company touts its technology as "totally unique," helping make it a leader in the U.S. solar industry and allowing for global marketplace expansion. "I have long believed that if we want to keep our country prosperous and competitive over the next century, we need to return to an outlook in America that prizes and supports domestic manufacturing," said DeLauro. "Companies like Dark Field are leading the way for this crucial restoration by investing in American energy that supports job growth here at home." DeLauro called the company - which recently received the "Most Promising Technology of the Year" award by the Connecticut Technology Council "a great American success story. By designing, manufacturing, and servicing all of its systems in Connecticut, the company is keeping good jobs here at home and furthering the spirit of innovation in our state," said De-Lauro. "I have fought to maintain the federal investment and support that enables our small businesses to grow, while seeking to increase incentives for domestic manufacturing," DeLauro said. "I am so pleased to see Dark Field succeeding. I look forward to continuing to work together to keep our great state the thriving center of manufacturing and innovation it has long been known to be."

"The company's machines are capable of detecting defects at high speeds as products move down the assembly line, alerting operators and ensuring that the final product meets quality control standards", said President Timothy Potts. Potts touts its technology as "totally unique," helping make it a leader in the U.S. solar industry and allowing for global marketplace expansion.

Potts said he was also excited by DeLauro's visit and hopes it sparks more interest in the growth of innovative small companies. "While there are many inspection and metrology companies around the world, it is Dark Field's unique and ground-breaking technology that sets us apart from the competition," said Potts. "Our system utilizes specially built lasers and is the easiest in the world to install and requires no maintenance." Potts explained "our machines immediately detect visual defects in the product as it is traveling down the manufacturing line at speeds in excess of 2,000 ft. per minute, alerting the operator when designated quality control limits are breached. Defects are captured in the system's database so processes can be further optimized, efficiencies increased, waste decreased, quality improved, and costs reduced," he said. "Systems replace manual inspection by detecting defects 10,000 times smaller than human capability.

"As someone who has spent his entire professional life in Connecticut, I have seen our state go from a high-tech manufacturing powerhouse to one that has lost its manufacturing base to other states, and more often than not, to other countries" said Potts. "That has caused good-paying jobs to leave Connecticut and our standard of living has declined," he said. "We cannot be successful in Connecticut, or in our country, without manufacturing. As business owners, we can no longer turn a blind eye to the effects our decisions have on a local, state and national level. "Dark Field is proud to call Connecticut home and to be a small part of the solution that gets our country working again," Potts said. "We thank Congresswoman DeLauro for her support and continuing efforts to help Connecticut small businesses and its vital high value-added manufacturing sector."

STUDENT NEWS



Orange Students Named to Lauralton Hall Honor Roll

Orange students earned a spot on Lauralton Hall's second quarter honor roll. Earning high honors were freshman Taylor Choe, Claire Sweeney; juniors Taylor Black, Lauren Lichac, Nicole Sweeney. Earning honors were junior Rebecca Morgan; senior Hayley Spragg.

Founded in 1905, the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall, is the oldest college preparatory high school for girls in Connecticut. More than 400 students from throughout New Haven and Fairfield counties attend.

Gabrielle Cella Named to Tufts University Dean's List

Gabrielle Cella, daughter of Linda and Richard Cella of 250 Sarah Circle, has been name to the Dean's List for Fall 2011 for maintaining an honor average for the academic term. Gabrielle is a freshman at Tufts and a 2011 graduate of Amity High School.

Ashley Butler Named to Saint Joseph's University Dean's List

Ashley Butler of Orange earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Fall 2011 semester. Butler is double majoring in English and Communications with a minor in Business at the University. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn Dean's List status for a semester.

Roger Williams University Names Katie Muttitt to Dean's List

Katie Muttitt, a 2010 Amity High graduate, has been named to the Dean's List at Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI with high honors. She also received this honor during her freshman year. Katie is majoring in psychology with a minor in business management. She has been a member of the university's honors program since Fall 2010. Last spring she traveled to Arkansas with the Alternative Spring Break Club to participate in a Habitat for Humanity project. Currently, Katie is an Orientation Advisor and a Residential Assistant (RA). She serves on the board of CEN (Campus Entertainment Network) and has been a math tutor for statistics since the fall of freshmen year. Katie keeps her love of dance alive as a member of RWU's dance club. Her family is extremely proud of all her accomplishments. Along with Katie, they would like to thank the Orange and Amity school systems for providing a quality education and an excellent foundation for her college career.

Orange Students Named to Sacred Heart Honor Roll

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2011 – 12 academic school year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll:

High Honors - Emma Dragan, Demery Ormrod and Willa Rusowicz-Orazem.

Academic honors are awarded at 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.

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Kaplan Named to Hofstra University Dean's List

Danielle Kaplan, daughter of Paul and Lisa Kaplan of Orange was named to the Hofstra University Dean's List for the Fall 2011 semester by Dean Bernard J. Firestone, Ph.D. of Hofstra.



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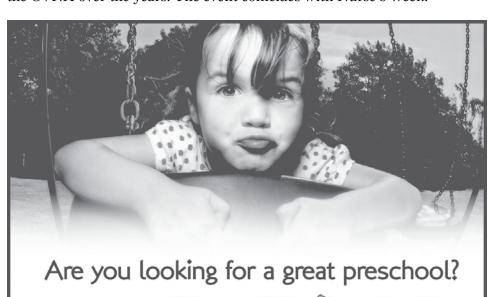
quickly to a patient's doctor and possible avoid re-hospitalizations."

According to Benson, as Connecticut has one of the largest populations of elderly in the nation, about 25% of Orange residents are over 65, the OVNA will continue to focus on offering services that help residents remain in their own homes as long as possible. "People no longer think about going into a nursing facility. The way health care is changing, we are focusing on health promotion, prevention and education -- and teaching people how to manage chronic diseases without having to go to the hospital," Benson said. "There are things we can do here as a town agency that you can't do at a for-profit agency that are very exciting. We can help save a trip to the doctor and we offer a personal connection and touch. Sometimes people don't need skilled nursing services they need help with daily living activities and we can help with that."

The OVNA staff provides a host of services to Orange residents ranging from discharge planning from a medical facility, wound care, occupational, physical and speech therapy and other skilled nursing services; to home health aide visits to help with personal hygiene care, meal preparation and light housekeeping. The agency has a staff of nine full-time health care professionals as well as part time staff, most of whom also live in Orange. They can help manage medications and disease and assist with administering injections like B-12 and Humira shots. The OVNA's "broader scope" reaches beyond patient care to include a host of health prevention and promotion programs that focus on keeping residents healthy. OVNA holds blood pressure and flu clinics each year; PPD testing for tuberculosis; sponsor an on-site mammography van; a senior health fair and monthly "health chats" about topics of interest to the elderly community. The "Home Sweet" program offers a second set of eyes, when family members are concerned about a loved one's living conditions by providing a home safety assessment to make sure the patient has necessary safety devices, their home is in order and they are taking their medications properly. The OVNA also works in conjunction with Community Services to refer patients who may need services that include transportation, the Friendly Visitor Program, Handyman Skills Bank and Elderly Outreach. Many of the OVNA's services are covered

Benson does not expect much to change at the OVNA; in fact she expects one of her most important tasks will be to "get the word out" about the agency and all the services that are available to town residents. "We're here and ready to meet the community's needs," Benson said. "Residents may not be aware of all the services they are entitled to."

She hopes the OVNA's upcoming anniversary celebration will generate a buzz around town. The staff is busy planning an open house celebration that will be held from 12 to 4 p.m. on May 9th at its Orange Center Road offices. OVNA Community Liaison, Maria Biondi, who said it is like "planning a wedding," is looking forward to hosting past and present staff, patients, town officials and the public, for cake and refreshments. The staff will be on hand to talk to residents and there will be old photo albums and memorabilia of the OVNA over the years. The event coincides with Nurse's Week.







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April 6th	April 13th
April 27th	May 4th
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Orange Police Fine Three Local Businesses

On Friday, February 24, 2012, the Orange Police Department and staff members of the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), Tobacco Prevention and Enforcement Program (TPEP), conducted unannounced compliance inspections of establishments that sell tobacco products. The inspections were performed in an effort to determine compliance with state laws concerning the prohibition of the sale of cigarettes and/or tobacco products to youth under the age of eighteen.

Under the direction and supervision of DMHAS investigators, an underage youth, employed by the TPEP, entered the establishments and attempted to purchase tobacco products.

A total of 18 unannounced compliance inspections were conducted. Of this total, 3 establishments were found to be in violation of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sec. 53-344(b), Sale of tobacco to minors under eighteen. The offending clerks at these establishments were issued an infraction in the amount of \$200.00.

The Cigarette Dealer license holder at each establishment also faces additional administrative sanctions from the Department of Revenue Services, the state agency that issues Cigarette Dealer Licenses. The establishments found to be in violation on this date are as follows: Orange Shell Inc. at 249 Bull Hill La., Valero at 347 Boston Post Rd. and Quick Stop at 404 Boston Post Rd.

It should also be noted that the following businesses were found to be in compliance with the law:

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OACC Sponsors Galvanized Jazz Band!

The Orange Arts and Culture Council (OACC) is pleased to announce the return of the ever popular Galvanized Jazz Band on Saturday, March 31th at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Infant Gymnasium, in a fundraiser for Artsplace, the proposed exhibition/performance/meeting place in the Clark Building on Orange Center Road.

Tickets are \$20.00 and attendees are encouraged to bring beverages and snacks. There will be cabaret-style seating and entire tables can be booked ahead of time for groups wishing to sit together. Doors open at 7:00pm for pre-concert socializing. For tickets, call 203-795-4970 or 203-795-1133.

The Galvanized Jazz Band has been thrilling audiences (listeners and dancers alike) since the 1970s, appearing at jazz festivals and public and private venues throughout the USA and Europe. The band is known for its rousing renditions of hot Dixieland, New Orleans jazz, blues, struts, stomps and popular songs of the last century. The band has made numerous recordings that are available through the website: galvanizedjazz.com. The band's music is great for listening and dancing. At its appearance last year, there were people dancing in the front and in the back of Holy Infant Gymnasium.

The OACC was incorporated in 2006 and has presented several cultural events since that time. A major goal of the organization is to sustain, nurture and promote the arts in Orange and the surrounding area. A major step in achieving this goal is the creation of a space in Orange designed for exhibition of art, performance of music, theatre and related events. The Orange Board of Selectmen approved the concept after a review of the results of the feasibility study conducted by the firms of Christopher Williams, AIA and Robert McKay, PE. This feasibility study was funded by the State of Connecticut. The Orange Arts and Culture Council is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

The OACC sponsored return of the Galvanized Jazz Band promises to be an evening of music, socializing and fun to support a worthy cause.

Calling All Crafters and Vendors!

Showcase your product, service or creation at this year's Orange Strawberry Festival on the Orange Town's Green (Orange Center Road) on Saturday, June 2, 2012 (Rain Date: Sunday, June 3, 2012)! If you're interested in using a vendor space at the Festival, please contact the Orange Congregational Church office at 203-795-9749 for more information.

Scholarship Applications

Applications for scholarships from the Orange Scholarship Fund are now available at the Case Memorial Library. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need, academic achievement, and community service and are open to seniors at any of the local public and private high schools who are residents of Orange and plan to continue their education. The completed application must be received by April 15 to be considered.

O.V.F.D. Auxiliary Pancake Supper

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 3rd annual Pancake Supper on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at Chip's Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange. There will be an early seating at 5 PM and late seating at 6:30 PM. Prices are: \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 Children 10 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tick-



ets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc., 286 Boston Post Rd. Orange. All money raised from this event will benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. Please join us for a great Pancake Supper at Chips while supporting your Fire Department.

For further information, contact Lynn Knight @ 203-799-2592.

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The Foresters, a young band from Bethany, played at the Amity Teen Center Toad's Place Benefit this year. L to R: Evan Nork, 12 - guitar lead, vocals; Hayden Nork, 10 - bass guitar & vocals; Liam Nork 9 - drums

Presidents Day Benefit Concert for Teen Center

On Monday, February 20 (Presidents Day) the Amity Teen Center held its17th annual Toad's Place Benefit show. This year, 12 bands performed that were chosen by the teens. Each band member was responsible for selling tickets in order to have the privilege to play. The show ran from 4:00 p.m. until midnight. About 350 people attended and the net profit from the show was \$2,400.00.

The teens voted ahead of time to decide what the proceeds should go toward. They chose stage equipment, including new stage lighting. This will make the Teen Center an even more exciting venue for the performing bands.

