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ZEOLI ADDRESSES STATE CUTS: “WE ARE IN FOR A ROCKY RIDE”

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

First Selectman James Zeoli warned the Board of Selectmen in February that the residents of Orange are in for a rocky ride this budget season.

He reported to the board that the governor's plan to cut funding to towns would deeply affect Orange.

“This was just the initial proposal, so there may be adjustments by the house and senate as it develops,” he said. “For fiscal year '17, the town of Orange, through grants, assistance, education cost-share money, and a litany of things, should be receiving \$2,369,122. That hasn't grown very much. When I took office 12 years ago, we were getting \$1.9 million.”

Under the governor's proposed budget adjustments in February, Orange in fiscal year 2018 is set to receive \$57,593, a hit of \$2,311,529 to the town of Orange.

While the cuts are enormous, there are also additions, Zeoli explains: “It's strange because there were some additions of some other moneys. Capital improvement account is frozen this year at \$104,000. Next year, we're proposed to get \$181,000.”

The education cost-share grant, which is money that is usually given to the schools which encompasses special needs, special services and other education costs, took a \$101,000 hit a few weeks ago.

“We went from \$1.6 million to \$1.5 million. It's slated for next year to go to \$51,688. But they added a new column – special education money – \$926,199. It's still a \$400,000 shortfall from the ECS number that we're currently at, but

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AMITY BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSIDERS 2017-18 BUDGET

By Mellissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

After four rounds of budget cuts, the Amity Board of Education will be asked to approve a spending plan that carries a 1.34% increase over this current year's budget. “We have created for Amity a

very responsible budget that allows the superintendent to continue the excellence that we have built here with taking

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



“STRANGE MAGIC – THE ELO EXPERIENCE” BOOKED

Band to Headline Summer Concert & Fireworks

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The calendar may say March but it's not too early to start dreaming of summer as Orange Town News publisher Rocky Salperio announces this year's entertainment for the 2017 Orange Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Spectacular. It's the celebration that tops all Independence Day festivities in New Haven County and one that residents eagerly anticipate. The event will be held from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Orange

Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, on Sunday, July 2nd with a rain date of Monday, July 3rd.

This year's event will feature a popular Canadian tribute band making its Connecticut debut -- “Strange Magic – the Electric Light Orchestra Experience”. The nine-member band, which features

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TOWN UPDATES FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Board of Selectmen approved a set of changes to the town's financial and administrative regulation at its monthly meeting in January. When Finance Director John Cifarelli took over the position, he reviewed regulations and administrative rules and came across a set of regulations that hadn't been updated in over 20 years.

"I thought some of the amounts [for spending that required a finance director's approval] looked a little low," Cifarelli said. He brought his findings to the Board of Finance and they agreed and asked him to come back with recommendations. After consulting the town auditors and comparing Orange's regulations to other towns, a few changes were made and were approved by the Board of Finance pending the Board of Selectmen's approval.

In a nutshell, the regulations that were last approved in 1997 required purchase orders of \$500 or more to be approved by the director of finance. "We're going to change that \$500 to \$5,000 must be signed by the director of finance prior

to purchase," Cifarelli explained. "In addition, where it says 'department heads may purchase goods and services costing less than \$500 without quotations or formal bid proposals,' we'd like to change that to \$5,000 also."

Prior to the change, the Board of Finance required at least three responsible quotations for purchases costing \$500 to \$5,000. Said Cifarelli, "We'd like to change that to 'at least three written quotations are required for purchases costing between \$5,000 and \$20,000.'" Prior to approval to raise the amount to \$20,000, the regulations stated that formal bids for purchases \$5,000 or more must be advertised at least once for 10 days in a newspaper having substantial circulation. As the town revamps and modernizes its website, an option could be to eliminate printed notice, but until then, the town will continue to advertise bids in the local monthly newspaper.

"This is a good modernization after 21 years to update it," said First Selectman James Zeoli.

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CONTRACTORS NOW FACE FEES FOR LEAF DUMPING

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Contractors dropping leaves at the town transfer station are now facing a fee after the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a request from Town Engineer Robert Hiza. He asked the selectmen to consider acting on charging contractors for leaf disposal at the town’s transfer station at its January meeting.

“Bob feels strongly about this,” First Selectman James Zeoli said. “He asked around to see what neighboring towns were doing and he thinks that \$45 a load for a large contractor’s size dump truck and \$25 for a box on a pickup-size truck would be in line with other towns.”

The town saw a large influx this past fall from contractors disposing of leaves and fall debris at the transfer station since two other recipients—the City of West Haven and Sound View Landscaping—were charging a significant amount. Before the change, contractors could purchase a permit to dump

debris at the transfer station, but paid no fee for dumping the leaves. “Many are not coming from within the town of Orange, and that is okay because they have bought a commercial dumping permit,” Zeoli said.

Selectwoman Judy Williams said, “I have to applaud Mr. Hiza because he really has done his homework and I agree. We see the tonnage doubled in one year and that’s got to tell you that everyone else is coming to Orange because we’re not charging. It does take manpower to move the leaves and it requires use of our equipment, so I think we should get on the bandwagon with everybody else and charge.”

“This should be effective immediately, since contractors are starting to come in for their permits for spring cleanups,” Zeoli said. There will be no money collected at the transfer station—contractors’ loads will be tracked and the town will send a bill.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP



Left to right: Ken Ginsberg, Joe Cafasso Sr., Regina Sauer, Karen Bogdanoff, Joe Cafasso, Jr, Nancy Andersen, Ross Cotjanle, Donna DiGioia, DiDi Strode, Buddy DeGennaro. Kneeling in front: Young Lee, Jason Tessitore. Missing from photo: Olivia Martson, Lia DiGioia, Frank D'Ostilio.

REAL LIVING ANNOUNCES 2016 NATIONAL AWARDS AGENTS

Parent company Real Living Real Estate announced the recipients of its prestigious production awards for its Real Living Real Estate offices throughout the country for the year 2016. The awards were presented at a company-wide conference in Tucson, AZ. Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate swept the awards ceremony with a total 35.

Orange resident Regina Sauer received four national awards - Diamond Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents - most closed units; Top 100 agents for production, Real Living Real Estate; and 360 Service Diamond Award.

Ken Ginsberg received two awards for his commercial sales - Diamond Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents for production.

Joseph Cafasso, Jr – received the Emerald Medallion recipient; 360 Service Diamond Elite Award.

Donna DiGioia - Emerald Medallion recipient.

Orange resident Ross Cotjanle received two awards - Rudy Medallion Award; Recipient of 360 Service Diamond Award.

The Urban Specialists, DiDi Strode and Olivia Martson - Rudy Medallion recipients; Top 50 Team Award for closed units and Top 50 Team Award, Real Living Nancy Andersen - Sapphire Medallion recipient; Recipient of 360 Service Diamond Award.

Young Lee - Ruby Medallion recipient.

Joe Cafasso, Sr. - Rudy Medallion

recipient.

Lia DiGioia - Ruby Medallion recipient.

Jason Tessitore - Ruby Medallion recipient.

Karen Bogdanoff - 360 Service Diamond Award.

Woodbridge resident Buddy DeGennaro - Emerald Medallion recipient; Top 100 agents - most closed units; Top 100 agents for production, Real Living Real Estate.

Frank D'Ostilio, Broker/partner of Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate was the recipient of three awards: Diamond Medallion recipient, Top 100 agents - most closed units and Top 100 agents for production, Real Living Real Estate.

"The competition was intense throughout the nation's real estate professionals associated with the Real Living brand. Those selected for these prestigious awards are highly motivated individuals with exceptional sales and customer service experience," said John Wareck, Broker/Managing Partner. "We are proud to have these amazing Realtors on our team."

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David Dobin Johnpatrick C. O'Brien Marcia M. Escobedo

COHEN AND WOLF, P.C. NAMES NEW PRINCIPALS

The law firm of Cohen and Wolf, P.C. is pleased to announce that David Dobin and Johnpatrick C. O'Brien have become principals of the firm, and Marcia M. Escobedo has been named Of Counsel.

Mr. Dobin joined Cohen and Wolf, P.C. in 2010. He will continue his practice as a principal in the firm's Litigation, Municipal and Common Interest Communities Groups. Resident in the Bridgeport office, Mr. Dobin practices in the areas of commercial litigation, trademark infringement litigation, real property litigation, foreclosures, landlord/tenant litigation, municipal law and condominium law.

Recently, Mr. Dobin was the recipient of the Judges of the Connecticut Federal District Court 2016 Pro Bono Award, which recognizes "outstanding service to the court in providing legal services to indigent persons". Mr. Dobin has also been listed as a "Rising Star" by Connecticut Super Lawyers (2013-2016) in the areas of General and Business Litigation, and in 2016, he was recognized by the Connecticut Law Tribune as a "New Leader in the Law".

Mr. Dobin received his B.A. from the University of Maryland and his J.D., summa cum laude, from the George Washington University Law School. Mr. Dobin and his family reside in Hamden, Connecticut.

Mr. O'Brien joined Cohen and Wolf, P.C. in 2013. He will continue his practice as a principal in the firm's Personal Injury Group. Resident in the firm's Bridgeport office, Mr. O'Brien's practice includes a broad scope of personal injury matters, including automobile collisions, premises liability, wrongful death and medical malpractice. He also represents clients in matters involving workers' compensation injuries and criminal law.

Mr. O'Brien is a member of the American and Connecticut Bar Associations, Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association and the American Association of Justice. He is listed as a "Top 100" Trial Lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers Association, and is among the "Top 10" attorneys for client satisfaction by The American Institute of Personal Injury Lawyers.

Mr. O'Brien received his B.S., cum laude, from Sacred Heart University and a Master of Public Administration from Missouri State University. He earned his J.D. from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Mr. O'Brien and his family reside in Southport, Connecticut.

Ms. Escobedo joined Cohen and Wolf, P.C. in 2010. She will continue her practice as Of Counsel in the firm's Employment & Labor, Family Law and Litigation Groups. Resident in the firm's Bridgeport office, Ms. Escobedo represents individuals in family law litigation and divorce mediation, and private and public employers and individuals in employment litigation.

In 2014, Ms. Escobedo was appointed a Diverse Leaders Academy Fellow by the American Bar Association Section of Litigation. She has been listed as a "Rising Star" by Connecticut Super Lawyers (2014-2016) and was recognized as a "New Leader in the Law" by the Connecticut Law Tribune.

Ms. Escobedo received her B.B.A. from George Washington University and her J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Ms. Escobedo and her family reside in Bethany, Connecticut.

Cohen and Wolf, P.C. was founded in 1951 with two lawyers, Herbert L. Cohen and Austin K. Wolf, working from a single office in Bridgeport. Since then, the firm has expanded to more than 50 attorneys with offices in Bridgeport, Danbury, Westport and Orange. Attorneys at Cohen and Wolf represent a diverse assortment of individuals, businesses and municipalities, handling their personal and professional legal needs, from matters involving litigation, employment, corporate and securities law, commercial lending, real estate, land use and zoning, to family law and estate planning. Additional information is available at www.cohenandwolf.com.

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The full-length, 14-week program will launch in September 2017 – registration opens April 3rd and classes begin September 5th. In the meantime, Milestone C will run a series of short and free pilot programs (in coordination with the Stratford Board of Education). First pilot program will be at Stratford High School on March 15th, 18th, and 19th, 2017.

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STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Katherine Boynton Studying Abroad Through St. Lawrence University

Canton, NY -- Katherine D. Boynton of Orange will participate in a St. Lawrence University off-campus study abroad program during the Spring 2017 semester. Boynton is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in biology. Boynton graduated from Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. Boynton is participating in St. Lawrence University's spring off-campus program in Denmark. Nearly two-thirds of St. Lawrence University students study off campus at some point during their undergraduate experience at either one its international or domestic study abroad program sites.

Ajay King Returns Following Intensive Research Project

Worcester, MA -- Ajay King of

Orange, Conn., a member of the class of 2018 majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Washington, D.C. The project was titled Developing a Marketing Plan for Legends Sports Leagues. In their project outline, the students wrote, "This project created an evidence-based marketing plan for Legends Sports Leagues in Northern Virginia". At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that applies science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. A signature element of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI, the project-based curriculum offers students the opportunity to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to

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CONNECTICUT STEM FAIR

On February 4th the Connecticut STEM Foundation, Inc. hosted its 17th annual Connecticut STEM Fair at Darien High School. This event brought together students from Amity Regional High School, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Darien High School, Greens Farms Academy, Greenwich High School, Joel Barlow High School, Newtown High School, Ridgefield High School and Staples High School for a highly energetic and scientific endeavor. A total of 224 judges evaluated the exhibits, providing both assessment of the projects and feedback to the exhibitors, and 80 volunteers added their efforts to the event. The student exhibitors presented 233 completed projects and research proposals in four scientific disciplines: physical sciences, behavioral sciences, health sciences and environmental sciences.

The Connecticut STEM Fair became an affiliate of the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) in 2016. Regional ISEF award certificates were presented to 13 exhibitors, and will sponsor 3 delegates to attend the ISEF in Los Angeles in May.

Connecticut STEM Foundation awards were presented for 46 exhibits. In addition to medals, cash awards totaling more than \$8,000 were presented.

Sponsors of these awards were Sexauer Foundation and Laticrete International. The Office of Naval Research presented an additional 5 awards. The Darwin Day Foundation awarded 2 tickets to the 2017 Darwin Day Dinner.

The Keynote speaker for the Awards Ceremony was Dr. Stephanie Eisenbarth (MD PhD), Assistant Professor of Laboratory Medicine, Immunobiology and Medicine at Yale School of Medicine. Her presentation of her personal background, training pathway and the joys and challenges of her career offered the young scientists in the audience greater insight and understanding of what lies ahead on the road to becoming professional research scientists.

The Connecticut STEM Foundation, Inc. is growing its scholarship program this year. Students who are eligible should visit our scholarship website at <http://ctstemfoundation.org/students/scholarship/> to apply for any one scholarship for graduating seniors entering into college, or non-graduating students who are attending a summer internship or camp related to STEM.

If you'd like more information about the CT STEM Foundation, would like to be a financial partner, or would like to be a judge, please contact us at info@CtSTEMfair.org.

2017 CT STEM Fair winners:
Representatives to International Science & Engineering Fair
The CT STEM Foundation is proud to support the following 2017 CT STEM Fair Winners at the 2017 International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles:

Name	Category	School	Status
Connor Li	Physical Science	GHS	Delegate
Shobhita Sundaram	Health & Medical	GHS	Delegate
Agustina Stefani	Environmental	GHS	Delegate
James He	Behavioral	ARHS	Alternate

CT Science & Engineering Fair Exhibitors sponsored by the CT STEM Foundation

Category	Names & Schools
Behavioral	James He, Amity Regional High School
Environmental	Katherine Handler, Amity Regional High School
Health & Medical	Olivia Hallisey, Greenwich High School
Physical Science	Daniel Pfrommer, Darien High School
Physical Science Team	Connor Li, Greenwich High School Samuel Mahler and Joseph Sugarmann, Amity Regional High School

CT STEM Foundation awards at the 2017 CT STEM Fair

Individual Completed Project, Behavioral

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	James He	ARHS	The Relationship Between Phonological Processing, Intelligence Quotient, and Reading Cognition: A Behavioral and Neurological Analysis
2nd	Julia Nadelmann	ARHS	Investigating Cooperation in the Sharing Economy through the WiFi sharing Game
3rd	Neha Pashankar	ARHS	Investigating vPFC mGluR5 Availability and Behavioral and Cognitive Difficulties in Individuals with Bipolar Disorder Depression, Major Depressive Disorder, and Healthy Controls
HM	Sarah Saxe	ARHS	Effects of Feces Deposition in Natural Refuges on Common Bedbug, Cimex lectularius L. Aggregation
HM	Haya jarad	ARHS	Identifying Quasi Periodic Patterns in fMRI versus CBF Data
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More CT STEM Fair Winners on Page 10

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Amity Middle School Math Team students going to the State Competition: Adarsh Kongani, Nishaan Patel, Armaan Patel, and William Wei. (Photo by Kathleen Fuller-Cutler]



Amity Middle School Math Team students: Top Row: Srilekha Kadimi, Nishaan Patel, Michael Haverstock, Armaan Patel, Adarsh Kongani, Brodey Lu, and Jennifer Adelson (coach) Bottom Row: William Wei, Anibal Loureda, Benjamin Bae, and Ibrahim Cosar. [Photo by Kathleen Fuller-Cutler]

MATH TEAM COMPETING IN THE 2017 MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION

On Saturday, February 4th, ten members of the Amity Middle School Orange Math Team competed in the 2017 New Haven Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition. The ten members of the team included Benjamin Bae, Ibrahim Cosar, Michael Haverstock, Srilekha Kadimi, Adarsh Kongani, Anibal Loureda, Brodey Lu, Armaan Patel, Nishaan Patel, and William Wei. Students have been practicing and preparing for this competition since the first AMSO Math Team meeting, which took place at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

Throughout the day-long MATHCOUNTS competition all members of the AMSO team competed in the sprint round and target round, which required students to use various skills such as

speed, accuracy, problem solving, and mathematical reasoning. Four members of the AMSO Math Team (Armaan Patel, Nishaan Patel, Adarsh Kongani, and William Wei) also competed in the MATHCOUNTS team round. In this round students needed to collaborate with one another and use their problem-solving skills to solve ten math problems in twenty minutes. This four-member team finished fourth out of all teams who competed, which qualifies them to continue on to the MATHCOUNTS State Competition on March 11th.

Congratulations to all AMSO students who competed, and best of luck to Armaan Patel, Nishaan Patel, Adarsh Kongani, and William Wei as they represent AMSO in the Connecticut State Chapter MATHCOUNTS Competition.

ORANGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATIONS READY

Orange Scholarship Fund applications for the academic year 2017-18 are now available. You are eligible for consideration if you live in Orange, are a graduating senior at one of the local high schools (public or private), and will be continuing your education at an academic or technical institution. Awards are made on the basis of need, scholarship, and service to the community. Applications must be

entirely filled out, with all references and required information supplied, and submitted by April 15. Late or incomplete applications are not considered. So, if you know you're going to need help to go on to school next year, get started now. Visit the Fund's website, www.orangescholarshipfund.com, to download application forms and find out where to submit them. Don't miss out!

ORANGE RESIDENTS NAMED TO SACRED HEART HIGH HONOR ROLL

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Kathleen Mary Coonan, ASCJ, '76 has announced the Honor Roll for the SECOND marking period of the 2016-17 academic year. The following students from Orange have been named to the High Honor Roll:

HIGH HONORS:

- Emily Drezek
- Haley Bothwell

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moderate risks. We have strived in every way to make sure that the Blue Ribbon experience that we have at Amity continues to prepare our students for college and career," said James Stirling, chair of the board's finance sub-committee.

"That said, we are talking about exceptional financial times. We've been talking for years about the state eventually coming to bite us. I think it's time to cut into our budget and I think Amity could be a leader in this new fiscal reality in Connecticut," he said. The latest round of cuts removed nearly \$300,000 from the budget including a \$21,000 savings in utilities.

"As the year goes on, we get a closer look at where we'll actually be at with some costs such as utilities. With the fuel cell - heating exchange, we expected a savings, but we weren't sure just how much to expect until now," Superintendent of Schools Charles Dumais said. He also eliminated a .8 FTE position he had added in the music department to meet the needs of a resurging strings program.

"I'm wondering if we can, in the way of collaboration, find a way to work that 1.8 out of the existing staff we have and not replace one or two of the retirees, but that might be somewhere we can look," said Board Member Thomas Hurley.

"Our role as a board is to look at the amount of the budget and if the budget needs to be cut, it is up to the superintendent to make the cuts. That's management at the district level," said Board Chairman William Blake.

Hurley disagreed, "We can't be looking at growing the district. It is not reasonable. We should look to see if we can get

around with a lower number of people."

"While I still believe a music teacher is necessary to our growing program, it is seen as an addition," Dumais said. He also cut funding that would have gone toward building improvements, saying the improvements may be paid from funds left at the end of the year. Board Vice Chairman Member Tracey Russo agreed that the decisions of where to cut lies with the administration, "I am not sure that we are giving deference to the professionals that we have in place to do this. I'm sure there are places to cut. I am not qualified to tell anyone where the places to cut are."

"I do think that as the ones who approve the budget and pass it on to the towns to pay for, we do have a responsibility to give some guidance. We're looking at the data from the governor's office; we're looking at the data from the last couple of years. To ignore that would be the same as to say there is no global warming," said Board Member Christopher Browe. "We have been very good about being proactive and making choices here at Amity to be on the cutting edge and advancing. I think there is a message we need to send back." Budget drivers include contracted salaries, employee benefits, technology and facility needs, and textbooks.

"One of the challenges with the budget is in changes the governor made with funding to special education. Nearly \$1 million would have come to the regional district, but is going through the town and that will show an increase in town allocations," Dumais said.

The Amity Board of Education will be asked to vote on the budget at its monthly meeting on March 13.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

CT STEM Fair Winners

Individual Completed Project, Environmental

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Agustina Stefani	GHS	Carbon Capture & Storage via Silver-Catalyzed Hydration of Carbon Dioxide
2nd	Katherine Handler	ARHS	The Influence of Wildebeest Carcass Inputs on the Diet of Fish in the Mara River
3rd	Devyn Zaminski	GHS	Self-Sustaining Biosynthesis of Methane from CO2 via an Optimized Microbial & Electrochemical Hybrid System
HM	Lucy Briody	RHS	Plastic Ingestion in Pelagic Sportfish
HM	Thomas Livesay	ARHS	Determining the Ideal Management Strategy for Controlling Varroa Mite Levels

Individual Completed Project, Health and Medical

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Olivia Hallisey	GHS	Temperature-Independent, Portable, and Rapid Home Detection Of Lyme Disease Using a Silk-Derived Lateral-Flow Salivary Test
1st	Shobhita Sundaram	GHS	Detection of Premalignant Pancreatic Cancer via Computational Analysis of Serum Proteomic Profiles
3rd	Kevin Santoro	RHS	The Effect of Insulin Growth Factor-I on Folliculogenesis in vitro
HM	Caleigh Morr	DHS	IgM Expands Regulatory T Cells and Demonstrates Therapeutic Potential for Type 1 Diabetes
HM	Sophia Chow	GHS	PDE-4 Inhibitor-Assisted Antibiotic Suppression of Borrelia Biofilm Growth for Treatment of Chronic Lyme

Individual Completed Project, Physical Science

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Connor Li	GHS	Fabrication of a Magnetically Vertical-Aligned Boron Nitride Nanotube Membrane in a Lyotropic Precursor for Water Transport Applications
3rd	Steven Ma	GHS	Reliably Jammed Disk Packing: A Novel Feature of a Classic Geometry Problem
HM	Samuel Pfrommer	DHS	Determining Salient Control Decisions of the Actuated Spring Loaded Inverted Pendulum Traversing Slippery Terrain Using a Sliding Mass Model
HM	Keri Tenerowicz	ARHS	The Effect of Different Textures of Coconut-Based Activated Carbon on the Adsorption of Dyes

Individual Research Proposal, Behavioral

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Sofia Piriz	CSH	Determining Differences in Choice Blindness by Gender and Age
2nd	Tracy Lu	ARHS	Font Color And Memory
2nd	Nicole Mongillo	ARHS	The Effect of Sleep Duration on the Humor Perception of Freshmen in High School
HM	Jack Tajmajer	ARHS	The Reactions of Various Ages to Visual Subconscious Stimuli
HM	Maia Clarkin	RHS	The Impact of CpG Depletion via DNA Methylation on the Social Complexity of Insects

Individual Research Proposal, Environmental

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Juliana Hopper	SHS	The Effect of EsMCsu1, from Eutrema Salsugineum, on Transformed Arabidopsis Related to Drought Resistance
2nd	Sophia Wang	ARHS	The Early Detection of Sinkholes
3rd	Carson Halabi	DHS	The Effect of Valencia Orange Oil in Bat Caves Infected with White-Nose Syndrome
3rd	Adrianna Davis	RHS	Using Stable Isotope Analysis to Estimate the Trophic Positions of Mackerel Sharks, Sand Tiger (C. taurus) and White (C. carcharias)

Individual Research Proposal, Health and Medical

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Paul Hager	DHS	Regulatory miRNA Responses to shRNA-mediated Knockdown of PLEKHA7, a Novel Agent in Tumor Suppression, in Various Endothelial and Epithelial Cell Types
2nd	Julia Driscoll	RHS	The Effect of Low Level Laser Light Therapy on Genetically Corrected Skin Grafts for the Treatment of Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa
3rd	Natalie Silver	RHS	The Impact of Sodium Chloride on the Effectiveness of Beta-Interferon 1A to Treat Multiple Sclerosis
3rd	Catherine Li	RHS	The Effects of Phytochemicals on Autophagy in Rats

Individual Research Proposal, Physical Science

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Aman Thombre	ARHS	Expanding the Materials Genome of Dielectric Materials Through Polyureas
2nd	Joshua Burns	RHS	Different material and case design effects on EM drive propellantless thrusters
3rd	Jack Hicks	RHS	Graphene Composites as Ballistic Resistant Materials
HM	Talia Barry	ARHS	Effect of container type on the pH of water
HM	Victor You	ARHS	The Effect of Left Lane Usage Laws on the Number of Traffic Accidents

Team Completed Project

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Samuel Mahler and Joseph Sugarmann	ARHS	The Effect of Foot Arch Height on the Area of Maximum Force the Foot Exerts While Running
2nd	Rosie Du and Courtney Greifenberger	ARHS	The Effect of Bio-Inspired Textures on Friction
2nd	Himay Dharani and Kelsey McCormack	ARHS	Analysis and Proving of "Cycloid"Universe Using Friedmann Equations and Torsion Cosmology
HM	Summer Schaaf and Neha Sudhir	ARHS	The Impact of Ocean Acidification On Phytoplankton

Team Research Proposal

Award	Student	School	Title
1st	Aniruddha Murali and Zachary De Brino	SHS	The Effect of Different Catalysts on the Conversion of Carbon Dioxide to Methanol
2nd	Caroline Dym and Lauren Burd	CSH	Evaluating the Bacteria Found in Indoor Play Areas Vs. Public Restrooms
3rd	Joseph Benedetti and Austin Gilbride	ARHS	The Effect of Predation and Availability of Resources on Habitat Selection of Oniscus asellus
HM	Julia Herzig and Barbara Jones	CSH	The Effects of Choline on Learning, Memory, and Movement in C. elegans

Office of Naval Research Awardees:

Daniel Pfrommer	Darien High School
Devyn Zaminski	Greenwich High School
Alexander Scheck	Ridgefield High School
Jacob Silliman	Amity Regional High School
Joshua Burns	Ridgefield High School

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May the luck of the Irish enfold you. May the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you."
— IRISH BLESSING



CT STEM Fair Winners

ISEF Regional Awards at CT STEM Fair 2017

Award	Description	Name	School
1. Intel: Excellence in Computer Science Award	For outstanding achievement in the category of Computer Science	Andrew Benz	DHS
2. Yale Science and Engineering Association	Most Outstanding Exhibit in Computer Science, Engineering, Physics or Chemistry	Joshua Verdejo	RHS
3. NASA Earth System Science Award	Presented to Student whose project offers the greatest insight into Earth's interconnected system based on predetermined judging criteria	Agustina Stefani	GHS
4. NOAA's 2017 Taking the Pulse of the Planet Award	Presented to student whose research has demonstrated the principles and technical innovations that offer the greatest potential for an improved understanding of Earth's dynamic processes	Felix Liu	ARHS
5. Ricoh Sustainable Development Award 2017	Presented to student whose research has demonstrated the principles and technical innovations that offer the greatest potential for sustainable development	Noah Sonnenberg	GFA
6. The Society for In Vitro Biology	Certificate of outstanding achievement for ability and creativity in In Vitro Biology	Adam Roitman	GHS
7. U.S. Metric Association (USMA)	For the best use of SI (The International System of Units)	Devyn Zaminski	GHS
8. Mu Alpha Theta Award	For the most challenging, original, thorough and creative investigation of a problem involving mathematics accessible to high school student	Daniel Pfrommer	DHS
9. American Meteorological Society	For excellence in atmospheric or related sciences	Charles Pratt Ari Singer-Freeman	RHS DHS
10. The American Psychological Association: Certificate of Award	For achievement in research and psychological science	Neha Poshankar	ARHS
11. ASM Materials Education Foundation: Certificate of Recognition	For most outstanding exhibit in Materials Science	Jethin Gowda	ARHS
12. Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG)	Outstanding project for Geoscience excellence	Dante Grace Minichetti	GHS
13. Stockholm Junior Water Prize (SIWI)	Recognizing outstanding water-related research at the high school level.	Keri Tenerowicz Connor Li Julia Todeasa	ARHS GHS ARHS

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15TH ANNUAL ORANGE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY EXPO

June 14, 2017 at High Plains Community Center

The Orange Economic Development Corporation will be hosting the 15th Annual Orange Business and Community Expo on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. Annemarie Sliby, Executive Director says, "We are excited to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Expo and have many exciting things planned."