American Legion Sponsors Bus Trip

The American Legion Auxiliary, Orange Unit 127 is sponsoring a bus trip to Foxwood's Casino on Saturday, April 21, 2012. The cost of \$30.00 includes the bus, driver's gratuity, \$10.00 food or free buffet, \$15.00 Keno, and door prizes. Pick up will be at the Post Home at 8 am. The Post is located at 630 Grassy Hill Road in Orange. Reservations can be made by calling Mary Jewell at 203-795-9492. Your support for this fundraiser is greatly appreciated







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HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

Fall Prevention Program

A Fall Prevention Program sponsored by Griffin Hospital Lifeline will be offered Thursday, March 29th @ 11a.m. in room 2 at the Orange Senior Center. This program will be presented by Daun Barrett RN, Director of Community Outreach and will include exercise demonstrations by Eunice Lisk, Exercise Physiologist and Cardiac Rehab Manager, and balance screenings by Myra Odenwaelder, Director of Rehabilitation Services. Call to let us know you are coming. Refreshments will be served!

Call for Nominations for Living Treasure Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 9, for the 2012 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, at Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website at www.orange-ct.gov, http://orangeseniors.org/, or Facebook/Orange Senior Center. Three individuals will be selected to be honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 18, 2012. Nominees must be current residents of Orange and at least 65 years of age and must have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for individual residents or enhanced the Orange community.

Travel Showcase for British Landscape Trip

March 20, 4:00 pm, Collette Tours and the Orange Senior Center will host a presentation in the senior lounge for an exciting trip we have scheduled to England, Scotland, & Wales September 6 - 15, 2012. Be advised there might be a price increase for this trip if booked after April 3rd. See our "Trips" section in this newsletter for more information. Call the senior center to let us know you are coming.

Lunch and Learn

March 8, 11:30 to 1:00 pm, John Ulatowski, Youth Services Coordinator with Orange Community Services will present his photos with poetry Places of Rest. Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be served. Call the center to register for this event. All are welcome!

St. Patrick's Day Cabaret! Little Bit O' Erin

March 16 at 1:30 pm, Tom Callinan will sing and play Irish Tunes at our first Cabaret of the year! Mary Ann White of Coldwell Banker will be providing dessert. Coffee and dessert will be served at 1:30 and music begins at 2 pm. Tickets are \$5 pp and are available in advance at the Senior Center starting March 1.

Dementia Talk & Lunch

Monday, March 12th and March 19th - 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Lounge, Maria Tomesetti, Director of the South Central Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will discuss managing dementia. On March 12th, she will speak about keeping the Caregiver Healthy, lunch will be provided by Lend A Hand a home care agency. On March 19th, she will speak about Keeping Connected with People with Dementia, lunch provided by Senior Connection of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. Call the Senior Center to reserve your seat!

Boomers Series: "Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise"

Mark your calendars! Community Services and Case Memorial Library are partnering with Whitney Center Retirement Community in Hamden to present a three-part series in the month of March. On Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. Gretchen Joslyn, Community Relations Coordinator at the Whitney Center will talk to us about keeping healthy. On Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., David Ratliff, Chief Financial Officer at the Whitney Center will discuss maintaining wealth. Finally, on Thursday, March 29, again at 7:30 p.m., Gretchen will be back to talk about wisdom.

The series will take place at Case Memorial Library in the upstairs community room. Refreshments will be served. Call the library at 203-891-2170 to register for what promises to be an informative and fun series.

Business Sponsored Bingo

Orange Visiting Nurses Association will be the Bingo sponsor on March 15. Bingo is played from 1 to 4:00 each Thursday in the senior café. We are grateful to our sponsors who furnish the refreshments and bring a door prize.

Trips

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

Botanical Garden: Orchid and Magnolias Show – Wednesday, April 11, 2012. 10TH ANNUAL Orchid Show offers thousands of brilliantly col-

ored orchids carefully placed in the landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. Jump the complimentary tram to ride through the magnolia collection; take a stroll along "Daffodil Hill". Enjoy lunch on your own at the gardens or on Arthur Avenue with time to shop. Cost: \$66 pp includes admission & tour of garden and driver gratuity. Full payment due at registration.

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

British Landscape – September 6 – 15, 2012. Enjoy 10 days traveling through vibrant England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders. See a London Theater Performance, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Cambridge, York, Stonehenge, Edinburgh Castle – even stay overnight in a castle located in the north of Wales. Cost: \$3,399 pp double, \$3,799 pp single, \$3,369 pp triple. Cancellation Insurance available for \$220. Visit our website: http://www.collettevacations.com/group-page/index.cfm?id473810.

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

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

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Don't miss this great night out in support of the Milford Senior Wish Society. Sample soups from local restaurants, enjoy entertainment, vendors, raffles as well as beer and wine tastings. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Wish Society of Milford, a non-profit, charitable organization that grants wishes to local seniors in need.

TICKETS: \$15 FOR ONE, \$25 FOR TWO

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS, PLEASE CALL:

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Orange Lions to Make Community Grants

The Orange Lions Club is pleased to announce that it will provide a limited number of mini-grants to eligible community organizations and/or individuals in 2012. The program is intended to provide funds to worthy causes and activities in the town of Orange that might not otherwise be funded, announced Orange Lions Club President Ronald Ruotolo. He explained, "While our Lions Club continues to provide funds to Lions blindness prevention programs, aid for the blind, and eye research, which are long-time Lions Club priorities, we feel strongly that it is important to allocate funds to local projects as well." Ruotolo emphasized that this funding is in addition to two \$1,000 college scholarships which the Orange Lions Club has awarded to Amity High School graduates from Orange for many years.

Ruotolo has appointed Kevin Hadlock of Orange to chair the community mini-grants program this year. Hadlock stated that blank applications for the community mini-grants program are now available at the High Plains Community Center in the Community Services Department, at the Peoples United Bank branch on Orange Center Road, at the Case Memorial Library, and from any Orange Lion. He stated, "In addition to our ongoing commitment to fund anti-blindness programs and provide aid to those with sight problems, the Orange Lions feel that it is crucial to continue to use some of our fundraising resources for local community-based projects and activities. We have an outstanding review committee which will enable us to make fair and appropriate decisions regarding all allocations." Completed applications are due to be submitted to the Orange Lions no later than April 20, 2012. All Orange non-profit clubs and related non-profit organizations, individual Orange residents, and Orange government entities are eligible to apply. The recipients of Orange Lions mini-grants will be announced in early May after the selection committee completes its review of all timely applications.

In addition, the Orange Lions continue to provide such community activities as the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, and Seniors Pizza Party. The Orange Lions also collect used eyeglasses for restoration and distribution to needy people all over the world. Drop boxes for used eyeglasses are located in the Case Memorial Library and the High Plains Community Center lobby. The Orange Lions also conduct eye screenings for glaucoma and other eye diseases which has been done at the Orange Senior Health Fair in recent years. The Orange Lions also co-sponsor, in conjunction with the Milford Lions Club, a Leos youth group at the Foundation High School, located in Milford, for special needs youths. For more information on the Orange Lions, visit www.orangectlions.org.

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Did You Know?

Long Term Care Planning: VA Pension for Veterans. The VA pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans who have limited or no income and who are either (1) age 65 or older; or (2) who are under age 65 but permanently and totally disabled (not due to the veteran's own willful misconduct). Veterans who qualify for the VA Pension may also receive additional Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits if they are more seriously disabled. There are a number of factors that determine a veteran's eligibility, however, a veteran generally is eligible if:

- The veteran served at least 90 days of active military service, 1 day of which was during a war time period; and
- > The veteran was discharged from service under conditions other than dishonorable; and
- The veteran's countable family income is below a yearly limit set by Congress; and
- The veteran's "net worth" (the net value of all of the assets of the veteran and his or her spouse or other dependents) is not excessive.

Allison DePaola is a Veteran's Benefits Planning Accredited Attorney, #20213. Please contact our office if you need help with veteran's benefit issues, including the Pension, Aid and Attendance, or Homebound benefit. We stay abreast of changes in the law, and have experience advising clients in preparing and filing VA benefits applications. We are prepared to counsel you to determine if you or a family member are eligible to receive such benefits.

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From the Desk of the Municipal Agent By Denise Stein



We have all heard of scams, we even might know someone who has been a victim. The problem with scams is that they just do not go away. They travel from one part of the country to another. As they travel, they change; they evolve and become even more devious.

There is even a top ten list of scams. The top ten are: 1. Healthcare/Insurance; 2. Counterfeit Prescription Drugs; 3. Funeral and Cemetery Scams; 4. Fraudulent Anti-Aging Products; 5. Telemarketing; 6. Internet Fraud; 7. Investment Schemes; 8. Homeowner/Reverse Mortgage Scams; 9. Sweepstakes and Lottery Scams; 10. The Grandparent Scam.

There are ways to protect yourself against scams. There are also warning signs to look for if you think someone you know has fallen prey to a scammer.

If you wish, you can contact me at 203-891-4788 for the full list of scams and the ways to protect yourself from falling victim. Just as I finished writing this, I was notified that there is yet another scam. This one involves receiving an email from the "IRS" and how to get the refund they owe you. Remember, the IRS will not contact you and your refund comes from doing your annual taxes.

From the Youth Services Coordinator By John Ulatowsski



Join in the "Life After High School Career/Job Fair

Orange Youth Services is seeking area business representatives and merchants, local colleges, military services personnel, banks, restaurants, educational, medical and industry reps, job training schools... to participate in our Life After High School Career/Job Fair 2 planned for April 14th at High Plains Community Center. Tables and refreshments provided at no cost. The purpose of the Career/Job Fair is to offer career and vocational information/provide possible recruitment opportunities to Amity High School students who are looking ahead to their post-High School employment opportunities and personal career choices. Please contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov if interested in participating in the Career/Job Fair. Thank you!

Job Bank Can Assist With a Variety of Jobs

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

OVNA Healthline



The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at its office, 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library on Thursday, March 29th, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. If you are having problems with your blood pressure or your doctor would like more frequent monitoring; this is a chance each month to get your blood pressure checked. Also, this is an excellent opportunity to get more information and teaching from the VNA nurses on various health issues. The Orange VNA is licensed by the State of Connecticut, certified by Medicare and Accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP).



From the Fire Marshal's Office



Smoke Detector Installation Program

A Smoke Detector Giveaway and Installation Program is currently being offered by the Orange Fire Marshal's Office and the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. The program is funded by a \$53,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and donations from local businesses, civic groups and individuals. Ten year battery smoke detectors are provided and/or installed in the home of any Town of Orange resident by the staff of the Fire Marshal's Office, free of charge. The goal of the program is to prevent the loss of life and injuries caused by fire as well as to limit property losses. The chance of surviving a fire doubles by having a working smoke detector. More than one-third of fire deaths occur in homes where there are no smoke detectors and one-quarter are in homes with non-functioning detectors. Smoke alarm failures usually result from missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Fires take place at all hours and the early notification to family members by an alarm, made to detect small trace amounts of smoke and to provide an early warning, can allow for an escape and can save lives. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It takes only minutes for a house to fill with thick, black smoke and to become engulfed in flames.

The majority of house fires occur at night. Many people believe that they will be awakened by the smell of smoke, but the poisonous gases and smoke can numb the senses and cause an even deeper sleep. It is also important to have a home escape plan and to practice it at night and during the daytime. Every family member should know two ways out of each room and a meeting place should be determined outside the home. Calls to 911 should be made after exiting the house. By preparing a plan, you and your family will respond more calmly, feel more secure and act more quickly in an emergency. Fewer injuries, less property damage and lives saved should occur with the addition of these smoke detectors.

As smoke detectors have a life expectancy of 10 years, older ones need to be replaced. If you are interested in taking part in the Smoke Detector Installation Program, assistance with changing the batteries in an existing alarm, or help when installing a battery powered detector, please call the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com. Never hesitate to call 911 and alert the Fire Department if an alarm is activated, even if you cannot see or smell smoke.

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Children

Mother Goose is on the Loose!

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

Winter Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m. Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Monday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4 p.m. Includes a craft.

The Irish Magic Show

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

Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, March 6, April 3, May 1, 2:15 p.m.: Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

Adults

Oscar Films

Monday, March 5, 7 p.m.: Moneyball. Nominated for Best Picture, Actor in a Leading Role, Actor in a Supporting Role, Film Editing, Sound Mixing, and Adapted Screenplay. Starring Brad Pitt. PG-13. 133 minutes.

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

Boomers and Beyond: Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise

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

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

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

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Case Memorial Library

The Enchantment of Korea

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

Genealogy Workshop

Monday, March 12, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will teach you how to research your family history. Topic: Genealogy Basics.

Friends of the Library Great! Basement Book Sale

Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: New and gently used books, magazines, DVDs, music, and more.

Art in the Library

Acrylics, monoprints, monotypes, and photography by Pamela Mancini and Alice Merlone will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of March.

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

Springtime in Paris

Please join the Garden Club of Orange for its March 13 meeting and enjoy a breath of Spring as members Sandy Horling and Diane Geary give a presentation about the 2011 Philadelphia International Flower Show "Springtime in Paris". The meeting will be held at the Case Memorial Library and begins at 11:30 AM with a light luncheon, followed by a short business meeting and then by the presentation beginning at 1 PM. Club members will also be displaying creative line designs and "Early Spring Beauties" for horticulture. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and its purpose is to promote and encourage garden skills and knowledge and to further an understanding of horticulture, flower arranging, bird-life, conservation and environmental awareness. All are welcome. If you are interesting in learning more about the Club, please visit its website at http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html or contact Nettie Bartocelli at 203-795-3692.



There are many kinds of daffodils, and they are among the easiest, most dependable flowering bulbs to grow in most regions of the United States. They are very tolerant of cold; in fact, exposure to cold is necessary to produce its flower buds. The sight of daffodils stretching out from a bank of snow and ice is one of the most delightful signs of spring.

Source: http://daffodilusa.org





HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

Why Weren't They Paying Attention?

It was 1912 and Workman Clarke & Co. Ltd. of Belfast, Ireland was building the third of a class of three vessels built for the New York to Rio de la Plata service to South America. Launched on May 16, 1912, the Vestris took her place alongside the other two, Vandyck and Vauban, with her maiden voyage from Liverpool to River Plate on September 19th 1912.

During World War I, the English ship was chartered as a military transport to cross the Atlantic Ocean from the United States to France narrowly being missed by a torpedo in the English Channel. Being powered by coal, the Vestris, as with any coal-burning vessel ran the risk of fire and she in-



deed suffered from fire damage in the coalbunkers, lasting four days! She was escorted to the West Indies where the fire was extinguished several days later.

On April 10th of 1912, while the Vestris was being built, a White Star liner, built in Belfast departed on its maiden voyage and sank, four days later. With what was to be unsinkable, the Titanic hit an iceberg, which tore open her plates like a can opener, flooding more than the four allotted compartments for a head on collision. The details of mistakes by the crew, inadequate lifeboats, communication and general lack of protocol is well known. What are not well known

are the details of the Vestris. She sank on November 12, 1928.

Below are exact excerpts from two newspaper accounts. Copies of both the *New York Tribune* and the *New York Telegram* are part of the archives at the Mary R. Woodruff Research Center at the Orange Historical Society.

NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE November 12, 1928

"324 Missing in Lifeboats of Sinking Line Vestris 5 Rescue Ships at Scene Find no Life or Wreckage

"A message at 1:22 in the afternoon said passengers were taking to lifeboats as the ship listed 32 degrees to starboard with her decks awash in a heavy sea. The darkness and rain that fell in sheets may have hidden the 115 passengers, including 32 women and nine chil-

dren and 209 members of the ship's personnel but hours of cruising behind brilliant searchlights failed to reveal so much as a single oar. Every person and every bit of the ship had disappeared from a spot about 250 miles off the Virginia Coast.

"Whether shifting cargo in a stormy sea, a defective plate, a boiler explosion or a collision with a submerged derelict caused the Vestris to founder is unknown. At 1:32 pm, less than three hours after the first S.O.S went out to bring a dozen ships racing with aid from all directions, the Vestris was abandoned. Radio broadcasting in New York was halted for three and a half hours. At 10:29 A.M. the call said 'Vestris in distress, latitude 37.15 north, longitude 71.08 east, At 10:52 chief radio operator Michael J. O'Loughlin reported Last night developed 32 degree list to starboard, decks

under water, ship lying on beam ends, impossible to proceed anywhere. The location was in error by 37 miles. At 11:00, O'Loughlin again summoned for help and again at 11:03 with 'Oh please come at once. We need immediate assistance. The Captain of the Vestris had initially reported the seas as moderate while those ships that were rushing to the scene had reported heavy seas. It is possible the lifeboats could not be dropped safely. The life-saving equipment carried by the Vestris was sufficient to take off all passengers and crew but with the ship on her starboard beam, it is unlikely that more than half of this could be used.

"At 11:07 'S.O.S S.O.S. S.O.S Come at once may have to take to lifeboats any minute now, Vestris.' Again and again O'Loughlin pleaded and at one point 'said', 'It's the devil to work with this list.' The floor had become the wall. By 1:03 P.M a message was sent out by WSC in New Jersey from S.S. Vestris that the power was gone, emergency wireless set almost gone. O'Loughlin stayed at his key long enough to end up with 'SK'" the international signal for signing off.

"They maintained that even though the rough passage had loosened some of the freight, this could not have been sufficient to turn

the vessel over with a list of 32 degrees. In addition to passenger belongings, the Vestris was carrying 6000 tons of cargo including fruit, automobiles and accessories, agricultural machinery, silk, cotton, 250 barrels of lubricating oil, household furnishings and general merchandise."

THE NEW YORK TELEGRAM November 14, 1928

"Sea Murder," Cry Survivors Captain A Suicide Sailors Beat Victims From Boats Is Charged

«The sinking of the Vestris and the great loss of life* was due to the criminal neglect of her captain, said Captain Frederick Sorenson today. Sorenson is a ship's master and one of the Vestris' passengers rescued. 'He should have sent out his S.O.S. long before he did, said Captain Sorenson. He should have had good lifeboats and not rotten ones. And last but not least, he should have had men in his crew, not cowards. In my opinion, that's why he went down with his vessel. He should have. He knew he was guilty.'

"Captain William Carey, the Vestris' master was not of the number of survivors. He went down with his ship and men who told of watching him drown, making no struggle to save himself, said bitterly that it was better so and that he had been afraid to live. One said that it would have been more (sic) had Carey taken a hatchet and killed (sic) and children he sent to death. There were accusations against the crew by passengers whom they outnumbered three to one in the total of rescued. The cause of all this horror and suffering was turned back upon the dead captain. He, knowing his ship was imperiled as early as Sunday morning, had refused to send an S.O.S. call until 10:30 Monday morning.

"Survivors of the Vestris told shuddering tales today of how brutality, neglect and incompetence added the final crescendo of horror to the catastrophe. Without exception the passengers placed the responsibility upon the shoulders of the master of the vessel and his officers. Defective portholes, water-tight doors that would not close, leaky lifeboats, faulty gear and the absence of discipline all figured in the stories of those who were able to talk about the tragedy. But against all this, there was one act of undoubted heroism and in this all agreed, even those who were most bitter. This was the calm, continuous work of M.J. O'Loughlin, from the moment he sent out the first S.O.S call. He stayed in his shack, steadily at his key. No passengers ever saw him again. He went down with the ship."



With the proximity to New York, the disaster was heavily reported resulting in national outcry. Immediate response to cork-filled life jackets that tended to turn the victim face down in the water was begun and SOLAS, Safety of Life at Sea, changed the floatation material to kapok, which kept an unconscious survivor face up. Further investigation into the Vestris sinking was a faulty coal hatch and carelessness by crew of failure to secure the baggage in the hold. The severe winds causing the ship to bounce around played an important role in the lack of securing the heavy load below deck. Lawsuits on behalf of 600 claimants totaled \$5,000,000 and with declining interest in the Vestris' sister ships, service to South America ceased at the end of 1929.

For more information www.youtube.com/watch?v = vFL-3wgf0SU or www.bluestarline.org/lamports/vestris.html.

* 128 passengers 68 perished; 198 crew 43 perished

Tour & Shop at the Academy

The Orange Historical Society has embarked on a new venture, an antique shop which is open on Saturdays. Located in the 1878 Academy at 605 Orange Center Road, shoppers not only have an opportunity to purchase antiques and collectibles, but can tour the society's museum. Old radios, cameras and telephones bring the past to the future and selecting items from the past for their homes will give visitors a chance to own a piece of the past as well. In addition, the society has gathered items from the local Native American Paugussett tribe and artifacts from the 1871 New Haven & Derby Railroad, once crossing Orange on its way west. Come visit this local treasure. For information call 203-795-6465.



In the midst of tax season, this is a very relevant discussion. However, if you are contemplating getting a divorce in Connecticut, or are already involved in divorce proceedings, the tax consequences of divorce are probably one of the last things on your mind. With all of the emotions involved in a divorce, it is easy to understand why this is. Still, tax planning is a crucial financial consideration. If you are facing a divorce in Connecticut, it is important that you understand the tax considerations and consequences so that you are best equipped with the necessary knowledge to make the right financial decisions for yourself.

Tax Considerations When Facing Divorce

Depending on your specific case, some of these tax considerations may include:

1. Whether Tax Returns Should Be Filed Married or Single:

If you were married for the prior tax year, and it is time to file taxes, the filing status you can choose depends partly on your marital status from the last day of your tax year. If you were still married as of December 31st, you can file that prior year's taxes as either 'Married Filing Jointly,' or 'Married Filing Separately.'

2. If a Tax Return is Filed 'Married Filing Separately,' Who Gets To Claim What Deductions:

If you file as 'Married Filing Separately,' you should each report only your own income, exemp-



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tions, deductions, and credits on your individual return. Additionally, if one of you itemizes deductions, the other cannot use the standard deduction and should also itemize deductions. You will need to determine who is able to claim an Exemption for a Dependent. You will also need to determine who, if anyone will be able to claim medical expenses, state income tax, property tax, mortgage interest, and casualty loss. Your attorney can explain to you what itemized deductions may be available to you.

3. What Types of Financial Awards in a Divorce Settlement or Court Order are Considered Income and Thus Taxable:

If maintenance of a spouse (otherwise known as 'alimony') under a divorce or separation agreement is awarded, this is taxable income. The payor (i.e. the spouse making the payments) is able to claim this payment as a deduction if certain IRS mandated criteria is met. The payee (i.e. the spouse receiving the payments) must report this income.

Alimony is treated different from other financial awards. Maintenance of the children (or, 'child support') is not taxable income. Neither is property that is transferred in a divorce decree. Keep in mind that while assets transferred as part of a divorce are not considered income, and no income tax due on these distributions, there may potentially be capital gains taxes on the transfer of the marital residence.

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Everyone is invited to attend the celebration. It will be a complete Irish Dinner with Corned Beef and Cabbage and all that goes with it.

Reservations must be made in advance by March 5th by calling 203-795-9679. Payments are to be made out to ORTC in the amount of \$37.00

for dinner and mailed to 177 Old Tavern Rd., Orange, CT 06477. It will be cash bar.

We hope many of our friends will join us. It is always an enjoyable opportunity for "Wearing of the Green" by all that attend.



The Orange Arts and Culture Council (OACC), in collaboration with the Town of Orange, announces the opening of a new exhibition space in Town Hall. The space, located near the office of the First Selectman, will afford local artists an additional venue where their work can be displayed. The OACC donated the gallery hanging system, and it was installed by Town Buildings Supervisor, John Stewart.

The Gallery at Town Hall is scheduled to open in April, featuring the works of Graham Dale, a noted local artist. He has been a teacher of art for many years in Europe and America. He has also exhibited his work abroad as well as in the States. Some of his work to be shown depicts landscapes of Orange.

The OACC plans to schedule rotating exhibitions every two months. Artists wishing to exhibit their work, may submit examples of their work to be juried. A date for jurying will be announced in the near future.

This gallery installation is an important collaboration for the arts between the Town and OACC. First Selectman James Zeoli was a strong supporter of this effort, underscoring the message that arts are important in our town.

The Davis Gallery to Showcase Works of Dara Tomeo

The Davis Gallery, located at 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab), Orange, CT will be presenting Dara Tomeo's "Watercolor Inspirations" from March 10 through April 7th. There will be an Opening Reception on Saturday, March 10th from 1:00-4:00pm where you will have the opportunity to meet with Dara Tomeo. This is free and open to the public. The Davis Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 10:00am-6:00pm and Saturday from 10:00am-2:00pm. For more information, call 203-795-4705.

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OUTSIDE T LIVING O X

Kaitlyn Smith's upcoming summer bike trip across the country to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society



Laura Fantarella

combines all that's close to her heart, volunteering, adventure, fitness and fun. In their last year of college at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, Smith and her boyfriend, Mike Anderson, were looking for an excit-

ing post-graduation experience to enjoy before the rigors of adulthood took hold. Athletic, but not an avid cycler, Smith thought a cross country bike trip sounded like a unique way to master a new skill and to see the country. They began searching the internet, looking for the ideal trip. "When I found the 'Bike the US for MS' trip I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me!" she said. Anderson's dad, David, was diagnosed with the disease in 1996 and has since retired under disability. "Mike has seen firsthand how this disease affects a family and so we are thrilled we can pair adventure which we love with a cause that is so close to Mike and his family," Smith said. "And we get to volunteer – it's a perfect situation."