Showcase your business, products or service, sell your products on site, and network with business vendors/attendees. Vendor space is limited to 56 exhibitor booths. "Booth space is selling fast and we have sold 50 percent of exhibitor booths at this time," Sliby states.

Exhibitor space is reasonably priced at \$300 for an 8 foot booth, which includes pipe and drape, linen topped-skirted table and 1 chair. In addition, all vendors receive their business information listed in the Event Program, their business marketing materials included in Event Welcome Bags, their company name listed in OrangeLife Magazine, an entry into the Vendor/Sponsor appreciation raffle, exhibitor lanyards, and activities. Booths with electricity is very limited, but may be provided for an additional \$100. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please register on-line at the OEDC website, OrangeEDC.com/events_activities or call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045.

If you cannot participate in the Expo this year, your business can still have a

presence. For just \$75, your marketing materials will be included in the Event Welcome Bags, which go to all attendees and vendor. You may also place an ad in the Event Program; sizes and prices vary. Please call our office at 891-1045 for information on both opportunities.

A few of the vendors exhibiting this year are: Amity Insurance & Financial Services, Beardsley Zoo, Casanova Remodeling, Crunch Fitness, Floman Depaola Law Firm, Morgan Stanley, StateFarm Insurance, Universtiy of New Haven, and many more. A complete list of vendors is listed on our website.

The Expo is free and open to the public. Business owners, their employees, and local residents can look forward to product demonstrations, activities, raffles, food, and a special anniversary celebration.

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THE HARP IS A SYMBOL OF IRELAND

Over the years, shamrocks and the famed Tricolour have become symbols of the Emerald Isle. But when celebrating Irish history or planning St. Patrick's Day festivities, celebrants should not overlook the important role the harp has played in Ireland for centuries.

The harp is the official emblem of Ireland, appearing on the Presidential Seal and currency and in a number of state-sponsored organizations' logos. The harp also is used by a number of different businesses, including the brewers of the popular Irish stout Guinness, to convey their origins in and ties to Ireland.

The Irish harp, also called the Celtic harp, Gaelic harp or the cláirseach in the modern Irish language, has long been a symbol of Irish pride. Although the earliest origins of the harp in Ireland remain open to speculation, historians believe the harp was introduced to pre-Christian Europe by the Phoenicians, who brought it over from Egypt as one of their international trading goods. Evidence suggests the Irish harp dates back at least 1,000 years. Brian Boru, the last High King of Ireland, was said to have been an accomplished player. The harp also was revered in Celtic/Gaelic culture. Irish and Scottish kings and chieftains often had their own resident harper, who typically would play and recite poetry or

sing psalms.

According to Catholic Online, King Henry VIII used the harp on coins as early as 1534. Later, the harp appeared on Irish flags and Irish coats of arms. The harp also was used as a symbol of the Irish people during their long struggle for freedom. Beginning in 1642, the harp appeared on flags during rebellions against English rule. The harp was seen as such a threat that the British Crown ordered that all harps be burned and all harpers executed. It would be almost 200 years before the music of the harp was freely enjoyed in Ireland once again. When Ireland became an independent country in 1921, it adopted the harp as its national symbol.

There are various ways to play the harp. Early Celtic harps were wire-strung and required plucking of the strings with longer fingernails. Modern harps are often played with the pads of the fingers. Eight fingers are used, as the pinkie fingers are not strong enough to strum the strings. With practice, many people can produce a very good sound on their harps after just a few lessons.

The harp is an impressive instrument that has been enjoyed throughout Irish history. And its status as a symbol linked to the Irish people's struggle for independence no doubt played a role in its declaration as an official symbol of Ireland.





AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL – ORANGE CAMPUS



Second Marking Period Honor Roll

First Honors
7th Grade

Daniela Abreu
Anika Agrawal
Mitchell Bachman
Benjamin Bae
Molly Blair
Jack Bordeleau
Alison Bowler
Avery Butt
Allison Callahan
Aditi Chalasani
Cindy Chen
Brett Chodos
Ryan Cohutt
Paul Cortes
Ibrahim Cosar
Emma DelVecchio
Ava DeMaio
James Denton
Keira Droney
Gillian Fuchs
Jake Genovese
Adam Glassman
Chloe Hawkins
Seamus Hennessy
Levi Huss
Jeffrey Hutchinson
Eze Iheanoacho
Amir Jarad
Niharika Jog
Alexander Kovalsky
Jasmina Krehic
Jade Krukar
Martyna Krzysztopik
Jason Kwon
Daniella Landino
Ryan Lima
Anibal Loureda
Alexandra Louros
Brodey Lu
Jessica Luo
Jason Marino
Elizabeth Massey
Aaron Mayerson
Brian McMilleon
John McNabola
Kaia Melville
Cassandra Millea
John Neary
Colby O'Connor
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Varun Prabhu
Akil Rajendran
Liliana Restrepo
Corey Richards
Colleen Shaw
Melanie Sherrick
Andrew Soldra
Liam Tassiello
Jacqueline Tice
Anna Varholak
Rose Wegman
Megan Wu
Yaroslav Zabel
Ivy Zheng
Piper Zschack
Mohammad Zulfiquar

First Honors
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Isabella Antonucci
Alynn Balocca
Sibelle Basyouny
Abigail Bonat
Elizabeth Buckley
Juliana Cavallaro
Eugene Chang
Caroline Chen
Christian Chen
Carter Correia
Jacob Crow
Kennedy Csejka
Charlotte DelVecchio
Ava DiVincenzo
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Emma Marsh
Nicholas Matalote
Annika Minotti
Arity Morrison
Shannon Mulherin
Jaclyn Nordyk
John Novak
Riley Palazzo
Giustina Parente
Armaan Patel
Nishaan Patel
Xavier Ramos
Olivia Russo
John Santangelo
Thomas Schittina
Zakarai Schneider
Rebekka Schwartz
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Xinqi Shen
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Second Honors
7th Grade

Madeline Abdelmesih
Hadley Boguniecki
Marco Bonato
Benjamin Cap
Joseph Carangelo
Aayan Chaturvedi
David Cho
Christian D'Astous
Maria DalleAve
Ashley Daneshfar
Corey Donovan
Mia Dow
Anthony Duro
Yadashi Ejara
Dylan Ekstrand
Zack Geremia
Noah Grauer
Carly Gravitt
Emily Hoddinott
Claudia Homiski
Greta Imre-Seres
Hannah Johnson
Meredyth Laskowski
DuGohn Lee
Addison Levy
Scott Lowder
Jillian Lucibello
Kalliopi Maniatis
Ethan Moffett
Melissa Musante
Greta Pedenski
Senara Perera
Emma Quaranta
Jonathan Salado
Alaina Schneider
Nolan Smith
Eric Song
Gabriel Sousa
Julianna Tran
Andrew Visnic
Nayana Wright
Tiffany Yang
Nolan Young
Martin Zhang

Second Honors
8th Grade

Balquees Ahmad
Camilla Bautista
Gabriella Benjamin
Kiera Bova
Arsenio Bustos
Michael Carangelo
Michael Chervenak
Melita Collins
John Coughlin
Alexandra DaVia
Kelly Dougherty
Mari Dragan
Abigail Eschweiler
Jack Fearnley
Aarush Garg
Laci Giuliano
Brett Gloria
Olivia Greco
Natalie Huber
Brady Hutchison
Yujin Kim
Keerthi Kongani
Preston Kral
Max Kruger
Owen Leszczak
Sarah Maroney
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Nicole Pulie
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Jessica Yocher

Citizenship Recognition – 7th Grade

Anika Agrawal	Martyna Krzysztopik	Joseph Nucifora
Faith Bernier	Meredyth Laskowski	Colby O'Connor
Aditi Chalasani	Kalliopi Maniatis	Liliana Restrepo
Erika Fontana	Bailey McDermott	Jenna Ricciardi
Jake Genovese	John McNabola	Kevin Sweeney
Emma Hatjopoulou	John Neary	Anna Varholak
Seamus Hennessy	Charlotte Nicefaro	Rose Wegman

Citizenship Recognition – 8th Grade

Raniem Alkasas	Brigitte Gagnon	Arity Morrison
Isabella Antonucci	Abigail Ganun	Jaclyn Nordyk
Alynn Balocca	Ariana Garay	Riley Palazzo
Camilla Bautista	Olivia Greco	Sydney Pitter
Abigail Bonat	Michael Haverstock	Julia Proto
Elizabeth Buckley	Kayla Johnson	Macaelan Rahn
Michael Carangelo	Dana Jossick	Morgan Rahn
Natalie Carrington	Srilekha Kadimi	Payton Rahn
Juliana Cavallaro	Alexis Kaiser	Lauren Ronai
Corynne Chadwick	Yujin Kim	Rebekka Schwartz
Caroline Chen	Keerthi Kongani	Julia Scuccuglia
Christian Chen	Claudia Lihar	Meghan Smith
Carter Correia	Alexandra Marinescu	Juliana Thomas
Alexandra DaVia	Nicholas Matalote	Emily Zielinski



POSSIBLE SHIFT TO FOUR-YEAR TERMS UNDER CHARTER REVIEW

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The town of Orange has reached the end of a year-long process of reviewing the town’s charter and making recommendations to update the document. At its regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen February 8, the board held a public hearing on the charter revision and will decide at its March meeting whether to send the revision to a general election or a special election.

If approved, the biggest change to the charter would mean the town will hold a municipal election every four years as opposed to every two years as the first selectman, registrars of voters, tax collector, town clerk, constables and all boards would shift from a two-year term to a four-year term.

Fred Kendrick, a registrar of voters for the town said, “We would like to propose that the town of Orange charter be amended to have the registrar of voters’ terms extended from two years to four years. In 2015, the state of Connecticut enacted legislation that we had to be certified, costing \$3,200. If the term were extended to four years, it would save \$3,200 for the next period. When the town is faced with a substantial cut from the state of Connecticut, we think it makes sense to change this from two years to four years.”

Town Attorney and head of the charter revision commission Vincent Marino said, “The points raised by the registrar are consistent with the points that were raised with respect to your tax collector and your town clerk. The laws with respect to some of the certifications for these positions have changed dramatically since these positions were first created and since the charter was first enacted.”

Under the new certification requirements, the individuals may never actually become certified before their two-year term is up because of the time that it takes.

Selectman Mitch Goldblatt supported an all-inclusive change to the term limits, saying, “If everything passes and we adopt the registrar of voters also to four years, the constables are the only positions that are two years. If we were to take a step forward, we could address all of the issues such as low voter turnout when there is a non-first selectman and selectmen race. That would be to phase out the staggered terms of the

other boards and commissions. In 2017, people would be elected for four years. In 2019, we’d have a two-year interim election so that in 2021, all terms would be four-year terms. Let’s get everybody on a four-year term, forget the staggering. It would be very unusual to have an entire board turn over, since most people like to run for more than one term.”

First Selectman James Zeoli agreed, “Because all of us in this room know that turnouts at the budget referendums have been very light at best, we’re going to try, since this is a very important issue, to get some more community involvement with it.”

According to Marino, if the charter changes were put before the general election in November, the majority wins, regardless of turnout. If it were to go to a special election with the budget, the vote would require a 15% turnout, which would mean roughly 1,500 voters would have to turn out to vote.

“It’s concerning in my view that there doesn’t seem to be much concern or conflict about the proposed changes. When people seem happy, they don’t come out,” Marino said. The entire charter would be required to be published in the local newspaper prior to the referendum.

At its January monthly meeting, Judy Williams thanked the committee for putting together such a well-documented read.

The commission was established in February 2016 and has worked collectively on the revision. John Carangelo said, “This charter hasn’t been revised in quite a long time and it was a breath of fresh air to sit with these individuals, and brainstorm what we felt was in the best interest of the town.”

The Board of Selectmen at its February meeting agreed to remove a recommendation that suggested that the town consider creating a position of the director of human resources.

“I’m concerned with this for a couple of reasons. One, it is one of the few things that the First Selectman has to oversee. Two, it’s a \$100,000 position and you have the potential for putting a big bump in the budget for a position when we’re seeing other moneys cut. I just don’t think that we need it at this point,” said First Selectman James Zeoli. The commission agreed to remove the suggestion from the revision.

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FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Youth Services Job Bank Residents Can Assist With Variety Of Jobs

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, raking,

snow shoveling, mother’s helper, and more. For further information, please contact John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator at 203-891-4785.

Youth Services High School Volunteers Can Assist With Community Events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist their community with a variety of volunteer needs. Our volunteers have signed up with a parent with Youth Services to access opportunities in regards to attaining their necessary

school volunteer credit hours. They are available for a variety of community and organizational services located in Orange. For information, please email John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET UPDATE TO ORANGE TAXPAYERS

By James A. Leahy, Vice Chairman; Orange Board of Finance

As Governor Malloy and the State Legislature propose new ways to deal with our state fiscal crisis, the impact to the Town of Orange is beginning to become all too clear, and the news is not good. Under the current proposed budget, the average Orange property tax bill would rise by 10.92% to \$8,888, an increase of \$875.