To participate in the 60-day, 3,785 mile trip, which starts in Virginia and winds through Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Utah before ending in San Francisco, bikers must raise at least \$8,000. Proceeds from the trek will fund home modification projects across the United States and support research & treatment at UVA's James Q Miller MS Clinic in Charlottesville, Swedish MS Center in Seattle, and Fairview MS Achievement Center in St Paul. Cyclists will bike about 65 miles a day and camp out every night. "I'm excited to help with the home modification projects, like building ramps and guards or moving second floor bedrooms to the first floor," Smith said.

Smith, who is a pre-med student, already has an impressive resume of volunteer work she's done around the world, often in health care-related organizations. While still in Amity Senior High School, her service activities included volunteering at the Hospital of Saint Raphael, participating in trail restoration at Denali (Alaska) National Park and working in a Costa Rican shelter for women and children. Fluent in Spanish, Smith travelled to Nicaragua her freshman year of college with the "Bucknell Brigade" to volunteer as a translator in a health clinic there funded by the university. She has also volunteered as a Spanish translator at the UCONN Medical Center and in a free health clinic for the uninsured in Pennsylvania. Later this month she will return to Nicaragua as a student leader of the Bucknell Brigade where she will once again translate in the health clinic there.

Her most difficult, but most rewarding, trip was the one she made with her dad, Charlie, to Faridibad, India to teach at the EVAD Orphanage for the Deaf, Mute and Disabled. "We were told when we got there that we would be teaching in sign language and neither of us knew sign language



so we had a crash course when we got there!" she said. "It was the most chaotic service trip I had ever been on. I couldn't communicate with the kids, it was hot, they were wild and I was exhausted. But it was also the most rewarding and interesting. When I finally broke through to the kids and got them to cooperate with me and trust me, I knew the trip was worthwhile. It was a mind-opening experience."

Smith said her experiences have helped shape her outlook on life and her approach to medicine and the doctor she hopes to one day be. "I've always felt it is important to learn outside of the classroom," she said. "I want to work with people who are different from me and you can't really learn that in a classroom. You can't have the knowledge unless you have the experience to apply it to."

Despite this drive, Smith admits, she often has brief moments of panic, usually on the plane, when she is embarking on a new mission in an unknown place, so many miles from home. "I'll ask myself why I am doing it again and I guess it is because I thrive on adventure," she said. "I love to meet new people, experience their cultures and compare their culture to ours in the United States. It's exciting."

Smith knew as a child that she wanted to be a doctor and as she got older she realized she wanted to combine medicine with her love of the Spanish language. "In first grade I said I wanted to be an elf and a doctor who cures AIDS!" she said. She believes her destiny was shaped by the neighbors who live on either side of her Aspen Lane home. One neighbor, Elizabeth Scheps, is a native of Lima, Peru, and the other, Dr. Karen DuFour, is an internist who practices in Orange. "I would visit the Scheps' house every night after dinner and Elizabeth and her parents encouraged me to speak Spanish with them at a very young age. "To this day, when Elizabeth texts me, emails me or even yells at me it is in Spanish, always," Smith said. "Karen was the first doctor I got to know on a personal level and her sheer intelligence always captivated me. I was able to experience medicine from the perspective of a caring female physician."

Melding both her passions into a career will be a dream come true for Smith. "I want to work with vulnerable populations and I want to be able to explain things in patient friendly terms so they understand what's happening to them," Smith said. "Being able to speak in another language and understand another culture will let me connect with patients on a deeper level and it will make for a better patient/doctor relationship."

But with her medical career down the road a bit, Smith is looking forward to the more immediate road trip and one more summer to enjoy an unusual adventure. For more information about Bike the US for MS or to donate, visit www.biketheUSforms.org and click on 2012 cyclists.



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Dorota Brynda-Hansen, D.D.S. from Orange Dental Group recently visited the three year old class from Orange Congregational Church Nursery School to educate the children about their teeth. The children learned how eating a healthy diet and brushing every day will help keep their teeth healthy and bright. Dorota gave each child a care package to take home, but best of all the children received special face masks to try on and keep. This allowed the children to pretend that, for a brief moment, they were dentists too!



The four year old class from Orange Congregational Church Nursery School received a very special visit from Dr. Rauch's office of Milford. A dental hygienist spent time with the children discussing the importance of eating a healthy diet combined with daily flossing and brushing, and how these good habits will help keep their teeth healthy. In addition, the children all received a dental care package to take home with them.



The Turkey Hill School Fathers Club Pancake Breakfast was held January 28. The event was free to thank the Turkey Hill School community for their support of the Fathers Club's numerous fundraisers. Special thanks go to George from "Chips" and "Guida Dairy" for their support.



Chinese Acrobats Perform at Turkey Hill School

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Turkey Hill students were awed by a recent performance of professional acrobats from Beiijing, China that was sponsored by the school's PTA Cultural Arts Committee. The three Chinese boys and one girl, who ranged in age from 17-19, kept the audience on the edge of their seats as they performed a series of exciting stunts. The female performer was an expert at hula hooping, effortlessly using her feet to launch an assortment of hoops from the floor to her neck without so much as a teeter. The limber teen boys ran, flipped, jumped and climbed, using props and each other to display their extraordinary strength, balance and coordination. The crowd favorite was when the boys climbed on each other's shoulders nearly touching the gym ceiling, flipped top hats between them and then pretended to lose their balance and fall, only to right themselves in the nick of time, dismounting with ease. The crowd went wild, the kids screaming with delight. Fourth grader Conlan O'Rourke thought the assembly was "really cool." "Some of it was kind of scary," he said. "I thought they were going to fall on some of the tricks." Anthony Fisher and Amal, all second graders in Mrs. LaFrance's second grade classroom, agreed the assembly was one of the best they'd ever seen at school. "It was really, really exciting and cool," Anthony said and Amal said she is even inspired to pick up a hula hoop.





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Peck Place Pack 922 Cub Scouts hosted a table and display to share information about Cub Scouting during the Mary L. Tracy Kids Fair. Potential Tiger Cub boys and parents got a chance to learn more about Cub Scouting, see a Pinewood Derby car, watch a demo of the race, see video of the many fun activities that Cub Scouts and their families have participated in this past year and meet Cub Scouts as well as Den and Pack Den leaders.

For more information, visit: OrangeCTscouting.com or attend the May 22 6:30pm Ice Cream Social and Pack meeting at Peck Place School.



Senior Connection to Hold Program

"The Senior Connection" is a group of professionals offering quality resources for seniors and their families. This fusion marketing group is an affiliate of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. The Senior Connection is cosponsoring the following event with the Alzheimer's Association:

Event: Keeping Connected with People with Dementia: Communication Strategies will occur on March 19, 2012 at 1:00pm

Location: Orange Community Services, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477

Description: This program will discuss communication techniques and strategies to employ in caring for a person with dementia. Lunch will be provided by the Senior Connection - Members of the Senior Connection will be on hand to answer questions about their services.

Contact: Maria Tomasetti-Alzheimer's Association at maria.tomasetti@ alz.org to RSVP for this event."

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Orange Students Celebrate Colonial Day



Jake Bronson, Jared Sullivan, Madison Tom, Victoria Krzysztopik, Frank D'Acounto hand cranking ice cream.



Chloe Kehlenbeck and Amanda Coscia sewing friendship pillows.



Maddy Rosenberg and Marcelle Gagnon with Hornbooks.

Turkey Hill School

On January 13th, Fifth Grade students at Turkey Hill School participated in Colonial Day. Students participated in such activities, as cranking their own homemade ice-cream, making their own hornbooks, as well as playing such games as Nine Men's Morris and marbles. While cranking the ice cream many students commented, "This is hard work, why can't we just plug in the ice cream maker!" The students began to realize how different life is today than it was in Colonial Times! Students were also able to dress up as colonial children and experience a simulated day in the life of a colonist. Prior to this activity, students studied aspects of colonial life and jobs as well as the economy and geography of the original 13 colonies.





Peck Place School

One thing Peck Place fifth graders learned for sure about colonial times is that cornbread tastes extra delicious when it's spread with homemade butter. The students recently celebrated "Colonial Day," an annual tradition which marks the end of lessons about American's colonial times and the beginning of studying about the Revolutionary War period. Some of the students dressed in the conventional clothing of the period, the girls in long dresses, aprons and bonnets and boys in britches, work shirts and hats. The children rotated around eight stations that in addition to churning cream into butter, included finger-knitting, stenciling, making pomander balls and grapevine wreaths and playing games. "The kids love it, it is a tradition they look forward to," said fifth grade teacher Erica Campbell. Parents play an important role in the days' festivities as they help run the eight stations and also donate materials to make the day a success. The students agreed making butter was the most fun and finger knitting was "hard." Colton Varholak said he enjoyed playing with jacks and marbles although he probably wouldn't trade his video games and modern toys for them. "If I lived back then it would be fun," he said. As much as the kids enjoyed learning about colonial times, they are looking forward to the next chapter in American history. "Our teacher has a way of making learning about history awesome! She makes it fun!" Varholak said



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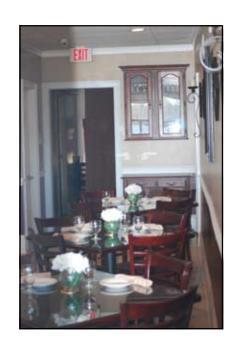
Andini's Restaurant

I am very excited about our latest addition to Orange's restaurant scene. Andini's was formerly the Pie Hole Pizzeria and the changes are totally amazing. Redi Kostandini purchased the location in October 2011 and, along with his lovely significant other, Jessica Carlucci, have both worked tirelessly over the past few months to make Andini's perfect. They are now ready to show it off to the community.

Redi is definitely a young, ambitious entrepreneur with 10 + years experience in fine dining & catering. He was the executive chef at Johnny Ray's in Milford for over 2 years and Sous Chef at the popular Il Palio in Shelton. Redi (I forgot to mention that he is also the chef at Andini's) is all about the customers. He aims to please wanting everyone to have a pleasant and com-

fortable dining experience. Redi told me that one evening he was getting ready to close the restaurant with coat on and keys in hand when customers came in wanting to order pizza and cocktails. He graciously sat them down and accommodated all their requests. With this positive attitude for great customer service, Andini's will definitely be successful and around for a long time.

As I mentioned above, the interior changes to this location definitely made me take a double take when I walked in. The atmosphere is very warm, cozy and intimate. Jessica's special touches such as linen napkins and fresh flowers on the tables make the ambiance of the restaurant very inviting. The menu offers a wide range of appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pasta, entrees including eggplant, chicken, veal, steak, seafood, along with daily specials. Also, Andini's



thin crust gourmet pizzas are phenomenal. I sampled the eggplant rollatini pizza, veal meatballs, and the NY style fried calamari. All the dishes were outstanding. They also offer special desserts such as gourmet strawberries with a variety of toppings along with cappuccino, espresso, & café latte. Check out the website for the entire menu. Andini's has a full bar with very reasonably priced wines and a great specialty cocktail list. Keep in mind that the restaurant has an elegant feel but is also very family friendly.

Open 7 days a week – Monday 4p-9p – Tuesday-Thursday-11a-9p – Friday & Saturday – 11a-10p – Sunday 12p-9p – Bar will stay open to accommodate customers. Reservations accepted – all major credit cards accepted – Large parking lot in front of building – Handicapped accessible – Take-out on all menu items - Delivery to Orange and parts of Milford & West Haven. Catering menu is available for private parties both on & off the premises.

Andini's Restaurant- 555 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 – 203-799-0200; Website: www.AndinisRestaurant.com – Find them on Facebook: www.facebook.com/andinisrestaurant

Final notes: My favorite dining experience is a great pizza, bottle of good wine, and a linen napkin. Why travel to New Haven (especially with the rising gas prices) when you can enjoy top notch Italian food and outstanding customer service right here in Orange. Redi, Jessica & their special waitperson, Linda DellaMonica, will welcome you with open arms! Remember to support local family owned businesses as they are the backbone of our community. If you have favorite restaurant e-mail susan@orangetownnews. com.



Q: Like most of the world, I was shocked and devastated to hear of **Whitney Houston's** death. I really thought she was on the right path, and about to make a music and movie comeback. Did drugs play a part in her death? -- Deena R., via e-mail

A: While there has been no official word as of this writing, TMZ is reporting that according to family sources, Whitney, 48, was killed by a combination of Xanax and other prescription drugs mixed with alcohol. Although she did die in the bathtub, the family was told by the coroner's office that there didn't appear to be enough water in her lungs for drowning to have been the cause of death. The L.A. Police Department has determined that there were no signs of foul play.