If the budget stays as proposed by the Governor, Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding will be cut by \$1.5 million in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. In addition, Orange will be receiving a bill from the State for \$1.9 million in 2018 and over \$2 million in 2019 to cover 1/3 of the State’s teacher pension obligations. The Amity Regional school system will also be losing major state aid.

As a result of these and other municipal aid cuts, the burden once again falls on the local taxpayers in the form of dramatically higher property taxes. Add the fact that both boards of education are requesting budget increases

and the “GAP” between expenditures and revenues to pay for them will rise to over \$6.9 million.

At the Orange Board of Finance (OBOF) meeting on February 27, I outlined the following material to the Board members, the Orange Board of Education leadership, and the Amity Board of Education Leadership. Since that time, I have modestly updated this material.

This article summarizes the following for the taxpayers of Orange:

Expenditures Requests to date

- Revenue available to support expenditures: both tax-based and non-tax based
- Size of the “Gap” between Expenditures and revenue
- Leverage points to reduce the burden on taxpayers
- Impact to Taxpayers using the current data
- Teachers’ Pension & their Impact

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TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017

(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk’s Office, 203-891-4730)



1st	Conservation Comm.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
2nd	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
6th	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Country Fair Cmte	7:30 pm	HPCC
7th	Economic Development Comm	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
8th	OVNA Board of Governors.....	8:30 am	Clark Bldg
	Safety & Health Cmte	10:00 am	Town Hall
	Board of Selectmen	7:30 pm	Town Hall
9th	Community Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	WPCA.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
13th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
14th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
15th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Memorial Library
20th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy School
21st	Town Plan & Zoning Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
22nd	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
23rd	Bond Construction Cmte.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
24th	Emergency Management Cmte.....	8:00 am	Police Station
27th	Youth Services Advisory Board	7:00 pm	HPCC

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they manipulated money around.”

“One of the biggest concerns, and it is in no way, shape or form the teachers’ fault, the governor says we should pick up part of the teachers’ retirement fund \$1,997,989. A mil in Orange is about \$1.4 million, so when you’re looking at a \$2.3 million hit, that’s before any budget growth from Orange Elementary, Amity, or the town of Orange. With just that, you’re already headed toward a 2 mil increase if we let this go unchecked,” Zeoli said.

As the town continues its budget planning process, the two school districts are reactively tightening their budgets, under the watchful eye of the Orange Board of Finance.



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AGENCY ON AGING IS SEARCHING FOR CENTENARIANS

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut (AOASCC) is looking for individuals in our community who will celebrate their 100th birthday in 2017 or who have already passed this milestone. The Agency will host a special luncheon on May 3rd to honor and celebrate the lives of these centenarians. To request an invitation for a centenarian you know, please visit www.aoascc.org or email info@aoascc.org.

AOASCC holds this luncheon in recognition of Older Americans month. Older adults have made countless contributions and sacrifices to ensure a better life for future generations. Since 1963 communities across the country have shown their gratitude by celebrating Older Americans Month each May. This celebration recognizes older Americans for their contributions and demonstrates our nation's commitment to

helping them stay healthy and active. This year the theme focus on how older adults in our community are redefining aging—through work or family interests, by taking charge of their health and staying independent for as long as possible, and through their community and advocacy efforts. There is no month, or theme, more fitting for our annual celebration of the centenarians in our communities.

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut is an independent non-profit organization serving older adults, individuals with disabilities and caregivers in greater New Haven and the lower Valley. Our mission is to empower adults to remain as independent and engaged as possible within their communities through advocacy, information, and services. For more information, visit us our website: aoascc.org.

PANCAKES FOR PARKINSON'S

The sixth annual Pancakes for Parkinson's fundraising supper is set at Chips Family Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange on Tuesday April 11th with reserved seating from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

Raffle tickets will be sold for gourmet baskets, wine and more; and all proceeds will benefit the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research to help find a cure for the millions suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Chips is donating all the food for the mouth watering meal, which includes two pancakes, two eggs, bacon or sausage

and coffee or tea. Major sponsors include the Milford Bank, Ashcroft Inc., the Rubin and Newman families, Milford and Devon Rotary Clubs, Shop Rite and McInnis Companies.

Meal tickets may be pre ordered or purchased at the door. Tickets are \$12 per person. Checks for tickets, sponsorships and donations

should be made out to the Michael J Fox Foundation, a nonprofit organization, and sent to Team Fox/Jody Culmone, 65 Peck Hill Road, Woodbridge CT, 06525. For more information, call Jody at 203-387-4182 or email her at jvculmone@optonline.net.



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Did You Know?

Connecticut Enacted a New Power of Attorney Statute

In our October 2016 article we wrote about Connecticut's new Uniform Power of Attorney Act and how it officially came into effect on October 1, 2016. Have you seen information circulating that intimidates you into acting immediately to update your documents in order to protect yourself and your family? We want to make sure you know the facts about how this change affects you and the Power of Attorney Instrument you may already have.

Fact 1: Even though the law changed on October 1, 2016, if you have a Power of Attorney Instrument that was signed before October 1, 2016 it still remains valid.

- You should still review your document! Does it appoint who you still want to act as Agent for you?

Fact 2: The new law allows for additional express powers to be added to the standard "form." These powers are very beneficial for long term care planning and estate planning, and should be included in your new Power of Attorney document.

- These powers may already be in your current document! If not, you should consider updating your document to include these important powers.

Fact 3: In most cases, a financial institution is now required to accept an acknowledged Power of Attorney Instrument, even if it is old and even if it is not on a form recognized by the financial institution.

- You do not NEED a new Power of Attorney Instrument to reap these benefits.

Fact 4: If those who care about you think your agent is abusing the authority granted the Probate Court can be asked to look into what is going on.

- This added "checks and balances" is in place regardless of whether you have a new or "old" Power of Attorney. However, you can now include specific provisions in your new Power of Attorney Instrument which state your express wishes for who the Probate Court should appoint if there is an issue like this.

It is highly recommended that you meet with a lawyer to review any documents you already have and determine if you NEED to execute a new Power of Attorney Instrument. It is never recommended that you sign up through the mail to get a new Power of Attorney, or any estate document, just because a flyer informs you the law has changed. If you do execute a new Power of Attorney Instrument, make sure it's not the standard boiler plate form. It should be tailored to your needs and wishes! If you are interested in learning more about the how this change in the law affects you and your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.



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THE COLOR OF MONEY

By Roberta L. Nestor

Green! We all know the color of money is green, maybe we don't know why and how this came about, but a quick google search and here is the brief history. The new bills created by the US government started in the 1860s and became known as "greenbacks". This was because their back sides were printed in green ink. Not only was the green ink available in large quantities, it represented an anti-counterfeiting measure against knock-offs, remember back then pictures could only be taken in black and white. While green is still the color of money, it often brings with it the emotion of greed, fear, even anger.

Money relationships are complex and different for everyone. Your feelings about money are guided by your emotions. The first step to having a better relationship with money is to understand your thoughts and feelings. Does money make you feel helpless, anxious, stressed or confident? What does money mean to you, what is your definition – success, independence, power, failure, generosity?

Very often feelings about money develop at a very young age. Remember going to the local department store and begging your Mom or Dad for candy or some treat and having them say, "No, we can't afford that!" Think about our young millennials who, for the most part, haven't heard the words, "we can't afford it". Unconscious beliefs about money can drive many positive or negative financial behaviors throughout our lives.

Lots of us even dream about money – endless conversations about what we would do if we won a big lottery. Those visions are very real and speak to our relationship about money. Many financial advisors have this discussion with their clients, "What would you do if you won the lottery?" The most common response is to help their children, whether to pay off mortgages or student loans. Grand family vacations are also part of money dreams, but there are equal conversations about giving back to organizations in need, especially if they

involve children. However, the reality (according to the National Endowment for Financial Education, 01/14/2016) is that about 70% of people who win a lottery or get a big windfall actually end up broke in just a few years.

With money comes great responsibility. This is evident with retirement planning. How many of us worry about being able to afford to retire? What if you run out of money? These are real fears and can often lead to emotional investing decisions, for example experiencing overconfidence when the markets rally and panic when markets decline. Look at the over exuberance that exists in today's financial markets with new highs being met almost daily. Investors are back to checking their balances more frequently to see how much money they have made; quite the opposite when the market has severe downturns and we capitulate and refuse to even look at our investment statements.

Financial professionals help their clients to understand and untangle their emotions about wealth and can guide you in developing strategies for the future. They take on the responsibility of acting impartially when you have to deal with stressful financial decisions and most importantly, they can help you keep your emotions in check to help you avoid making costly mistakes with your money.

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Dean's/ President's List Goodwin College President's List, Fall 2016

East Hartford, CT -- Goodwin College's President's List for the Fall 2016 Session includes 309 students, all of whom scored a perfect 4.0 GPA. To qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least six credits at Goodwin College and earn perfect marks in all classes. The List is the highest academic honor roll at Goodwin College, a nonprofit school that believes that all students are capable of great success academically, professionally, and in their personal lives. These students exemplify the rigorous work ethic and commitment to education it takes to succeed in higher education. Goodwin College extends its congratulations to the following Orange students for such a tremendous academic achievement: Jaime Bouchard, Bridgit Ford, and Patrick Welch.

Alessandra Villano Named To Hofstra University Fall 2016 Dean's List

Hempstead, NY -- Alessandra Villano of Orange, CT excelled during the Fall 2016 semester at Hofstra University, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

Students Named To The Marist College Dean's List For The Fall 2016 Semester

Poughkeepsie, NY -- The following Orange students were named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester: Amanda D'Astous, Class of 2019, majoring in Business Administration and Allison Germano, Class of 2019, majoring in Biology.

Katlyn Breitenbach Makes MCLA Dean's List

Katlyn Breitenbach of Orange, CT has been named to the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Timothy Brown Named To Newbury College Dean's List

Brookline, MA -- Timothy Brown of Orange, CT, Class of 2017, has been named to the Dean's List of Newbury College. Timothy's major is Business Administration. Students are eligible for Dean's List if they have earned a 3.4 GPA or above and have not earned a grade lower than a B.

Cassandra Madigan Named To Northeastern University Dean's List

Cassandra Madigan of Orange has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester at Northeastern

University in Boston, MA. Cassie is a third year nursing student in the school's Bouve College of Health Sciences. Cassie also received a Certificate of Achievement for scoring a 3.9 or higher during the last semester.

Local Residents Named To RIT Dean's List For Fall Semester

Rochester, NY -- The following Orange residents made the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for fall semester 2016-2017: Jake Dulin, studying in the software engineering program; Jared Loewenthal, studying in the electrical engineering program; and Micaela Nelson, studying in the biology program. Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.400; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Katherine D. Boynton Named To St. Lawrence University Dean's List

Canton, NY -- Katherine D. Boynton of Orange has been selected for inclusion on St. Lawrence University's Dean's List for academic achievement during the Fall 2016 semester. Boynton is a member of the Class of 2017 and is majoring in Biology. Boynton attended Academy of Our Lady of Mercy. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least four courses and have an academic average of 3.6 based on a 4.0 scale for the semester.

Ariel Loewenthal Recognized By Stevenson University As A 2016 Fall Dean's List Student

Owings Mills, MD -- Stevenson University congratulates Ariel Loewenthal of Orange, CT for being named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 Semester. Students who earn the Dean's List honor must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a grade point average of a 3.50 or better.

Jeffrey Curtin Named To University of South Carolina Dean's List for Fall 2016 Semester

Columbia, SC -- The University of South Carolina is proud to announce that Jeffrey S. Curtin of Orange has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. Curtin is an International Business and Spanish major. To be named to the Dean's List, the student must have a minimum semester grade point average of 3.500 for the semester.

Graduations

Michael Aiardo Graduates From Roger Williams University

Bristol, RI -- Roger Williams University is proud to announce that Michael Aiardo, of Orange, CT, graduated with a B.S. in Architecture in December 2016.

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Expenditures Requests:

- As of March 1, Expenditure requests were received as follow:
- Town of Orange, \$24,933,331, an increase of \$1,279,093 (5.41%);
- Orange Public Schools \$20,318,648, an increase of \$318,585 (1.59%);
- Amity Regional Schools \$23,667,447, an increase of \$1,105,909 (4.90%);
- Amity Resource Officer \$45,000, an increase of \$800 (1.81%);
- Total Requests: 68,964,426, an increase of \$2,704,387 (4.08%).

Revenue available

The Town pays for expenditures through two major sources of revenue: tax revenue, based off the mill rate, for both residential & commercial property; and non-tax revenue, from government & other sources.

Tax revenue calculation of the new grand List at last year's rate of 32.2 mills amounts to \$60,901,028. Non Tax revenue is estimated at \$3,144,987; significantly down from last year primarily attributable to a reduction of \$1,238,332 in intergovernmental revenue. Total Current Revenue: \$64,046,015.

The "GAP"

As a result, the Board now faces an estimated budget "GAP" of \$4,918,411. This "GAP" must be filled by expenditure reductions or increased revenues from non-tax sources. Whatever amount is left over can only be filled by a property tax increase.

Leverage Points Areas

Going forward, the OBOF will utilize "levers" to control the impact of this GAP on taxpayers. First, it will work with the Leaders of the major budget components to reduce the budgets from their current levels. That will mean the OBOF will work with Orange Board of Education, Amity Board of Education, and Town Leaders to reduce spending requests.

Another lever is to work with elected

State officials to get intergovernmental funding -- particularly ECS funding -- back to prior year levels. As mentioned, the proposed shift in ECS funds cost the Town of Orange well north of \$1 million. A final "lever" would be to utilize refunds (such as money from Amity budget surplus) as an input to the budget process and possibly use a portion of the Town's Fund Balance.

Impact to Taxpayers

At this moment however, the GAP is \$4,918,411. If no other action was taken or if no reduction in budget requests are attained, then the mill rate would increase 2.50 mills from the current mill rate of 32.2 to 34.70 mills, an increase of 7.76%. The average residential tax bill is currently \$8,013. Under this scenario, that average tax bill would rise by 7.76% to \$8635, an increase of \$622.