Whitney will star posthumously in the feature film "Sparkle," which is slated for an Aug. 12 release. She also recorded two songs for the movie, which will, of course, be on the soundtrack.

Q: I really love watching "Chelsea Lately" and "After Lately" on E! The shows' casts really seem to have fun and get along. Please tell me this is the case! --George T., Altoona, Pa.

A: That certainly is the case. I spoke with series star Heather Mc-**Donald** recently, and she told me: "We really do laugh all the time, and we really do like each other so much. So many times we'll be laughing about something and I'll just go, 'Oh, don't we have fun?' I think it all stems from the example that Chelsea (Handler) has set, and I think that's important. We're like a little family where she's the Mom, and she doesn't allow jealousy, and she doesn't allow any real kind of unhealthy competition in any way. We truly believe that each of our success only helps the other."

And following Chelsea's example of getting into the publishing industry, Heather has written her own



Heather McDonald

NYT best-selling humorous memoir called **"You'll Never Blue Ball in This Town Again,"** and I have to say, the book is deliciously funny.

Q: Is it true that two of my favorite comedians, Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis, are making a movie together? -- Samuel D., via e-mail

A: It is indeed true, and I couldn't be happier to see these two onscreen together. Will and Zach star in "Dogfight," a comedy about two battling politicians from South Carolina who each have presidential aspirations. The movie is set to premiere Aug. 10, and also co-stars Jason Sudeikis, Dylan McDermott, Dan Aykroyd and John Lithgow.

Q: "Harry's Law" seems to have vanished. What's up? -- Echo H., via e-mail

A: There has been a little shuffling over at NBC. At the end of January, "Harry's Law" took about six weeks off. But don't worry, **Kathy Bates** and company will return with new episodes March 11 on its new night and timeslot, Sundays at 8 p.m. ET.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.









ARTS & LEISURE

"Anna's Creations" Become a Fashion Hit

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Annamarie Amore was floored when a YouTube video she posted of "Anna's Creations" -- professional models wearing the unique fashions that she designed -- received over 1000 hits and attention from several national publications. It wasn't that the fashions weren't haute couture – they were – or that the models weren't striking beauties - -they were – but what caught the viewer's attention was the unusual "fabrics" Amore used for her designs. Like the stunning midnight blue cocktail dress that shimmers and sparkles, and the trendy, full length zebra striped evening wear featured in the vid-

eo, Amore's models are actually wearing carpet and glass mosaics -- the flooring products she sells in the business she runs with her husband, "Amore Floor Covering and Design Center." She posted the "Anna's Creations" video as part of a new advertising campaign to market the store, highlighting her own sense of design and style as a bonus to customers in need of help when selecting flooring materials. The campaign slogan is, "If Anna can be this creative with a model, imagine what she can do for your home?"

But even more surprising than the YouTube hits are the calls from local and national media that are interested in Amore's flooring fashionistas. In the past few weeks, Amore has been approached by WTNH-8's Ann Nyberg to be featured in a local segment and received full page color spreads in fashion magazines like Dezzi and Face-On and the photography magazine, Imprint. "The campaign has gone through the roof!" Amore said. "It's such a fresh and new idea. The people 'get' the concept and they love it!"

The Amores, who have over 25 years of experience in the flooring business, moved to the current Post

Road location five years ago. Annamarie takes pride in having an inviting and contemporary showroom. "This is not the average mom and pop flooring store," she said. "I like the showroom to be clean and neat and look appealing. And we are always finding new products that are different but not astronomically priced." In 2009 they were named "Best Design Showroom in Connecticut" by the World Floor Covering Association.

The idea of combining fashion and flooring came to Amore in the wee hours of the morning several years ago. The daughter of a seamstress, Amore has always enjoyed design and sewing, a talent which came easily. "I've always had a knack for design," she said. Amore decided to dress the large windows of her Boston Post Road store in Fifth Avenue style -- with mannequins wearing high-fashion outfits she constructed of carpet and mosaic

tiles and accessorized with jewels, boas, taffeta, hats, even her own wedding train. "The idea just came to me in my sleep. I am a visionary person, I don't use patterns, the concept went from my head to the paper," she said. Amore hoped the stylish windows would entice customers to walk into the 9,000 square foot showroom located in West Haven, just over the Orange town line. "We are the largest carrier of flooring products in the state, but it's so hard to get people in the door," she said. The idea worked and customers often stopped by just to check out the window changes which Amore often

coordinated with holiday themes. Amore even put in a small boutique, featuring jewelry and other personal and home accessories to appeal to her female customers.

The plan to use Anna's Creations in a unique marketing campaign strategy was the work of family friend and photographer Paul Tortora. When Tortora visited the store to meet with Amore and her husband Darrin to discuss an advertising campaign, he immediately noticed the well-dressed window mannequins. "Anna's designs really motivated me and I thought it would be a unique and meaningful way to market the business," Tortora said. "It fits right into designing for homes." Tortora set out securing the models and a creative team and in one 12-hour day had completed the photo shoot right in the store.

When they viewed the finished shots, Tortora and Amore were amazed. "The photos were just stunning, they look raw and edgy, we loved the concept even more on film," Amore said. They are using the photos in newspaper and magazine print ads

to promote the Orange store. The ads have prompted the "chitter, chatter," Amore had hoped for, and more importantly, Amore has already had several sales from customers who wanted to purchase the exact materials the models were wearing and requests from her suppliers to use their products for her next fashion shoot. "This campaign has taken on a life of its own," Tortora said. "Sometimes you just get lucky."

In the coming months, Tortora and Amore are planning to add another 10 fashions to the collection, this time with a vintage outdoor and bathing suit theme. Her creative juices already flowing, Amore is waiting to see where her imagination takes her. The floor's the limit – and a carpet or tile that can bend a bit. To see the fashion shoot, visit "Anna's Creations" on YouTube, or www.amorefloorcovering.com.



Photographer Paul Tortora (left) and Annamarie Amore (right) pose with one of their carpet-clad fashionistas.

THEATER REVIEW

"February House" at Long Wharf Theatre

By Zander Opper

For me, there sometimes comes a moment when watching a new musical when I get the exciting sensation that what I am seeing is really "good" and that everything is going to turn out right. About 20 minutes into "February House," the sublime new show at Long Wharf Theatre, I got that sensation and I am delighted to report that not only is this musical able to sustain that

feeling, but to deepen it and to get even better as it goes along. As written by a pair of fresh new talents, composer Gabriel Kahane and book writer Seth Bockley, "February House" is truly a rich tapestry of a show, where music and dialogue and staging flow effortlessly into a perfect cohesion and transform this musical into a seamless work of art. A coproduction with New York's Public Theatre, "February House" will be seen later this season Off-Broadway. It is wonderful that there is an imminent New York production, for, if there ever was a work that deserved a future, it is certainly "February House." When a new musical this good comes along, it truly must be seen and savored by a wide audience.



Zander Opper

Before mentioning the ideal cast of nine fine actors that make up the company of "February House," a word must be said about composer Gabriel Kahane. His score truly encompasses all forms of music: opera, operetta, folk music, blues and even toe-tapping swing numbers. It's as if Kahane has taken everything he knows about musical theatre styles and woven them into this show. But this is not just a composer showing off: his music and lyrics are always entirely appropriate to the time period and dramatic situation and he

has even assigned individual musical motifs to each of his characters. There isn't space to praise everything that this composer has accomplished, but I was very taken by an aching (and recurring) song called "Awkward Angel" and by the operatic Act II opening number called "A Little Itch." Unless I am mistaken, there hasn't been a composer that has showed such virtuosity and mastery of various types of music since Maury Yeston burst on the scene with his score for the 1982 Broadway musical "Nine." (And, just for the record, Kahene's lyrics are pretty terrific, as well).

It must be also noted that director Davis McCallum triumphantly keeps everything flowing beautifully and he has elicited divine performances from his entire cast. The setting of this musical is a Brooklyn boarding house in the early 1940s and it concerns the lives of the brilliant artists—poets, classical composers, writers, and, most famously, Gypsy Rose Lee—who all resided there at that time. Chief among the residents is the owner, George Davis (the hilarious and moving Julian Fleisher), who is the one who has assembled all these artists together. In this flawless company of actors, everyone works at the same level, with notable turns by Kacie Shiek (as Gypsy Rose Lee), Kristen Sieh, Erik Lochtefeld, and A. J. Shively especially standing out. This musical also deals with the subject of homosexuality in a refreshingly intelligent and nonchalant way, as typified by Stanley Bahorek and Ken Barnett (wonderful as composers who are also secretly lovers). Also shining are Stephanie Hayes, as a lesbian activist and newspaper writer, and Reeves McCullers, fine as the one character who could be considered the "heavy" of the piece.

"February House" is truly a show in which one hangs on every word and it is one of the best new musicals that I have seen in ages. There is such originality and beauty about this show, with so many wonderfully unexpected and unique moments throughout. Let's hope that the New York critics and audiences will embrace this work when it moves to the Public Theatre in May, but I think you should try and catch this show at Long Wharf Theatre while you can. "February House" is the kind of musical that you're going to want to be able to say that you saw it "when." Performances will continue through March 18th and you can order tickets by calling 203-787-4282 or by going to www.longwharf.org.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

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his client's new property. His market knowledge combined with the latest real estate technology helps Joe to make all of his real estate closings smooth transactions.

Joe holds a BS in marketing from Sacred Heart University. When he's not selling real estate, Joe enjoys spending time with his granddaughters, Aprile and Ashlie. He is a member of the Holy Infant Knights of Columbus where he holds the office of Grand Knight. He is also a past president of the Paugusett Club in Orange. Joe resides in Orange with his wife Cyndi. Joe can be reached at 203-506-4282 or Joseph.Cafasso@RealLiving.com.

Three Orange Businesses to Host Business After Hours

VideoLab, The Davis Gallery and Alternate Office Solutions will be holding an Orange Chamber Business After Hours on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at VideoLab, 200 Boston Post Road, Orange from 5:00-7:00pm. There is a charge of \$15/chamber members, \$20/non-chamber members and if you bring a potential member as a guest, your guest comes free of charge. Please RSVP to Mary at 203-795-3328 or mary@orangectchamber.com.



The Rev. Ann Ritonia from Church of the Good Shepherd (680 Racebrook Road in Orange) stands along the Post Road in Orange on Ash Wednesday, offering ashes to anyone as a part of the national "Ashes to Go" (www.ashestogo.org) movement. Worship services are held at the church at 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm on Sundays, as well as 12:30 pm and 7 pm on Wednesdays. The Wednesday 7 pm service offers a time for private, centering prayer beginning at 6:30 pm and continues with healing and laying on of hands at 7 pm, followed by Holy Eucharist. After the 5:30 pm service on Sundays, a light supper is served; all are welcome. Contact the church at 203-795-6577 with any questions.

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Family Salon & Barber Shop Opens in Orange

Foundations Hair Salon & Barber Shop is a new full service salon, located at 17 Old Tavern Road in Orange. The staff at Foundation's has been working in the Milford area for more than 10 years. There is now no need to run around town looking for a hair salon for each member of the family. Foundations offers high quality styling services for the entire family at a price. Mom, dad and the kids can visit the salon together. Stop in and see barber Jimmy Dillon and stylists Jennifer Dillon, Beatrice Whitelaw and Mary Rea. Call for an appointment at 203-795-4305 and walk-ins are always welcome.

Supplement City Announces Opening of New Location in Shelton

Chris Mosquera, owner of Supplement City in Orange, is excited to announce the opening of an additional supplement store, Supplement City of

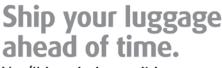
Supplement City of Shelton is located at Stop & Shop Plaza, 890 Bridgeport Ave., Shelton. Hours of operation are 11:00 am - 7:00 pm. Mon - Sun, phone

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Chris, a certified Fitness Trainer, has been in the nutrition field for 14 years; 7 of those have been as owner of Supplement City located at 518 Boston Post Road in Orange. Chris is excited about his new location, and looks forward to helping new clients attain their fitness goals in both locations.

UI Smart Living Center Hosts Lecture on Solar Energy

The UI Smart Living Center is hosting a lecture on solar energy on Saturday, March 3rd from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at the UI Smart Living Center, 297 Boston Post Road, Orange. The lecture is titled "Title: Spin your meter backwards!" and will be presented by Rachel Oxman of Sunlight Solar Energy, located in Milford CT. She will speak about how solar technology works and will give a detailed explanation of both grid-tied photovoltaic and solar hot water systems. What makes a house or structure appropriate for solar production and what the current state and federal incentives available for solar are. Connecticut is just rolling out some very impressive rebates for solar. The lecture is free but seating is limited, so call to reserve a spot. Call 203 799 0460 to make your reservations.



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Church Of The Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

Shepherd's Café

We are pleased to announce that Church of the Good Shepherd has opened The Shepherd's Café. The Shepherd Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that needs or would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from



Chuch of the Good Shepherd

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Church services are available at 12:30 for those who would like to attend. There will be menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. This is a new ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and a partnership between the church and Community Services. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road and there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.

Weekly Services

Sundays 8:00 a.m. and **10:30 a.m.** Coffee and conversation after the 8:00 am service and after the 10:30 am services. **5:30 p.m.** - Come just as you are Worship Service. Light supper after the service.

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. Eucharist with laying on of hands. and 7:00 p.m. Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion

Bible Study every Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Purim In Chinatown at Chabad Of Orange/ Woodbridge

Take a journey from Chabad of Orange/Woodbridge to China at its Purim in Chinatown event on Wednesday March 7, 2012 at 6:00pm, 261 Derby Avenue, Orange. Enjoy a delicious Chinese dinner and hamantaschen dessert following the reading of the Megillah (The Story of Esther.)

After dinner, guests will be dazzled by Chinese acrobat Yang Xiao Di. Mr. Yang has been performing as an acrobat since the age of 6. As a member of the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe and the Nanjing Acrobatic Troupe, he has toured throughout China, Europe, Africa, Australia, and North America.

Since immigrating to the United States, Mr. Yang has performed with the National Circus Project touring hundreds of schools and community centers throughout the USA. He has performed for major events for Pepsico and has appeared in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, in Atlantic City, Las Vegas and Orlando.

Mr. Yang excels in Chinese acrobatic genres including diabolo, Chinese sticks, spinning plates, boomerangs, and flying tridents. His interactive performance is sure to thrill audience members of all ages.

Tickets for this event are \$18/adult and \$12/for children under 12. RSVP at 203-795-7095 or events@chabadOW.org.

The Comedy of Marriage with Rabbi Yossi Jacobson

Some say that G-d's biggest joke was having men marry women and vice versa. In this humorous but practical talk, Rabbi Jacobson provides down-to-earth tips for happiness in marriage. Weaving together the teachings of chassidic philosophy and some down home common sense wisdom, this talk will make you laugh and make you think.

The event takes place on Thursday, March 22th ~ 7:00pm at The JCC of Greater New Haven, Amity Road, Woodbridge.

Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Jacobson, one of the most sought-after Jewish speakers in the world today, is the first rabbi to have presented the keynote address to all of the 4,000 US military chaplains – who have described him as the "Jewish Billy Graham" and the "Jewish Martin Luther King" – and to the 34,000 employees of the National Security Agency.

Cantor Jeffrey Klepper to Perform at Temple Emanuel

One of the most renowned and respected musicians in contemporary American Judaism, Cantor Jeffrey Klepper, will join Temple Emanuel's 50th anniversary celebration as Musician in Residence on March 24 and 25, 2012.

He will present a concert of his music, in collaboration with the Temple Emanuel Band on March 24 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary at Temple Emanuel.

Cantor Klepper has performed throughout the USA and Israel, in England, France, the Netherlands and Russia. His original songs, such as the universally beloved "Shalom Rav," are known throughout the Jewish world.

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



Cantor Jeffrey Klepper

Join the excitement at Temple Emanuel on Saturday, March 24 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$36/family or \$18/person. To reserve tickets or for further information, please go to the TE @ 50! link at www. templeemanuel-gnh.org or call 203-397-3000. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Congregation B'nai Jacob Presents Distinguished Speakers

CBJ invites the entire community to these three adult education programs:

On Saturday, March 17, as part of the ongoing Shabbat Lunch & Learn Series, Ilan Stavans will speak on "Resurrecting Hebrew". Stavans is a Mexican-American essayist, lexicographer, cultural commentator, translator, author, TV personality, and teacher known for his insights into American, Hispanic, and Jewish cultures. He will speak at 12:30 pm, immediately following the kiddush luncheon.

On Sunday, March 25 at 10:00am, CBJ welcomes Adina Hoffman & Peter Cole, authors of Sacred Trash: The Lost and Found World of the Cairo Geniz. Sacred Trash is a story of buried scholarly treasure that sheds light on 900 years of Jewish life. Cole is an acclaimed poet and translator; a winner of MacArthur Genius Award and the National Jewish Book Award. Hoffman is a prize-winning American essayist, critic and literary biographer.

On Wednesday March 28 at 7:00pm, Maurice Samuels, professor of French Literature and Director of the Yale Program for the Study of Anti-Semitism (YPSA), will speak about "19th Century French Anti-Semitism." The YPSA program is one of only two university anti-Semitism programs in the nation.

For more info, call the synagogue office at 203-389-2111 or go to http://www.bnaijacob.org.

Future Choral Concert

The Music Department of the Orange Congregational Church shares the beautiful melodies of the composer Gabriel Faure in a public concert of "Requiem" and "Cantique de Jean Racine" on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary of the historic Meetinghouse on the Town Green. The many voices of the Senior Choir will be joined by singers of the Greater Meriden Community Chorus with the soprano soloist Nancy V. Stewart, baritone



Orange Congregational Church

soloist Chai-lun Yueh, and organist Shari Lucas. The church's Music Director, Bryan Campbell, will conduct the ensemble. The concert features the brilliant sonorities of a new Pipe Organ, custom built by the Odell Organ Company and recently dedicated, which now graces the church's stately interior. The public is encouraged to attend this showcase of music and a free will donation is accepted at the entrance to the event. For more information, please call (203) 795-9749.

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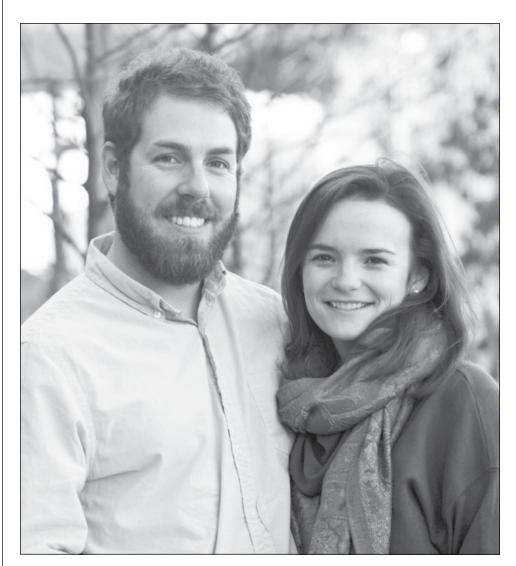
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Seibert, Guy Announce Engagement

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Emilia received a Bachelor of Science from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY and Secondary Education Teacher Certification from University of Colorado, Boulder. Emilia is a science teacher at the Dexter and Southfield School, Brookline, MA.

Marc received a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Philosophy from St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY and is currently an MBA Candidate 2012 at Babson College.

The wedding will take place in Middlebury, VT on August 25, 2012.



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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

White Wine Making in France



The main difference with red wine making and white wine making is made by fermenting the grape's juice without the solid matter, thus there is no maceration of the skins and especially no extraction of color elements. As soon as they arrive in the vat room, the grapes are lightly crushed. The juice produced, which is called must, is initially clarified then fermented in a vat or in a barrel according to the winemaker's decision. The process is easily understood if one thinks of a glass of freshly squeezed orange juice placed in the refrigerator; after a certain time, the orange pulp (equivalent to the grape solids in the must) is deposited at the bottom while the liquid above is almost free of solids. After the clarification, better quality wine intended for long keeping may undergo alcoholic fermentation in oak barrels. For other wines, fermentation generally occurs in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

White grape varieties

Sauvignon Blanc is vigorous variety which matures early. Its bunches are shaped like flattened cones while the grapes themselves are egg-shaped and golden yellow in color. The wines it produces have a good acidic structure, are very aromatic with gooseberry and box tree notes. Semillon is late ripening than Savignon Blanc, but is equally vigorous and productive. The grapes are rich in natural sugar and develop noble rot very well to produce great sweet wines.

Muscadelle (which is not related to any muscat grape) produces large berries that are lightly pink in color, is a less elegant grape than the two preceding varieties, and is therefore used in small proportions in the assemblages, which produce Bordeaux's great white wines. As is the case with red wine, the white wines of Bordeaux are made by combining several grape varieties, although it is possible to find some white wines made from Sauvignon alone.

Chardonnay produces attractive golden bunches, as small as those from Pinot but longer and less tightly packed. Its juice is very sweet. Full and fruity, it is never overly acidic and develops towards aromas of white fruit honey and vanilla as well as brioche and hazelnut, occasionally showing white truffle notes. In Burgundy, it is always vinfied in oak when the goal is to produce great wines. Chardonnay that is fermented in larger vats result in a white wine with pail color and aromas dominated by citrus and white fruit when fermented in barrels, it shows great richness, complexity and power. The bouquet is more complex, and fruity notes accompanied by aromas of sweet buns, linden and cooked fruit.

Racking, topping up fining

Great wines are aged in oak barrels, which allow for a controlled oxidation while imparting needed tannins to the wine. Every three months racking takes place. The wines are transferred from one barrel to another to separate the clear wine from its lees. Between rackings, topping up of the barrels is done to replace wine that is lost through evaporation. This "angel's share" can be as much as three percent of the total volume. If 400,000 bottles are produced (which is not unusual for many large Medoc Properties), this can come to the non-negligent amount of 12,000 bottles!

Before bottling, fining is done, usually with egg whites. The albumin has several properties, most notable the ability to trap solid particles suspended in the wine. Five fresh egg whites are stirred into each barrel using an instrument similar to an umbrella without fabric, which is opened and rotated in each of the casks. The next step is to blend the wine. This is when the winemaker produces the perfect marriage between the different grape varieties, as well as selecting the best vats or barrels. Wines from younger vats are directed towards the second label or eliminated by a strict tasting panel composed of the owner, the consulting oenologist, and the property's winemaker.

Bottling is an important step which is well performed today thanks to modern machinery. To avoid damage to the labels by mold, the bottles are stored with only the cork stopper. Then, just before shipping, the bottles are washed and then labeled, today most often with self-adhesive labels-to the great dismay of collectors who find them practically impossible to remove.

Terroi

What is terroir? Food differs in taste and quality depending on its origin. This is true for fruit as well as cheese, whose taste varies greatly according to the nourishment received by the animals whose milk is used; their environment also plays a role. This is also the case with wine, whose initial quality is drawn from the grapes that are used and by extension, their origins - their terroir. This French word, difficult to translate in many languages, signifies the association between the land and a particular micro climate. Experience has shown that this association can produce an optimal combination for the production of certain types of wine grapes.

Best Buy: 2007 B & G Sauternes \$33.00 Luscious, sweet, honey-like desserty wine world famous from Bordeaux region of France.

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

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Death Notices



Mary Botsolas Sekas

Mary Botsolas Sekas, age 90, of Orange, entered into eternal rest on January 25, 2012. Born in Perth Amboy, NJ on Sept. 26, 1921, she was the wife of the late Paul J. Sekas. They were married on October 7, 1945, and moved to New Haven in 1946.

While raising their children, Mary became involved in community activities. She was President of the Parent Teachers Association of Welch School and served as a Corresponding Secretary of the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church.

Mary was always known for her artistic abilities and was able to realize her dream of becoming an art teacher. She graduated from Southern Connecticut State College, with a B.S. in Art Education in 1968 and received a MS Certificate in 1976. Initially she taught art in the Cheshire elementary schools, and then taught at Hamden High School for 13 years before retiring. In her retirement, she continued to design and construct stained glass works of art.



Mary Botsolas Sekas

Mary is survived by her children, Gail Sekas Paul and husband Harry of Wexford, PA, Lee Sekas of Wethersfield, CT, and Mark Sekas and wife Roberta of Orange, CT; by her grandsons Paul G. Sekas and fiancé Alexandra Gizhitsa of Farmington, CT, and Michael J. Sekas of Orange, CT; and by her sister, Irene Lionikis and husband George of Colonia, NJ; and by numerous nieces and nephews and their families. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband of 51 years, Paul J. Sekas, her parents John and Afrodite Botsolas, sisters Calliope Menedis and Connie Botsolas, and brothers Christos and Phillip Botsolas.

She is also survived by numerous Sekas in-laws; her special relatives, Eva Kitsos, George Kitsos and wife Ludmilla, Mary and Peter Anastasion, Nick Lefkimiates and wife Margaret, Richard Paige and wife Judi, Elizabeth Laden and Mark Roman; and by her neighbors and many friends who were all so good to her.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that remembrances be made in Mary's name to either St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church Endowment Fund, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT 06477 or The Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405.