Teachers' Pensions & Impact

Over & above this analysis, the Governor has -- somewhat magically in my mind -- proposed to transfer part of the State's Teachers' Pension responsibility to the Towns. The impact of this to Orange is projected to be \$1,997,989 in FY 2017-2018 and \$2,062,923 in FY 2018-2019. Were this to happen, then the budget GAP would rise to \$6,916,400.

To cover this increased GAP, the mill rate would increase 3.52 mills from the current mill rate of 32.2 to 35.72 mills, an increase of 10.92%. The average residential tax bill is currently \$8,013. Under this scenario, that average tax bill would rise by 10.92% to \$8888, an increase of \$875.

Naturally, the OBOF is very concerned about the data presented above and the impact a budget like this would have on the taxpayers of our Town. We encourage people to keep up with the facts as things will shift -- often quickly & significantly -- on the path forward. We also encourage people to share this information with your neighbors & friends and make your voices heard to the members of the Orange Board of Finance and to elected officials at State & local governments.



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KLARIDES SISTERS FIGHT FOR DISABLED VETERANS

House Republican Leader Themis Klarides joined her sister and colleague State Representative Nicole Klarides-Ditria on Tuesday to testify before the legislature’s Veterans’ Affairs Committee in support of a bill they have introduced, which aims to provide tax relief for the state’s disabled veterans. The purpose of the bill, H.B. 7180, is to grant municipalities the ability to provide a freeze on property taxes for disabled veterans that meet the following qualifications:

Must be veteran who has been honorably discharged from, or released under honorable conditions from active service in the armed forces with a service connected disability rated by the U.S. Dept. of Vets Affairs; or be the spouse/surviving spouse of any such veteran.

The veteran must be the property owner and be a Connecticut state resident for at least one year.

A veterans taxable and nontaxable income must not exceed \$35,200 if unmarried or \$42,900 if married or as adjusted annually. This would exclude Medicaid payments on his/her behalf.

“There are countless stories of our brave men and women who return home after serving our country, and continue to suffer emotionally and financially,” said Rep. Klarides-Ditria. “For many of our veterans the cost-of-living is still ex-

tremely difficult to meet, even with the current exemption, due to the financial challenges in our state. We should be making every effort we can to provide relief to our veterans who have served this country, and this bill will make this state more affordable for veterans living on fixed incomes.”

“Our veterans served our country when they were called to duty, without hesitation; and now these brave men and women need our help,” added House Republican Leader Themis Klarides. “It should always be our top priority to give more local control to municipalities and to provide tax relief to individuals who need it the most and this bill accomplishes both of these things. I have heard from countless veterans in my district that are looking to move out of the state they truly love and have fought for, and passing a bill that gives those living on fixed incomes relief will help regain their confidence in our state.”

The Klarides sisters introduced this legislation after hearing from several concerned disabled veterans who see their property taxes increase, but their incomes remained fixed. Reps. Klarides and Klarides-Ditria are hopeful that their proposal will move forward in the legislative process. The committee had until March 7th to move the proposal to the House Floor for debate.

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"Strange Magic – The ELO Experience" will appear live on AXS TV's "The World's Greatest Tribute Bands" on Wednesday, April 5th at 10 pm.

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cellos and intricate vocal arrangements, hails from Toronto and features internationally renowned lead vocalist Phil Naro. The band will perform for two full hours before the traditional fireworks display.

Strange Magic performs note-perfect renditions of ELO classics including, "Living Thing," "Evil Woman," "Don't Bring Me Down," "Ma Ma Belle", "Strange Magic", "Telephone Line", "Can't Get it Out of My Head" "Sweet Talkin' Woman", "Turn to Stone, and "Shine a Little Love."

The annual July 4th celebration has indeed become more spectacular with the addition of the pre-fireworks music show. Bringing big-time talent to a small town has been particularly fun for event producer Salperio. In the past five years, Salperio has brought crowd pleasing tribute bands that have played the hits of Chicago, Supertramp, Queen, The Eagles, The Beatles and The British Invasion. "I believe people relate to songs and groups they recognize that bring back memories, particularly from the 70s and 80s," Salperio said. "I'm excited to produce this show for the sixth consecutive year and hope everyone continues to enjoy this great community event. Many thanks go out to our sponsors, our first selectman and town officials for their continued hard work and support to put this all together."

Salperio isn't the only one that looks forward to the festivities. The event has become an annual tradition for neighbors on Longmeadow Road. Monica Csejka and Jennifer Hayes help organize the family outing each year, putting out a spread of snacks and beverages for the adults and children to enjoy through-

out the show. "We've gone every year of the 14 years we've lived in Orange and they've definitely amped it up with the tribute bands," Hayes said. "They do a really nice job. Not to sound corny, but it's a great hometown community event. Our three kids meet up with their friends and everyone is walking around, saying hello and getting in the Fourth of July spirit."

Residents can get a preview of this year's band, "Strange Magic" on national TV when they appear at 10 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 on AXS TV on the show, "The World's Greatest Tribute Bands". They will also be appearing live in concert from the legendary "Whiskey a Go Go" in Hollywood, California just two days before ELO is inducted into the Rock N 'Roll Hall of Fame.

The July 4th Spectacular is made possible through area sponsors including major sponsors: Cohen & Wolf, P.C.; Yale University, Regent Wealth Management Group, The Orange Foundation's Olga Fund, the Orange Town News & the Town of Orange. Additional Gold, Silver & Bronze Sponsorship opportunities are available. Application forms are available on the Orange Town News website, back page of this issue and at Orange Town Hall. For more information, call 203-298-4399, online at www.orangetownnews.com or email rocky@orangetownnews.com.

Food vendors and novelty items will be available for purchase at the fairgrounds beginning at 6:00 pm. WPLR Radio will also be broadcasting live on location with a celebrity guest. Come early and get a good seat. Admission is free. There will be a suggested parking donation of \$5 that will benefit the Orange Little League.



celebrity
extra
by cindy elavsky

Q: I loved actress **Bree Williamson** on **“Haven”** and **“Deception,”** and I wondered what she’s up to now. -- Emmy W., Land-o-Lakes, Florida

A: The gorgeous and talented actress is starring in a Lifetime Original movie, a thriller called **“Mommy’s Little Boy.”** And get ready for a departure from the Bree you’re used to seeing. She plays an alcoholic, neglectful mother who, when one of her sons accidentally drowns in a pool, takes her other son on a harrowing journey of abuse with explosive secrets. I recently spoke with Bree about her latest role, and she told me: “It was really a great character to play because you can really do a lot with her, and it was fun and not something I’ve ever done before.”

“As a mother, she’s like: ‘They have a roof over their head; they have a nice house; they have a pool. What else do they need?’ She’s a selfish person; she’s always ‘me first and them later.’ They are an annoyance to her. The kids need mothering, they need guidance, but they are somehow annoying to her, and she feels they are doing it on purpose. She’s twisted. She’s like: ‘You need me to actually buy you food? You’re so annoying! Why can’t you just do it yourself?’”

Catch Bree in this engaging performance on Lifetime on Saturday, March 18, at 8 p.m. ET/PT.

Q: One of my favorite new shows last season was **“Animal Kingdom.”** Can you tell me if it will be back for another season? -- Michael M., via email

A: The Codys are back, and the ties that bind them are about to be stretched to the limit when TNT’s hit drama returns for its second season. I



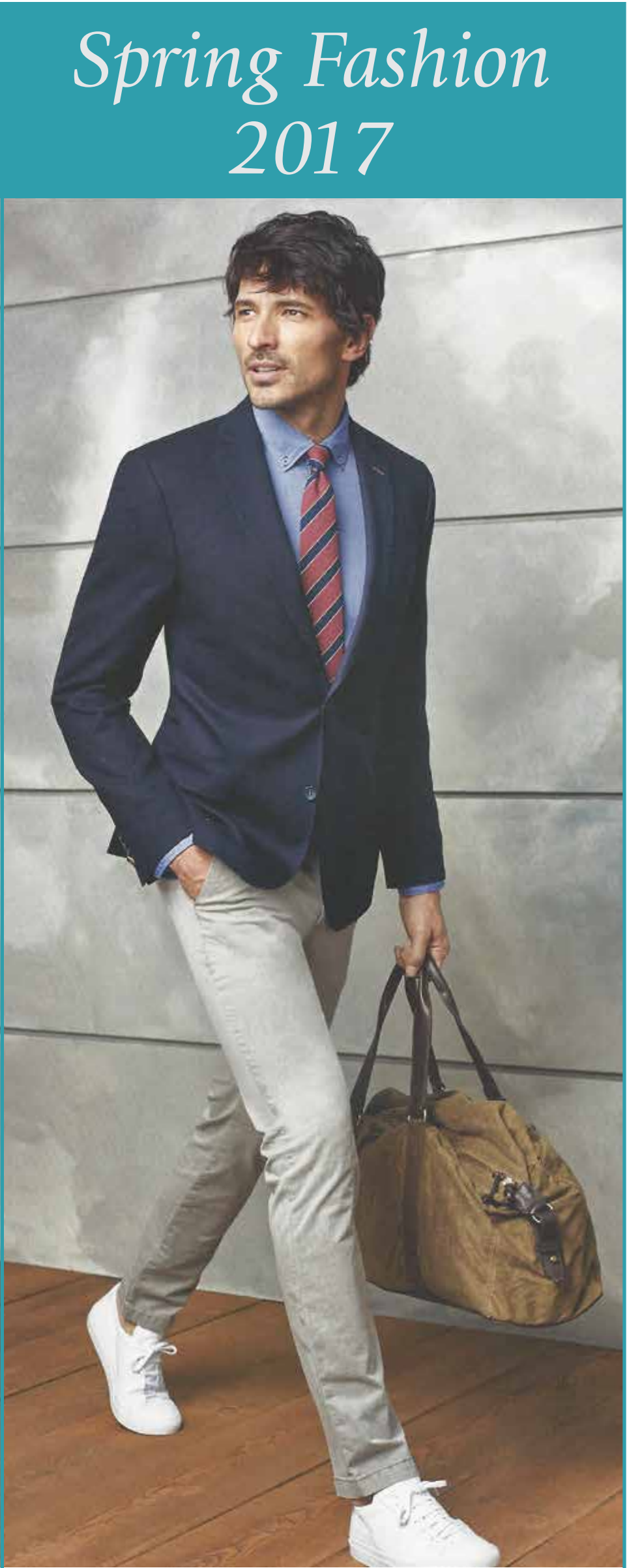
Bree Williamson [Photo courtesy Bree Williamson]

wasn’t worried about whether “Animal Kingdom” would return, since this past summer it was one of cable’s top-five dramas. And when you have a show that stars **Ellen Barkin** and **Scott Speedman**, you really can’t go wrong. Also returning for more crime-family drama are **Shawn Hatosy, Ben Robson, Jake Weary, Finn Cole, Molly Gordon** and **Carolina Guerra**. New episodes begin Tuesday, May 30, at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

Q: When will **“Orange Is the New Black”** return? -- Kelli N., via email

A: The exciting fifth season of the women’s prison drama drops June 9 on Netflix. That’s when we’ll see if Daya (played by **Dascha Polanco**) leads a prison riot -- since when we last saw her she had control of the gun and was pointing it at the guards. We’ll also see the ladies dealing with the aftermath of Poussey’s death, as well as new dramas that are sure to unfold. Also returning for the fifth season are series regulars **Taylor Schilling, Laura Prepon, Kate Mulgrew, Natasha Lyonne, Jackie Cruz, Danielle Brooks, Yael Stone, Adrienne C. Moore, Jessica Pimentel, Laverne Cox** and **Selenis Leyva**, among others.

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TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR AMITY'S FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Tickets are available for the Amity Regional High School performance of Fiddler on the Roof. The musical classic will be performed by the award-winning Amity Regional High School Theater Department under the direction of Robert and Andrea Kennedy.

Performances are scheduled for March 31st and April 1st, 6th, 7th and 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts at Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road in Woodbridge. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased online at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com or by contacting the box office at (203)392-2019 or email amityboxoffice@gmail.com.

Patrons purchasing tickets using laptops, desktops or smart devices will be able to choose their seats. Patrons

purchasing tickets using Apple iOS devices, like iPhones and iPads, will be assigned best available seats at time of purchase.

This year's corporate sponsors include the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation, Burns Insurance & Financial, Chip's Family Restaurant, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Generations OB/GYN and LATICRETE. Proceeds raised go to the Amity Theater program.

Fiddler on the Roof is a heartwarming story of tradition and family, and includes beloved songs like "To Life (L'Chaim!)," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Sunrise Sunset," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Tradition".

For further information, please call the box office at (203)392-2019 or email amityboxoffice@gmail.com.



Seventh grade students at Amity Middle School in Orange participated in the program, "A Musical Tour through Latin America" with Orquesta Afinke. Students learned about different rhythms, instrumentation, and musical genres. Band leader and principal of Bridgeport's Black Rock School Herminio Planas, along with his fellow musicians, emphasized the importance of teamwork and education. Students had a great time singing and dancing! This activity was made possible by the Jamie Hulley Foundation.

ELISABETH VON TRAPP IN CONCERT

April 1, 2017: Elisabeth Von Trapp In Concert – From the family whose story inspired The Sound Of Music with special appearance by the West Woods Christian Academy Chorus. 5:30PM Pre-Event Reception/Refreshments/Silent Auction, 7PM Concert.

This event is a benefit for the Trinity CARES International 2017 Mission

Team, providing medicines and materials for its work in the Dominican Republic this summer.

Visit www.trinityefc.com/tci for tickets and details – \$15/Adult, \$10/Child. Trinity Church is located at 33 Center Road, Woodbridge. Questions? Email trinityoffice@trinityefc.com or call (203) 387-4711 x10.