Milton L. Consiglio

Milton L. Consiglio of Orange died peacefully February 12, 2012 after a brief illness. For 53 years, he was the devoted husband of Arlene Orico Consiglio. Father of Jeanne (Richard Hoin) Consiglio and Aimee Consiglio

& doting grandfather of Joey & Mia Bierowski all of Orange. Brother of Patty (Frank) Zimbardi, Robert (Mary Ann) Consiglio and the late Jeanne and Gloria Consiglio. A patriotic veteran, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion Post 127. An operating engineer, he was a member of the IUOE #478, New Haven. For over 35 years he oversaw the structural maintenance of West Walk Condominiums. He took great pride in his uncanny ability to fix anything. Once his work was done, he enjoyed nothing more than sharing coffee at 3 o'clock with friends at the beach, kayaking and always remaining physically fit. He was a true gentleman and



Milton L. Consiglio

will be sadly missed. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the doctors, PA'S, PCA'S and the nurses of the Hematology and Oncology Department at Smilow Cancer Center.

Services were provided by the West Haven Funeral Home with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. John Vianney Church and Interment followed in the Orange Center Cemetery on February 15, 2012. The family requests that anyone wishing to make donations to please make them to the Smilow Cancer Center, c/o Office of Development, PO Box 1849, New Haven, CT. 06508.

Orange Town News

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The Orange Town News will publish death notices for Orange families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: **edit@orangetownnews.com**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING SECTIONS OF CODE

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange that in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Charter of the Town of Orange, the Board of Selectmen of said Town will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Orange Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT to consider amending the following Codes of the Town of Orange:

- Chapter 227 Ordinance Regulating Food-Handling Establishments.
- $\bullet \qquad \text{Chapter 281}-Ordinance \ Regulating \ Massage \ Establishments}.$
- Chapter 325 Ordinance Regulating Sewers.
- Chapter 374 Ordinance Regulating Wells.

A full copy of the proposed amendments are available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments of Chapter 227, Chapter 281, Chapter 325 and Chapter 374 of the Town of Orange Code dated at Orange, CT this 2nd day of March 2012.

TOWN OF ORANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BY: James M. Zeoli First Selectman

ATTEST: Patrick B. O'Sullivan Town Clerk

Public Notices

A public notice is information informing citizens of government activities that may affect the citizens' everyday lives.

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The Disney Fantasy

Disney's newest ship, the Disney Fantasy will be christened on March 2, 2012 in a gala event in New York City and I am excited to be attending! What an amazing opportunity to learn about this exciting new ship!

The Disney Fantasy will have many of the same features as her one year old sister, the Disney Dream, including the AquaDuck, the only water coaster at sea (see a picture of me on the Aquaduck here: http://on.fb.me/zmzODk).



The "Disney Fantasy" will be christened on March 2nd.

But more importantly, the Disney Fantasy will feature several exciting features that make her unique:

With their recent resurgence, the Muppets debut with Disney Cruise Line in a new adventure game called "The Case of the Stolen Show" where guests will help the Muppets find missing show props.

The Fantasy will debut several new production

shows: "Wishes" which tells the story of three best friends who learn that the secret to being an adult is to stay connected to your inner child; Disney's Aladdin, a Broadway style musical with the cast from the classic Disney movie and "An Unforgettable Journey" a farewell show which celebrates all the memorable moments of the cruise through the words and wisdom of Walt Disney himself.

For children, the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique (currently at Walt Disney World) will be the place where aspiring princesses and pirates receive head to toe makeovers.

For adults, Europa will be the destination for nighttime entertainment with such places as The Tube, a high energy nightclub with dancing and signature drinks; Ooh La La, a quieter alternative reminiscent of an elegant French boudoir and Skyline, a bar with sweeping panoramas of some of Europe's most famous cities (passengers will be amazed as the scenes change from day to night).

Animator's Palate (one of the three restaurants that passengers rotate through during their cruise) will feature a show where diners serve as guest animators whose own characters interact with some of Disney's characters during the finale!

These are just a few of the exciting new features that await passengers aboard the new Disney Fantasy. Disney's world-renowned service, coupled with the Disney Cruise Line features that receive rave reviews such as state-room design, outstanding dining choices including some for adults only, world class entertainment, state of the art fitness center and spa, pools, outstanding kids' programs, not to mention their exclusive private island, Castaway Cay, assure that the Disney Fantasy will exceed expectations in every way!

Leslie Marsh, ECC owns and operates Cruise Planners of Orange. She can be reached at 203-799-2367 or leslie@getreadytocruise.com.

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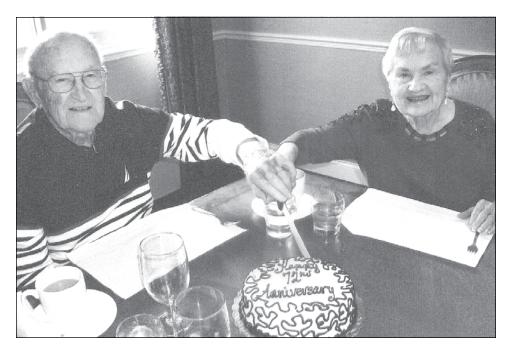
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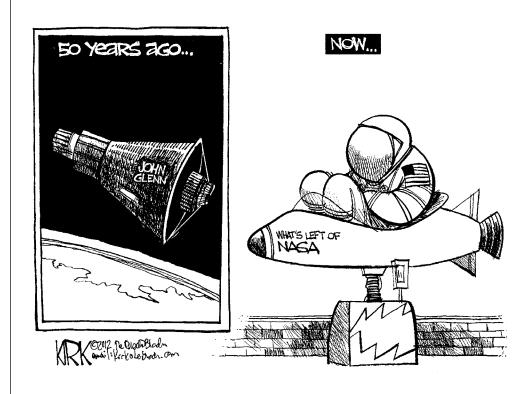
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Orange Couple Celebrates 72 Years

Joseph and Helen Koziel of Orange recently celebrated their 72nd Wedding Anniversary while vacationing in Florida. Celebrations while in Florida included a dinner party at the Lobster Shanty in Coco Beach hosted by their children and their spouses, Joe and Joan Koziel of Rockledge, FL and Vincent and Barbara Schmidt of Orange. Their children and Joe and Helen's Best Man, Steven Koziel of Melbourne, FL, also hosted an anniversary brunch at the Grand Villa of Melbourne.

Helen and Joe were married on February 3, 1940 at St. Andrew's Church in Colchester, CT. Joe retired from U.S. Steel (American Steel and Wire) and Helen from the National Paper Board Company in New Haven. Both are voracious readers and are frequent visitors to the Case Memorial Library. They also enjoy swimming at the town pool and socializing with family and friends.





ENTERTAINMENT



1. The Vow (PG-13) Channing Tatum, Rachel McAdams 2. Safe House (R) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds 3. Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG) Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine 4. Star Wars: Episode 1 -- The **Phantom Menace (PG)**

Liam Neeson, Ewan McGregor 5. Chronicle (PG-13)

Dane Dehaan, Michael B. Jordan 6. The Woman in Black (PG-13) Daniel Radcliffe, Ciaran Hinds

7. The Grey (R) Liam Neeson, Dallas Roberts

8. Big Miracle (PG)

Drew Barrymore, John Krasinski

9. The Descendants (R) George Clooney, Shailene Woodley

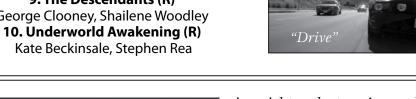
Kate Beckinsale, Stephen Rea



1. In Time (PG-13) Amanda Seyfried 2. Drive (R) Ryan Gosling 3. Real Steel (PG-13) Hugh Jackman 4. The Thing (R) Mary Elizabeth Winstead 5. Moneyball (PG-13) **Brad Pitt** 6. Abduction (PG-13) **Taylor Lautner** 7. Dream House (PG-13) **Daniel Craig** 8.50/50(R) Joseph Gordon-Levitt 9. The Ides of March (R) Ryan Gosling 10. Contagion (PG-13)



Matt Damon







Mickey Rourke stars in "Immortals"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of March 5th, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Footloose" (PG-13) -- This remake of Kevin Bacon's 1984 breakout film aims to update the story for a new generation of youngsters who just wanna dance. Newcomer Kenny Wormald takes the role of Ren. a Boston teen transplanted to rural Georgia. Upon his arrival, the scene in the small town is decidedly uncool -- the tragic deaths of a few partying teens has been parlayed into an across-theboard ban on rock and/or roll, and all the wholesome, expressive dancing that comes with it.

Dennis Quaid carries the dramat-

ic weight as the town's preacher man and anti-fun crusader haunted by the death of his offspring. While this new iteration is no barnburner, those itching for a fix of bouncy music and youthful boogey will find some fun.

"Immortals" (R) -- Vibrant in visuals and sagging in story, this mythlaced epic has all the narrative weight of a fireworks show. A menacing Mickey Rourke plays Hyperion, a brutal warlord out to get some godly bow that functions as a Homeric weapon of mass destruction. The gods of Olympus pick a mortal champion, Theseus (Henry Cavill), to stop the plot and keep the bloodthirsty Titans of old locked up. It's even more convoluted onscreen.

The real might of the film is in the over-the-top visuals, as gold-skinned gods clash in an electric-blue sky to decide the fate of the earth below. While the mix of sets and CG may cause eyes to pop, it all seems a lot of sound and fury signifying a secondrate epic.

"Game of Thrones" Season 1 (NR) -- HBO took a calculated risk and landed an unmitigated success with this crossover series about swords, sires, kings and treachery. Adapted from the fantasy series by George R.R. Martin, the show sweeps audiences into a new world that manages to marry "Lord of the Rings" with "The Sopranos." It's daring, it's engaging, it's fresh ... and it was very expensive to make. Sean Bean stars as Ned Stark, an honorbound patriarch who is pulled into a twisted vortex of feudal political intrigue, orbited by a constellation of full-fledged characters and aweinspiring settings. The premiere of season 2 can't come fast enough, so jump into this series at your nearest opportunity.

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. Kelly Clarkson "Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)" 2. Adele "Set Fire to the Rain' 3. Flo Rida "Good Feeling" 4. Rihanna feat.

Calvin Harris "We Found Love" 5. David Guetta

feat. Nicki Minaj "Turn Me On' 6. Jessie J "Domino" 7. Tyga

"Rack City" 8. Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa feat. Bruno Mars "Young, Wild & Free"

> 9. LMFAO "Sexy and I Know It" 10. Bruno Mars "It Will Rain"



Eric Church

Top 10 Country Singles

1. The Band Perry "All Your Life"

2. Chris Young "You"

3. Keith Urban

"You Gonna Fly"

4. Luke Bryan "I Don't Want This

Night to End" 5. Kenny Chesney

"Reality"

6. Eric Church "Drink In My Hand"

7. Dierks Bentley

"Home"

8. Martina McBride

"I'm Gonna Love You Through It" 9. Toby Keith

"Red Solo Cup"

10. George Strait "Love's Gonna Make It Alright"

Which band's albums are known by the colors silver, black, red and gold?



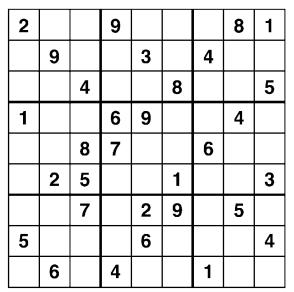
- What song do The Animals, Lou Rawls and Paul Mc-Cartney have in common? (Think: Sam Cooke.)
- Name the singer who released "Summertime Blues."
- What year did "The Midnight Special" first air?
- Which group had a hit with "Dedicated to the One I Love" in 1967?
- Name the Joe Cocker and Jennifer Warnes 1982 duet in the film "Officer and a Gentleman."

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by Linda Thistle



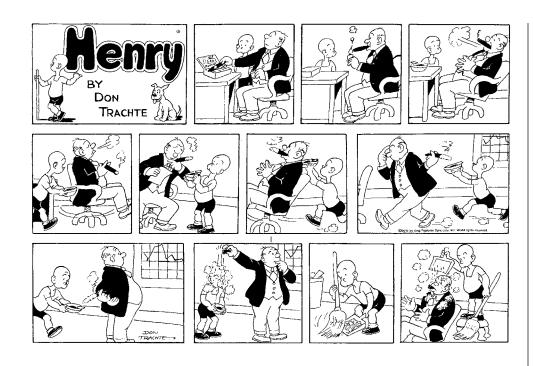
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging **★★★ HOO BOY!**

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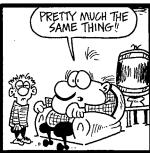
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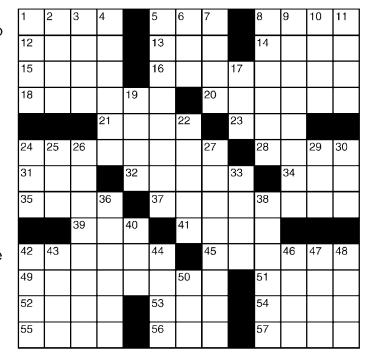


by Jeff Pickering

King Crossword

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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Get ready for British actor Tom Hardy. He's currently in "This Means War" with "Star Trek's" new Capt. Kirk, Chris Pine, and Oscar winner Reese Witherspoon. Hardy's been carving out quite a career since "Inception" in 2010, followed by "Warrior" and "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" last year. Up next are "The Wettest County" with "Tinker" co-star and Oscar nominee Gary Oldman, Shia LaBeouf and Guy Pearce, as well as "The Batman Returns" sequel, "The Dark Knight Rises." Hardy is definitely one to watch!

Prince Frederic Von Anhalt had a party to celebrate wife Zsa Zsa Gabor's 95th birthday at their Bel Air mansion. Zsa Zsa, bed-ridden, received guests such as Larry King, Connie Stevens, "La Bamba's" Lou Diamond Phillips and Lainie Kazan in her bedroom. A video of guests singing "Happy Birthday" was shown to her later that night. Guests feasted on Hungarian goulash, Bavarian pretzels and Black Forest cake and were entertained by 13-year-old singing sensation Caleb, whose song "Turn on the Lights" is currently climbing the charts.

Equally impressive was 12-yearold actress/model Lena Wild, who hails from Anchorage, Alaska. Six years ago she noticed one of her classmates at school never ate lunch because she couldn't afford it, so Lena shared her lunch with her. She started bringing two lunches every



Tom Hardy

day until she realized there were at least 24 more kids in her school, and 10 in a neighboring school, who had the same problem.

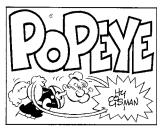
Lena and her mother, Bettsie, went to businesses and neighbors for donations. Out of that came Dare to Care, now in Oregon, Utah, Washington, Alaska and California. The group's first gala, hosted by former "C.H.I.P.S" star Erik Estrada, will kick off fundraising to help provide lunches, which cost about \$600 a year per child. If you'd like to help, go to www.NoChildGoesHungry.org

Also toasting Zsa Zsa was "Land of the Lost" and "Pufnstuf" producer Sid Krofft, who confided he gets mistaken for singer Tony Bennett wherever he goes. My advice to him came from the legendary Mae West, who said, "It's better to be looked over than overlooked"!

Send letters to Tony Rizzo's Hollywood, 8306 Wilshire Blvd., No. 362, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're correct to want to help someone who seems to need assistance. But be careful that he or she isn't pulling the wool over those gorgeous Sheep's eyes. You need more facts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine optimism will soon dispel the gloom cast by those naysayers and pessimists who still hover close by. Also, that good news you recently received is part of a fuller message to come.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem un-

less it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

Call a family meeting to discuss the care of a loved one at this difficult time. Be careful not to let yourself be pushed into shouldering the full burden on your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An upcoming decision could open the way to an exciting venture. However, there are some risks you should know about. Ask more questions before making a commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Personal matters need your attention during the earlier part of the week. You can start to shift your focus to your workaday world by midweek. Friday brings news.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You've been going at a hectic pace for quite a while. It's time now for some much-needed rest and recreation to recharge those hardworking batteries.

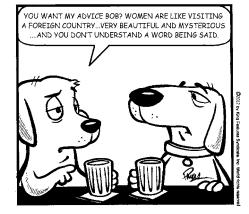
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to upgrade your current skills or consider getting into an entirely different training program so that you can be prepared for new career opportunities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep a low profile in order to avoid being lured away from the job at hand. Focus on what has to be done, and do it. There'll be time later to enjoy fun with family and friends.

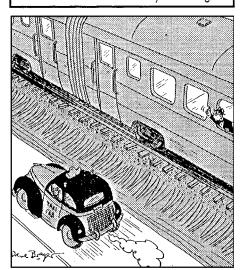
BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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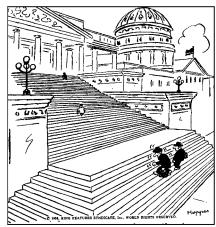


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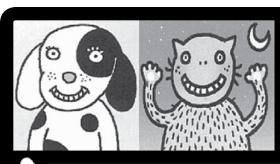
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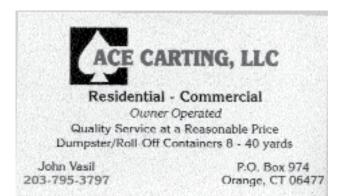


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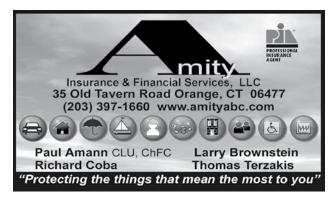
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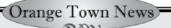
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Stressing over Taxes?

By Roberta L. Nestor

With April 17th looming around the corner (that's not a misprint, because of a holiday the tax deadline has been extended this year) the responsibilities of being a taxpayer can be stressful. If you happen to catch any of the many television ads about income tax services, don't be fooled by those happy faces that walk out of their tax appointment smiling ... they are actors. The fact is that if you have changes in your life or financial situation, it will impact your taxes.

Marriage represents a lifestyle change that affects taxes. Think of newlyweds who are combining their incomes for the first time. Maybe you always

Dollars and sense

had a huge refund on your taxes, but now that you are married the tax tables are different and you may actually owe money! It doesn't seem fair to the partner who forfeits their refund because the other didn't have enough withholding. When this happens it is often referred to as the "marriage pen-

alty". Should you file married or married filing separately? What is the difference, and does it matter?

If you had a birth of a child or adoption, it is generally a favorable life event for tax purposes. The birth of a child is like a tax miracle – you automatically get a \$3,700 exemption. In order to claim your child as a dependent you must have a social security number for that child. For those working couples who have children in day care, there are child care credits you may be eligible for. Adoption also has special tax exemptions. IRS Publication 503 is specific to Child & Dependent Care Expenses.

Self-employed individuals never seem to catch a break at tax time. You have to make your last estimated tax payment by 1/15 which is meant to cover your 2011 taxes and by 4/15 your estimated tax payment for 2012 is due. If you still owe for 2011, you might consider contributing to a retirement plan. Self-employed individuals have a secret weapon to reduce their taxes known as a single or solo 401k plan. If you are still using the old-fashioned SEP plan, you really should look into the many advantages a solo k plan has to offer.

Tax time also seems to coincide with yet another stressful situation ...

sending your child off to college. Having a daughter who will be starting her first year in September, I can well empathize will all parents who are struggling through FAFSA (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid). With a due date of March 1st, it puts added pressure on having your tax return done early. Some colleges may require the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA. If you haven't been asked to complete this, be happy! The CSS Profile is a financially intrusive 38 page questionnaire that digs deeper into your finances than the FAFSA.

Job loss will not only affect income, it will affect your taxes. Maybe your bracket will be lower and for many you have to find a new understanding of how unemployment benefits, severance and unused vacation time all tie into your taxes. Looking for a new job? Depending on your tax situation, you may be able to deduct transportation expenses, printing or travel expenses; check out IRS Publication 529 for these details.

There are several more life events that affect your taxes such as, divorce, death of a spouse, purchase or sale of a home, retirement, illness or a long-term care situation. Combine any of these situations to one family and it's no wonder we stress over doing our taxes. What is the best way to reduce the stress of tax season? You need to work with a trusted tax professional who is qualified to not only answer these questions, but can also offer you guidance. Your tax preparer should be willing to work with your financial advisor. Investments and taxes go hand in hand – nearly every change you make with your investments will affect your taxes - just as lifestyle changes will affect your investments. Don't make costly mistakes; seek professional advice whenever you have a life changing event.

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Sisters in Art

Pictured above are sisters, Lana Ho of Orange (left) and Lillian Yung of New York City, at the February 9 reception for their successful art show "Sisters in Art" which was held at the Case Memorial Library, Orange. Ho is an award winning floral designer who has expanded her love of flowers into the world of watercolors, while Yung is an accomplished potter.



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Holy Infant Wins St. James Tournament

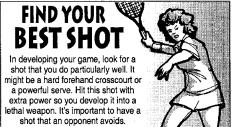
The Holy Infant Orangemen 6th grade basketball team won the St. James Basketball Tournament this past weekend in a wild, come-from-behind overtime thriller over St. Marks of Stratford by a score of 25-24. Trailing 23-20 with 7 seconds to go, the Orangemen's Patrick Winkel hit a gametying 3-pointer, which ultimitely sent the game to overtime after a St. Marks half-court heave hit the side of the rim.

In the two-minute overtime, the Orangemen's Marc Chodos made a driving layup to put Holy Infant ahead 25-23, but St. Mark's wasn't done yet. The school from Stratford had two foul shots with 20 seconds in overtime, but only connected with one. Holy Infant missed a one-in-one with 3 seconds and after another half court desperation shot by St. Marks fell short, that gave Holy Infant their first-ever championship in the St. James Tournament dating back to 1984.

St. Marks dominated the first half and took a 13-2 lead into intermission. Using a full-court press, Holy Infant (30-12 w/l on the season) was able to trim the lead to 17-10 after three quarters. In the fourth quarter Chodos hit two 3-pointers cutting into the St. Marks lead and ultimitely leading to Winkel's heroics.

The two teams may meet again in two weeks in the St. Marks Tournament.

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

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

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

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

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

First Congregational Church of West Haven New-To-Us Book Sale, Saturday March 10, 2012, 9:00am - 2:00pm, 464 Campbell Avenue, The White Elephant Shop and SERRV Store will also be open. For more information, contact Gert Beckwith 203-934-6921 ordg-beckwith@sbcglobal.net.

Senior Center Lunch & Learn-Dementia Talk "Keeping The Caregiver Healthy", learn ways for caregivers to stay healthy while dealing with the stress of caring for someone with dementia, Monday, March 12, 2012, 1:00pm, Senior Lounge, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, lunch provided by Lend A Hand, reservations required, call 203-891-4784.

Senior Center Lunch & Learn-"Keeping Connected With People With Dementia", learn communication techniques and strategies to employ in caring for someone with dementia, Monday, March 19, 2012, 1:00pm, Senior Lounge, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, lunch provided by the Senior Connection group of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, reservations required, call 203-891-4784.

Milford Camera Club Meetings, Wednesday, March 14, 2012, "Framing Images from Start to Finish" and Wednesday, March 28, 2012, open competition for paid members, 7:00pm, Margaret Egan Center, Room 139, 35 Matthew Street, Milford. Meetings are free and open to the public; visitors are welcome. For more information, email www.milford-cameraclub.org or call Co-President Chuck Fleischman at 203-874-2787.

Temple Emanuel Presents Cantor Jeffrey Klepper & the TE Band Concert, Saturday, March 24, 2012, 7:30pm, Temple Emanuel Sanctuary, 150 Derby Milford Road (Route 34), Orange, \$18pp/\$36per family includes dessert reception and meet & greet the musicians. For more information, go to www.templeemanuel-gnh.org/te-50.

Orange Foundation Grants Application Deadline, Sunday, April 15, 2012, forms can be found online at www.OrangeFoundation.org; or Orange Town Hall. Mail completed applications to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.

Friends of the Library Lucy Scillia Scholarship Application Deadline, Monday, April 30, 2012, \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors who are residents of Orange and plan to major in Library Science, English or Education. Applications are available online at www.casememoriallibrary.org.

Orange Masonic Lodge Scholarship Application Deadline, Tuesday, May 15, 2012, two \$1,000 medical scholarships for college students studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, maintain minimum GPA of 2.75, must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of a member of Orange Lodge #143 or a resident of the town of Orange. Also two \$1,000 Orange Lodge Family Scholarships for a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of a member of Orange Lodge #143, must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Interested students should send a synopsis of credentials and accomplishments within their chosen field along with a current school transcript to: Orange Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mr. Elmer F. Manley, Chairman, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. For information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbyPolly@yahoo.com, Subject: Scholarship.

Orange Strawberry Festival, Saturday, June 2, 2012/Rain Date Sunday, June 3, 2012, Orange Town Green. For more information, call Orange Congregational Church 203-795-9749

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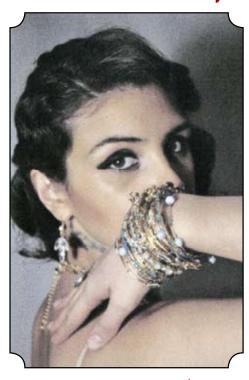
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