YOU CHOOSE – WALK OR WATCH

OLT Guided Hike & Eagle Watch at Housatonic Overlook

The Orange Land Trust will be leading a guided walk and eagle watch at the Housatonic Overlook area on Saturday, April 8th. People should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the end of High Ridge Road (off Derby-Milford Road). The walk should take approximately two hours.

This event will include a viewing of the Housatonic River, looking up and down the valley from atop Tucker's Ridge, which is about 200 feet above the river, and a walk through the easy to moderately difficult trails in this area. We will learn some interesting information about the Housatonic, one of Connecticut's three major rivers that reach Long Island Sound, and yes, it is true, Orange has a coastline!

New this year, an Eagle Watch

Those who choose, can stay at the overlook and participate in an eagle watch. We may see eagle activity this time of year as it is the right season to catch sight of a bald eagle soaring above the river. However, we will need to wait patiently as eagles go about their business at their own pace.

You should bring your own binoculars or, if you have one, a spotting scope. You may choose to bring a light-weight, folding cloth camp chair. It is important that eagle watchers wear neutral, earth-toned clothes which tend to blend in with the early spring brush. Of course, we can't make any guarantees, but our efforts should pay off!

The traditional hike

The hike will take us through a beautiful rocky, wooded landscape, typical of areas on "higher ground" around Connecticut. Many of the trails are lined by Connecticut's state flower – the Mountain Laurel. It will be too early to see the Mountain Laurel in bloom, but it is a great time of year to be out in the woods for a walk. Because it is early spring and the foliage is still light, we can better see the terrain, rock outcroppings, old stone walls and the location of a stage coach road from earlier times.

We will be joined by the Orange CERT Emergency Communications Team. Team members will serve as trail assistants, while they get to know the area terrain

and perform a simulated search and rescue communications exercise, such as would be needed to find and escort lost hikers out to safety.

Wear appropriate footwear as there are some rocky areas and some "ups and downs" in the trail. We recommend hiking boots/shoes or shoes/sneakers with a good tread. A hiking stick or trekking pole(s) can be helpful.

This unique hike is free, not difficult, and always a pleasure. All are welcome. Please plan to join us and bring a friend. Only steady rain showers or severe weather will cancel. Please park along the end of road.

For information, call Chris at 203-397-7599.





The employees of the JCC, Federation and Foundation recently celebrated a “Share the Love” staff luncheon and kicked off Community Mitzvah Day by collecting 50 boxes of cereal for the Food Pantry. Small acts of kindness can make a big difference in the lives of others.

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BUBBLEMANIA A HUGE SUCCESS

Orange Community Women (OCW) would like to thank everyone who attended Bubblemania in January. The High Plains gym was filled with an audience of over 300 for this fun-filled family show. We hope everyone will join us again next year! OCW also wishes to thank our generous sponsors - Walmart, Sam's Club, Target, Trader Joe's and Mar-Len Printing.

This widespread support will allow OCW to give back through a variety of charitable and community projects, including awarding scholarships to Amity students, donating children's books to the library, collecting for veterans, organizing activities for the Tracy Bunch, visiting and working with the seniors

at Silverbrook, donating holiday food baskets and gift cards to Orange Community Services and partnerships with Days for Girls, Manes and Motions Therapeutic Riding Center and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes.

Orange Community Women is a chapter of Connecticut Junior Women, Inc. We seek to unite the women of Orange and surrounding areas by participating in community service and providing enrichment, leadership and social interaction. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 at HPCC and new members are always welcome. For information about OCW, please contact Donna Wesolowski at donnaweso@optimum.net.



GARDEN CLUB DONATES TO ORANGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

Pat Dray, president of Orange Garden Club, presents a check for \$200.00 to Denise Stein and Joan Cretella, director of Orange Community Services. \$100.00 will go to food bank and \$100.00 to fuel bank. These were the proceeds from the club's recent annual Silver Tea. The

Orange Garden Club exhibited arrangements, horticulture and photographs at the Federated Garden Club of CT Flower Show in Hartford, February 23-26 2017. The Garden club is a member of National Federation Garden Clubs of CT, NER, NGC.



LARRY HUZI SWEEP AWARDS AT CT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

Larry Huzi, a member of the Garden Club of Orange, swept the Awards at the Federated Flower Show in Hartford. The Theme "Woodland Enchantment" Section Briars and Brambles Larry's creative arrangement won (1) Blue Ribbon, (2) Award of Excellence, (3) Designers Choice Award, (4) The Terry Stoleson Creative Design Award, (the design that best represents the creative, imagination and originality essential in a creative design); (5) The Neil McGinness Award, (the most outstanding Exhibit in the Design Division). A

Traveling Silver Tray will be presented at the October 2017 Federal Awards meeting.

Larry also won a Blue ribbon and CT Judges award for his (mobile design) Sigh of Wind. Lisa Stackpole received a blue ribbon in Horticulture for a Giant Arborvitae, and Pat Dray for her Pieris andromeda.

The Garden Of Orange is a member of National Garden Clubs, New England Regional, and Federated Garden Clubs of CT. For more info, call Joanne Friedrichs, 203-795-4266.

CRAFT VENDORS FOR ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Artists, artisans, handcrafters, antique dealers and local business owners are sought to display their products at the 9th annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Orange Congregational Church on June 10 (rain date - June 11) at the Orange Fairgrounds. The local event that attracts more than

3,000 visitors provides a day of family fun with musical entertainment, rides, games and all manner of "things strawberry". For more information to register for a vendor booth, contact the church at 203-795-9749 or visit the church website at www.orangecongregationchurch.org.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Garden Club of Orange will meet March 14, 2017 at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. The Program will feature members creating "Quick and easy arrangements" to look like you've been planning for weeks. This year's club project: members will be planting native butterfly milkweed seeds "Asclepias tuberosa" at 10:30. These are to attract the monarch butterfly whose population is declining.

Four Members will display a Design, "Rhythm in the Wind" using dried materials. Horticulture, "Early Spring Beauties" forced branches or bulbs will be displayed by members. Refreshments 11:30, Business Meeting 12:15, Program 1:00. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGC of CT. Interested in learning more, please call Joanne Friedrichs at 203 795-4266.



Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti as Harriet Tubman

GWENDOLYN QUEZAIRE-PRESUTTI TO PORTRAY HARRIET TUBMAN

The Orange Historical Society will hold its annual Taste of the Past event on Saturday, April 8, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Orange Congregational Church Community Room, located on Orange Center Road. Highlight of the program will be Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti appearing as Harriet Tubman, an escaped slave who became a leading abolitionist. A light lunch of homemade soups, breads and desserts will be served at 1:00. The performance will begin at 2:30. The annual event, celebrating its eleventh anniversary this year, also includes a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.

Harriet Tubman, a woman of unique qualities and abilities even though she was illiterate, maintained an unblemished record of vigilance, a legacy of sacrifice and struggle. Born into slavery as Araminta Ross in Maryland in 1822, she was an American abolitionist, humanitarian, and an armed scout and spy for the United States Army during the American Civil War. In 1849, Tubman escaped to Philadelphia and subsequently made some thirteen missions to rescue approximately seventy enslaved families and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. She later helped abolitionist John Brown recruit men for his raid on Harpers Ferry, and in the post-war era was an active participant in the struggle for women's suffrage.

Dedicated to studying the character, philosophy, courage and grace that have helped black American women survive and flourish; Quezaire-Presutti is an Artist-in-Residence at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum. She

is an International Award Winning Toastmaster and the recipient of the Director's Award for Excellence from the Institute of Texan Cultures. She is the 2006 recipient of the Boston Fund Artist Fellowship through the Greater Hartford Arts Council. A member of The Connecticut Storytelling Center, Quezaire-Presutti is also a member of Association for Study of Connecticut History, The African American Museum, New England History Teachers Association and The International Museum Theatre Alliance.

The Orange Historical Society is committed to preserving Orange history for future generations. Sponsors are needed for this event in order to raise the funds needed to maintain the Academy Museum and the 1830 Stone-Otis House, both located on Orange Center Road, as well as raising funds to complete the restoration of the 1740 Bryan-Andrew House, located on Old Tavern Road.

Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, or serve. Call Phyllis Gwatin, chair of the event, at 203-795-4549. For donations of gift baskets or gift certificates for the silent auction, call Priscilla Searles at 203-397-1465.

Because the Orange Historical Society expects this event to sell out, reservations are required. Tickets are \$25 and will be sold first come, first served. No tickets will be sold at the door. Make checks payable to Orange Historical Society and send to: Orange Historical Society Taste of the Past, P.O. Box 784, Orange, CT 06477. Include your name, phone number, guests' names (if purchasing more than one ticket) and email with reservation.

The Orange Historical Society

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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Registration is required where noted. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4.

Friends’ Semi-Annual Great Basement Book Sale

Members Preview Night:
Thursday, March 16, 5-7 p.m.
Open to the Public: Saturday,
March 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come for great deals on thousands of new and gently used books including hardcover and paperback fiction and non-fiction for adults, children, and teens as well as vinyl records, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks. It’s the perfect place to pick up a gift for an upcoming event, add a new special book to your coffee table collection, or just grab a few great new things to read. The Members Preview Night is open to current members of the Friends as well as those who wish to join the night of the sale.

Weekly Storytimes

3-5 Year Olds Storytime

Mondays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Enjoy storytelling, books, music, fingerplays, and puppetry at this story time series especially for three to five-year-olds! A story-related craft is offered following each session.

Lapsit Storytime

Tuesdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Little ones from birth up to age two and their caregivers are invited to this high-energy story time with Ms. Michelle. We’ll practice nursery rhymes, sing and move together, plus explore touch-and-feel books.

2-Year-Old Storytime

Thursdays, 10:30-11 a.m.
Audience participation is highly encouraged at this storytime session just for twos. Enjoy books, stories, music and movement, fingerplays, and puppetry together.

Events for Children

No Bake Kids’ Cooking Class

Wednesday, April 12, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
For children in grades K-6

Ready to roll up your sleeves and learn some easy, allergen-free recipes? We’ll make delicious, nutritious bites and bars with Courtney Huggins, Retail Dietician at ShopRite in Orange. Courtney works with the local community doing cooking classes, cooking demos, nutrition presentations, store tours and one-on-one consultations. Registration is required and begins March 22.

“Caps for Sale” Drama Workshop

Thursday, April 13, 1-2:30 p.m.
For children ages 5-10
Re-enact this humorous and timeless tale about a peddler, some townspeople

and a band of monkeys who believe they have played a trick on all of them. Everyone will get a part and a costume piece to wear as they act out this funny folktale and we’ll end with a creative art activity. Registration is required and begins March 23.

Earth Day Craft

Wednesday, April 19, 3:45-4:45 p.m.
For children grades K-6
Roll up your sleeves and celebrate Earth Day with a one-of-a-kind mystery craft! Note: our activity may get messy, so please dress accordingly. Registration is required and begins March 29.

Events For Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, April 18, 2:15 p.m.
For teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held at the Amity Middle School Media Center. Please see Ms. Liebrock for more information.

Events for Adults

Cookies and Coloring for Adults

Tuesday, March 14, 2-3:30 p.m./
Tuesday, April 11, 2-3:30 p.m.
Think of the fun you had and the hours you spent with your coloring books and crayons in your childhood. Let’s return to those happy days and in the process reduce your stress, make new friends, and nibble some cookies. All supplies will be provided. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary.

2017 Oscar Film: Manchester by the Sea

Monday, March 20, 7 p.m./
Wednesday, March 27, 1 p.m.
An uncle is asked to take care of his teenage nephew after the boy’s father dies. 2 hours, 17 minutes. Registration is required.

Books & Breakfast: Morning Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.
Join Books & Breakfast discussion leader Carol Davidson a discussion of Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City by Matthew Desmond. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

For the Sake of the Country: Female Spies in the Civil War

Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m.
Focusing on four women who risked all for their country during the Civil War, military historian Matthew Bartlett tells how these women played an important part in the extensive spy networks that were formed on both the Union and Confederate sides. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. Registration is required.

2017 Oscar Film: Hacksaw Ridge

Monday, March 27, 7 p.m./
Wednesday, March 29, 1 p.m.

WWII American Army Medic Desmond T. Doss, who served during the Battle of Okinawa, refuses to kill people and becomes the first man in American history to receive the Medal of Honor without firing a shot. 2 hours, 19 minutes. Registration is required.

Ingredients for a Healthy Lifestyle

Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m.
Learn how to make a delicious chicken sausage and vegetable pasta dish and hear tips about overall nutrition and wellness from Courtney Huggins, Registered Dietician for Shoprite of Orange. Held in the High Plains Cafeteria. Presented by Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services as part of Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center. Registration is required and begins March 14.

Wellness Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 12, 11 a.m.
A discussion of Rising Strong: The Reckoning, The Rumble, The Revolution by Brené Brown. Led by Adult Services Librarian Marianne Pysarchyk at the Senior Center. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. This program is free and open to participants of all ages. Please call the Senior Center at 203-891-4784 to register.

2017 Oscar Film: Moonlight

Monday, April 17, 7 p.m./
Wednesday, April 19, 1 p.m.
A timeless story of human self-discovery and connection, Moonlight chronicles the life of a young black man from childhood to adulthood as he struggles to find his place in the world growing up in a rough neighborhood of Miami. 1 hour, 51 min. Registration is required and begins March 27.

The Bookcase: Evening Discussion Group

Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m.
A discussion of Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. Led by Toby Zabinski. Check for copies at the Circulation Desk. Registration is required.

Music in the Library: Belle of the Fall

Saturday, April 22, 1 p.m.
Belle of the Fall is fast becoming known for its vocal harmonies, and the interplay between Tracy Walton’s upright bass and the hauntingly beautiful voice of Julia Autumn Ford. Their sound has been described as a modern Simon and Garfunkel, if Art Garfunkel were female. In their performance, expect plenty of stories and interaction with the audience. Presented by the Friends of the Library in celebration of its 25th anniversary. .Registration is required and begins April 1.

2017 Oscar Film: Fences

Monday, April 24, 7 p.m./
Wednesday, April 26, 1 p.m.
A working-class African-American father tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life. 2 hours, 19 min. Regis-

tration is required and begins on April 3.

Aging Gracefully: Practicing Self-Care with Meditation and Massage

Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m.
Learn to lead a more relaxed, mindful, and open state of living with insight meditation and self-massage. Guided practice will be led by Barbara O’Neill and Rita Lombardi of the Anam Cara Center. Presented by Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services as part of Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center. Registration is required and begins April 6.

2017 Oscar Film: Hidden Figures

Monday, May 1, 7 p.m./
Wednesday, May 3, 1 p.m.
The story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. 2 hours, 7 min. Registration is required and begins April 10.

Art In The Library

March: Watercolors by Susan Wolanic and abstract mixed media by Betsy Ratner, on view March 1-30.
April: Artwork by the children of Orange elementary schools, on view April 2-30. Reception: April 6, 4-6 p.m.

New Services

Homebound Service

If physical limitations keep you or someone you know from visiting the Case Memorial Library, we can help. The Library will match you with a volunteer who will visit you with a variety of books hand-selected by our librarians based on your reading preferences. Your volunteer will pick up your materials and bring them back to the Library at no cost to you. Together, you and your Homebound Volunteer can arrange visits so that you always have books to enrich your life. To inquire about receiving Homebound Service or becoming a Homebound Volunteer, please call the Library at 203-891-2170. You must be an Orange resident to receive Homebound Service.

Museum Pass to Long Wharf Theatre

The Library is pleased to announce a new museum pass for the Long Wharf Theatre which is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The pass is available on a first come, first-served basis and allows patrons to call Long Wharf Theatre and reserve two free adult tickets for a performance of the current show at Long Wharf. Here’s how it works: Call or stop in the Library up to one week in advance of the performance you would like to attend to inquire about its availability. If the pass is available, you will have two days to come to the Library to check it out with your valid library card. Once you have the pass from the Library, call Long Wharf Theatre to reserve your seats. The day of the performance, bring the library pass to the box office to exchange it for your tickets.



WOMEN SPIES IN THE CIVIL WAR

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library continue to celebrate its 25th anniversary by presenting the program, “For the Sake of the Country: Female Spies During the American Civil War,” on Saturday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the library.

American military historian, Matthew Bartlett, who will appear in period costume as a Pinkerton agent and his wife Jenn, in costume as a spy, will introduce us to two Union and two Confederate women who risked everything for their country. A trip to Gettysburg was the inspiration for Mr. Bartlett’s interest in the Civil War. This led him to write a series of books about the Gettysburg campaign. He graduated from the American Military University with

a Master’s degree in Military History and a specialization in Civil War studies.

When we think of the role women played during the American Civil War, people typically think of laundresses, nurses, and home front duties. One of the most interesting roles some exceptional women held during the war was as spies. Why were women so successful? Could it be because they were easily trusted, thought to be non-threatening, and wore clothing that could hide “secret written communications inside the many tucks and folds of their garments”?

Take this opportunity to learn how these women risked their lives and changed the course of the war. Register at the library or by calling 203.891.2170.

LOCAL SPORTS



WU DANG LUNAR CHINESE NEW YEAR, 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Wu Dang Kungfu Academy, located at 518 Boston Post Road in Orange celebrated the lunar Chinese New Year and its 10th Anniversary on February 18, 2017 at High Plains Community Center. Wu Dang Kungfu Academy, one of the most famous Chinese Martial Arts studios in the east coast, has been in Orange for 10 years. Over 300 students, parents and friends from the local community joined staff members for this great event. Participants were

also honored to have famous forensic scientist Dr. Henry Lee, who’s also a professional martial artist, police chief Gagne and his family come celebrate traditional lunar Chinese New Year. Guests and audience enjoyed an excellent show of lion dance and kungfu performance. It is the hope of the staff that people in every culture respond to kungfu not just as a sport or entertainment, but as a window into Chinese culture and history.

Orange Soccer Association Fall Soccer Program Registration Form



ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 605
Orange, Connecticut 06477

OSA SPRING 2017 Soccer Program

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 27ST, 2017

Who: Boys and Girls, Residents of Orange, Ages 5 through 13.

When: Sundays, APRIL 23rd through JUNE 18th 2017

Where: Mary L Tracy School
Fred P. Wolfe Park
Locations and times subject to change due to facility availability.

Fees: \$80.00 per player until MARCH 27, 2017
\$10.00 late fee on any registrations after March 27th, 2017

Format: *Prek-Kindergarten (Clinic) Divisions will remain coed*
PLAY AT 11:30AM-12:30 PM SUNDAYS) at Mary L Tracy
Girls and Boys divisions in the following groups:
Boys 1st & 2nd Grade play at 12:45- 2:00 PM at Mary L Tracy
Girls 1st & 2nd Grade play at 2:00-3:15PM at Mary L Tracy
Boys 3rd & 4th Grade play at 3:15- 4:30 PM at Mary L Tracy
Girls 3rd & 4th Grade play at 2:00- 3:15PM at Mary L Tracy
Co-Ed Boys and Girls Grades 5, 6 & 7 play at 12:30-2:00 pm at Fred Wolf Park

How to Register:

- Complete the attached form and mail with a check payable to: OSA
Orange Soccer Association, PO 605, Orange, CT 06477
- Walk-in registrations:** Saturday, MARCH 11th, 2017 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
MARY L TRACY SCHOOL
(Foyer Area by the GYM).
- Walk-in registrations accepted by the Orange Park and Recreation office, High Plains Community Center during business hours through MARCH 27th, 2017

Registration Rules:

- A separate registration form must be submitted for each participant. A check or money order made out to the Orange Soccer Association, or exact cash, must accompany registration. Please do not mail cash.
- For insurance purposes, all new registrations must submit a copy of their birth certificate to be retained by the Orange Soccer Association.
- A parent or legal guardian must sign the registration form.

Sponsor Information:

If you wish to sponsor a team please complete the section labeled Sponsors at the bottom of the registration form on the reverse side of this page. If you supply camera ready artwork of your company's logo, it will be silk screened on the back of the team's shirts. If you cannot supply a logo, your company's name will be printed in block letters on the back of the shirts. Thank you for your support. Sponsor forms must be received no later than Sunday, APRIL 1ND 2016.

Fees: \$100.00 per team per season,
\$200.00 per team for three (3) seasons.

Questions: Contact Janet Lyngdal, Registrar, by email , JCLYNGDAL@GMAIL.COM ,
OSA Co-Presidents, Tom Pisano 877-2058, tompisano@trane.com, or Bill Hoffman 799-1313

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, MARCH 27th, 2017



ORANGE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 605
Orange, Connecticut 06477

OSA SPRING 2017 Soccer Program Please Type or Print Legibly

Soccer Questionnaire (Please complete): Boys Soccer: _____ Girls Soccer: _____

Player's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____

Grade: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

Parents/Guardian Names: _____ Home Phone: _____

Was Player registered in: Spring 16 _____ Fall 15 _____ Work Phone: _____

Player's Athletic Ability (Please rate: 1=Beginner, 2=Fair, 3=Average, 4=Good, 5=Excellent): _____

Player's Shirt Size (order larger size if in doubt): CONTACT E-MAIL _____

Youth: MED. LG. ADULT: SM. MED. LG. X-LG. XX-LG.

Parent/Guardian Authorization and Release: I/We hereby authorize our child to participate in the 2017 OSA Spring Season, and agree to hold the OSA, its directors, officers and coaches, harmless for any liability arising there from. I/We authorize the rendering of emergency medical care under whatever conditions are necessary to preserve life, limb, or well being of my/our child.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Fee for soccer registration is \$80.00 per player before March 27th

Fee is \$90.00 after March 27th

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27th, 2017

Information: Email: Contact Janet Lyngdal, Registrar, by email , JCLYNGDAL@GMAIL.COM ,

Please donate to the Orange Soccer Associations Field Development Fund for Orange soccer fields:
\$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other: _____

MANDATORY COACHES MEETING TUESDAY 4/18/17 7:30 PM High Plains community Center

Coaching: Will you volunteer as a coach _____

Name: _____ email _____

Sponsors: Are you interested in sponsoring a team (Y/N) _____ (WE NEED SPONSORS)

Company Name: _____ Company Logo (Y/N): _____

Address: _____ Fees: \$100 per team per season

City / State / Zip Code: _____ \$200 per team - 3 seasons

Phone Number: _____

No special requests

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB EVENTS

75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525, (203) 389-2111 (office), info@bnaijacob.org

Ongoing Classes

Zohar: Kabbalah, Part 2

Rabbi Rona Shapiro/Monday nights, 7:30 pm to 9 pm/March 6, 13, 20; April 3, 24; May 1

We will delve into this amazing, wild, and mysterious book and gain an understanding of the imaginative life of the kabbalists and the possibilities for our own connection to God.

No experience necessary. Free to B'nai Jacob members. \$100 nonmembers

Wednesdays with Rabbi Shapiro

March 8, 15, 22, 29 at noon

Come bring your lunch and learn with the Rabbi. We will decide at the January 4 meeting what topics we want to cover. This is a drop-in class --- you can come when you can, and no previous experience is necessary.

Special Events

Shabbat Lunch & Learn

March 18th following Kiddush

Wendy Waxman & Barbara Mazur/The Vilna Vegetarian Cookbook

Discovered in the rare book room at YIVO, this beautiful cookbook, published in 1938 in Yiddish, became a reclama-



Congregation B'nai Jacob

tion project for our two speakers. They have revived this historical treasure, had it published in English in 2015, and will share the amazing story of its author, Fania Lewando, owner of a thriving restaurant, part of a vegetarian movement in "the Jerusalem of Lithuania." Come hear, come sample at Kiddush, come order a book.

Shabbat

April 8, Shabbat following Kiddush/ Mellila Hellner-Eshed, Ph.D.

Professor of Zohar in Jewish Studies at Hebrew University; researcher at Hartman Institute, Jerusalem - Leaving Egypt, On Being Born, Yetziat Mitzrayim

An expert on Jewish spirituality, and a central figure in the Israeli renaissance of the study of Jewish texts, Dr. Hellner-Eshed will teach us about the Exodus as seen through the Jewish mystical tradition. Come and learn about Passover from an entirely new perspective.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE TIME

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, located at 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, will be holding its second service at 10 a.m. starting Sunday, March 5th 2017. Please join us for Rite II Holy Eucharist with our choir at 10:00 am. Faith Formation for Children also meets at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Early Worship continues at 8 a.m. with Rite II Holy Eucharist without music. All are welcome at both services.

The Great Surprise: Jesus Is Alive!

Join The Church of the Good Shepherd as we explore the mystery of Easter and Jesus' resurrection one week before Easter on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 10 am to noon. Open to children of all ages, families are encouraged to attend together for this incredible journey into faith. Suggested donation is \$10 per child or \$25 per family. Registration forms can be found at www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org or by calling the church office at 203-795-6577. Pre-registration is preferred; walk-ins are welcome. Program includes a snack, games, stories, and a really great surprise. For more information, contact Jennifer D'Inzeo at jenndinzeo@gmail.com.

Attend Any Of Our Upcoming Services And Events During Holy Week And On Easter Sunday

Holy Week begins on April 9th, 2017 with Palm Sunday. At 8 a.m. please join us for Holy Eucharist without music. Our traditional enactment of The Passion along with music from our choir takes place at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday's



Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing will take place on Thursday, April 13th at 6 p.m. On Good Friday, April 14th the Youth Group will lead The Stations of the Cross starting at 3 p.m., including a "Walk the Way of the Cross" through the Good Shepherd neighborhood. Easter Sunday, April 16th, is celebrated with two services, Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and at 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with our choir accompanied by musicians. An Easter Egg Hunt will take place immediately following the 10 a.m. service for children of all ages.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 10 a.m. For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodsphpherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org, and of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangect for frequent postings.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing — life forever.

Psalm 133

Attention Churches, Synagogues & Houses of Worship!

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TEMPLE EMANUEL ANNUAL SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Alan Morinis, the founder and dean of The Mussar Institute and an active interpreter of the teachings and practices of the Mussar tradition will be our Scholar-in-Residence in March. Mussar, a Jewish path of contemplative practices that has evolved over the past thousand years, encourages spiritual growth leading to awareness, wisdom and transformation.

Alan Morinis completed his Ph.D. in social anthropology at Oxford University. His first book, Climbing Jacob's Ladder: One Man's Rediscovery of a Jewish Spiritual Tradition, describes how, after a personal crisis, he felt inspired to explore his Jewish heritage. For the past nineteen years, studying and teaching the nearly lost Jewish spiritual discipline of Mussar has been his passion— as he shares in his books Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Spiritual Path of Musar, and Mussar: With Heart in Mind.

Friday: Shabbat dinner at 6:00 pm



Temple Emanuel

(Reserve on the TE website); Services at 7:30; Dr. Morinis speaks on "What is Mussar and Why Should I Care?"

Saturday: Come for some or all events; 10:00-11:30, Dr. Morinis leads a discussion of the week's Torah portion "Torah Through a Mussar Lens"; 12:00 Dairy Luncheon (Reserve on the TE website). 5:30 Dr. Morinis introduces classical Mussar texts from the Talmud and the writings of the rabbis from the Middle Ages to the present. 7:30 Havdalah

Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT 06477 www.templemanuel-gnh.org 203-397-3000.

DEATH NOTICES



Armand B. Albertoli

Armand B. Albertoli, 94, of Orange, beloved husband of Elizabeth Albertoli, entered into eternal rest on February 14, 2017. Born on July 13, 1922 in New York, NY, he was the son of the late Angelo and Edith Baldina Albertoli. Armand served in the North Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during WW2 on the Destroyer, USS Kalk as a Sonarman. After the war, he graduated from Columbia University School of Engineering on the GI Bill. His faith and strength were an inspiration to his family and he will be greatly missed. Armand was a devoted and beloved husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by, wife Elizabeth, and children Patricia Schweppe, Christopher Albertoli, James Albertoli, John Albertoli, Mary Albertoli and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Paul in 1979. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange, CT, with his interment following at Saint Mary Cemetery, Buckingham Avenue, Milford, CT. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.



Donald John Jewell

Donald John Jewell, 93, of Orange passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Milford Hospital. For 66 years he was the husband of Mary Prata Jewell; Father of Cynthia Romanoff of Orange, Donald Jewell of East Haven and the late Elaine Jewell. He is also survived by his grandchildren Jeanna (Matthew) Cascella, Michael Demetrio, Gabriel and Maria Martinez and his great grandchildren Cameron and Morgan Cascella. The youngest of five children, he was predeceased by his siblings. Don

was born in West Haven on April 2, 1923, son of the late Andrew and Lillian Tengblad Jewell. He graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1941 and soon after enlisted in the United States Coast Guard serving from 1942-1946. During his time in the Coast Guard, Don assisted in rescuing 10 sailors from a torpedoed tanker. He served three years aboard the U.S.S. Rhodes DE384 as a fire controlman 2nd class. Don made fourteen crossings in the Atlantic to England, France, North Africa and Casablanca. His ship was under attack by eight German JW 88s. After the war ended Don returned home to Connecticut and began working as an electrician at Armstrong Rubber Company in West Haven where he met his loving wife Mary. While employed at Armstrong Rubber, Don was able to earn an Associate's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of New Haven. He also served in various capacities on the job including President of the Rubber Workers Union 93 and retired from Armstrong Rubber in 1981. Don was always very active in community affairs serving as Commander of the American Legion Orange Post 127 and was a life member. He served two terms as District Commander for the New Haven County American Legion. Don was a life member of the V.F.W. and very dedicated senior member of the Orange Democratic Town Committee. His famous quote was "I don't always have my way, but I always have my say!" Funeral arrangements were in the capable hands of the West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. Funeral services were at the Orange Congregational Church. Interment with military honors followed in Orange Center Cemetery. For online condolences, please visit www.westhavenfuneral.com.

Anne Marie Pitou Holloway

Former resident of Woodbridge, CT and Sacramento, CA., Anne Marie Pitou Holloway 62, died January 27, 2017 at home in Sacramento, California. Anne was born November 19, 1954 in Santa Monica, California to Kathryn and John S. Pitou. Anne graduated from University of California, Hastings College of The Law and later went on to work for Melvin Belli, Esq. She is survived by her loving daughter Caroline, devoted siblings, Michael C. Pitou of Pensacola, FL, sister, Pamela Pitou Ulrich of Orange, CT, and several nephews and nieces.

Marilynn Blaisdell

Marilynn Blaisdell, a longtime resident of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Orange, CT died Wednesday, February 8, 2017 after a short illness. Born in 1927 in St. Petersburg, FL, she received a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University. She taught art in the Detroit, MI Public Schools. Marilynn was a gifted artist and well

known for her flower arranging and horticultural designs. She was a Master Flower Show Judge and was very active in a number of local Garden Clubs and the Landscape Design Critics Counsel. She was a member of the Algonquin Club, Milford Yacht Club and the Navy League. She enjoyed playing bridge and was active in the condo association. She is survived by her son, James Doyle; daughter, Andrea Doyle Baxter; grandchildren, Henry and Conan Baxter; brother, Richard Beyer; and cousins, Cathleen Robinson and Gwen

Nunes. She was predeceased by her husbands, Robert Doyle and Durwood Blaisdell. Funeral arrangements were in the capable hands of the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT. Interment was at the Orange Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society online at, www.cancer.org, or by mail at, 38 Richards Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06854. To leave online condolences, please visit www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



King Philip Wasn't a King...

In the three decades after crushing the Pequots, the Native Americans of New England could still gather a formidable force of warriors, but the colonists had made alliances with other tribes, the Mohegans and tensions relaxed for a time. However, the Narragansets, feeling the death of their leader as a miscarriage of justice, no longer felt a kinship to the white man. After the division of Pequot land, Uncas, the leader of the Mohegans, obtained temporary control of the northern part of the Pequot territory almost doubling the size of his tribe.

What came next was the beginning of suspicions of the white settlers as two colonists were appointed as overseers to advise the Native American governor and protect their rights. Hmm. Didn't they already have rights as Native peoples? Reservations were set up by 1666 and the natives were then dependent upon white settlers. Missionary efforts began in earnest, converting a few but preaching to the Native Americans showed very little success. Of the 4000 or so converts to Christianity, only a handful lived in Connecticut.

The uneasiness of the Narragansets continued and the leader of the Wampanoags, sachem Massasoit, died. He had been a great friend of the newly formed Plymouth colony. The Wampanoags saw their sovereignty being whittled away and grew increasingly hostile. The colony adopted an overbearing attitude in the face of the natives' hostile attitude toward them. The second son of Massasoit now the current sachem was shown disrespect with the attempt to disarm the tribe who had become accustomed to owning muskets and opposed giving them up. This son of Massasoit took on the name of Philip, as the tribe had been close allies of the colonists.

The threat, at the beginning of 1675 did not appear to be serious with the whites numbering 80,000 in New England with the ability to muster at least 16,000 men of military age. The warriors, with the loss of tribal strength from earlier skirmishes numbered about 3,500. The Connecticut Assembly, in 1673, had passed an act revealing widespread carelessness about its preparedness and ordered a muster master to oversee a program aimed at fixing the problem of the armed deficiencies of the militia. The takeover of native lands continued to cause tension.

It was in this year, that King Philip's War erupted in June at Swansea Mas-

sachusetts where several white settlers were killed. At first it was a local conflict between the Wampanoags under their chief Philip and Plymouth and Boston. It was sparked by the hanging of three natives for the murder of a Christian native. The colonists immediately drew upon their armed forces which only made the next events inevitable. The natives in New England now joined in a loose alliance against the colonists with Philip of the Wampanoags and Canonchet of the Narragansets playing major roles in this dangerous conspiracy.

Despite living among the Native Americans, the colonists had refused to learn their ways of combat. Captain Benjamin Church had asked the native allies how it was that they held such a great advantage over the white settlers in the woods. He was told that the "Indians" always "took care not to come too thick together where the English always kept in a heap together". He was also told that "when the "Indians" saw a company of English soldiers in the woods, they knew that they were all there for the English never scattered".

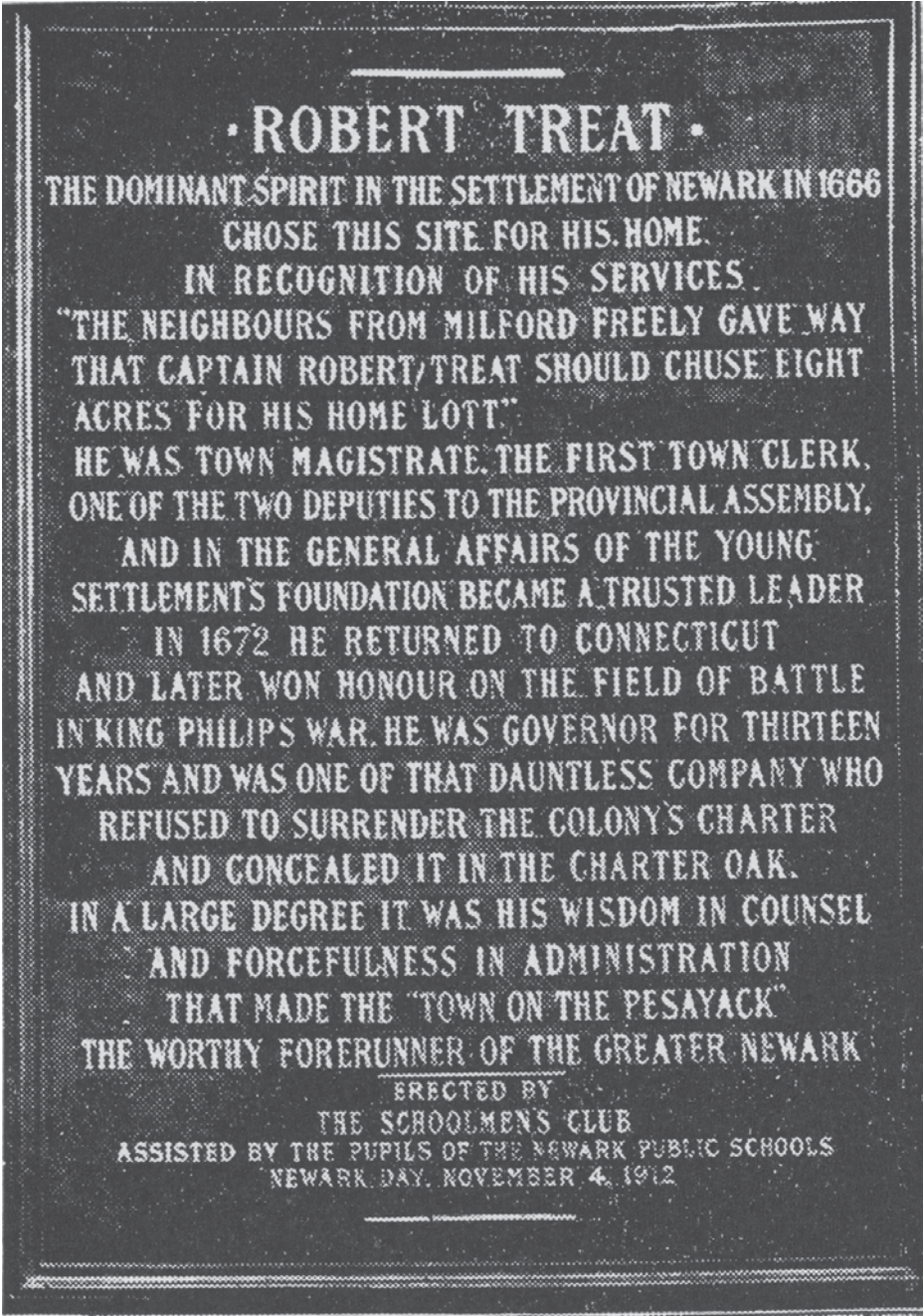
Connecticut, although cautious, began to take measures for defense. It was here that Robert Treat came into the picture with the council appointing him as commander of the Connecticut Troops, a post he held until the end of King Philip's War. Although the destruction by the natives was located in Massachusetts, it wasn't long before Robert Treat and 315 men were summoned as the Narragansets now set out to join the Wampanoags in their fight against the colonists. Treat immediately set out wages for his 5 companies and 300 bushels of wheat to be assigned to the commissary.

The Connecticut troops, under Treat pushed forward through a breach in the Narraganset's fortified village, charging through the frozen swamp. The Narragansets armed with rifles, killed a great number of whites. The Connecticut troops pushed on through the breach in the fortress. Hand to hand combat ensued with a torching of the wigwams allowing the remainder of the Narragansets to escape. With the loss of 40 men, morale was so low that Treat felt it essential to return his forces to Connecticut.

Connecticut continued to add their forces to King Philip's War but the capture of Canonchet turned the tide and his refusal to cease fighting made his sentence of death inevitable. With the loss of their leader, the Narragan-

sets' cause was severely damaged. The lack of adequate food weakened the resistance and by 1676 the near collapse of the "Indian" alliance was seen as the end of the war. King Philip was still at large but guided by an "Indian" informer, he was caught in Rhode Island and shot to death by an "Indian" ally.

Robert Treat was given a large acreage from King Charles II in appreciation of his efforts to save the colonies from the onslaught of the Narragansets and Wampanogs, known as the King's Grant. This land, although not his to give, is located in the Grassy Hill area on both sides of the Wepawaug River. One of the houses, owned by a Treat descendent can be seen on a small slope as one exits from the parkway on Turkey Hill Road. The Town of Orange owns this house and we are fortunate to have so many Treat houses in our town. One, owned by Isaac Treat, had to halt construction because the blacksmiths in the area went to serve in the Revolutionary War in 1776. Each of the houses has the same footprint and one, driving through town, can surely spot a Treat house.



ROBERT TREAT TABLET

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Robert Treat was soon made governor of Connecticut and his life as such is exemplary in the many roles he played in the history of the state. The Charter Oak story has his efforts plainly seen. We might be under English rule had Treat and his associates not fought back in the attempt by the Crown to pull the charter from the Connecticut colony. Much is written about Treat and it might interest the readers to know that many of his descendants were and are famous in their own right. Robert Treat Paine, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Stephen Crane, author of Red Badge of Courage, Thomas Edison, inventor, Charles Treat, Treasurer of the United States in 1905, Thomas Treat fought in the Revolutionary War and Treat Williams, the actor who resides in New York.

Robert Treat and his life, was very important to Connecticut and to our town. From a mere boy of 16 who helped settle the colony of Milford to governor of Connecticut. Those people who bear the name Treat have something to be proud of.



Governor Robert Treat



SURPRISING PLACES TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is a global celebration. People may first associate St. Patrick's Day parades and parties with the Emerald Isle and various North American cities, such as New York, Boston and Chicago, that boast high concentrations of Irish immigrants, but there are some surprising and far-flung places across the globe geared up for festivities come March 17.

Montserrat

Few may think of a tiny Caribbean island when envisioning St. Patrick's Day celebrations. However, Montserrat, known as part of the island chain called the British West Indies, is the only country in the world apart from Ireland in which St. Patrick's Day is a public holiday. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea, Montserrat celebrates on March 17. But these celebrations are conducted in memory of an unsuccessful slave revolt against Europeans who colonized the island in the 17th century. Now, St. Patrick's Day is commemorated by a week-long festival of independence.

Tokyo

Premiering in 1992, the Tokyo St. Patrick's Day parade is the largest of several parades that take place throughout Japan. The Tokyo parade began as a way to introduce Ireland and Irish culture to Japan. Today, it features a mix of traditional Japanese dress interspersed with Irish costumes.

Singapore

Chicago is not the only city to dye a river green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. According to Asia One, the Singapore

River also is dyed a bright hue of green. Singapore also hosts a parade in honor of St. Patrick.

Auckland

Each year, New Zealand's largest city is the first city in the world to celebrate St. Patrick's Day because the clock strikes midnight there on March 17 before any other locale in the world. Even though Auckland is the furthest away from Ireland, its festivities are still impressive. The St. Patrick's Festival Auckland includes the lighting of the 1,076-foot Sky Tower in the green, white and orange synonymous with the Irish Tricolour flag.

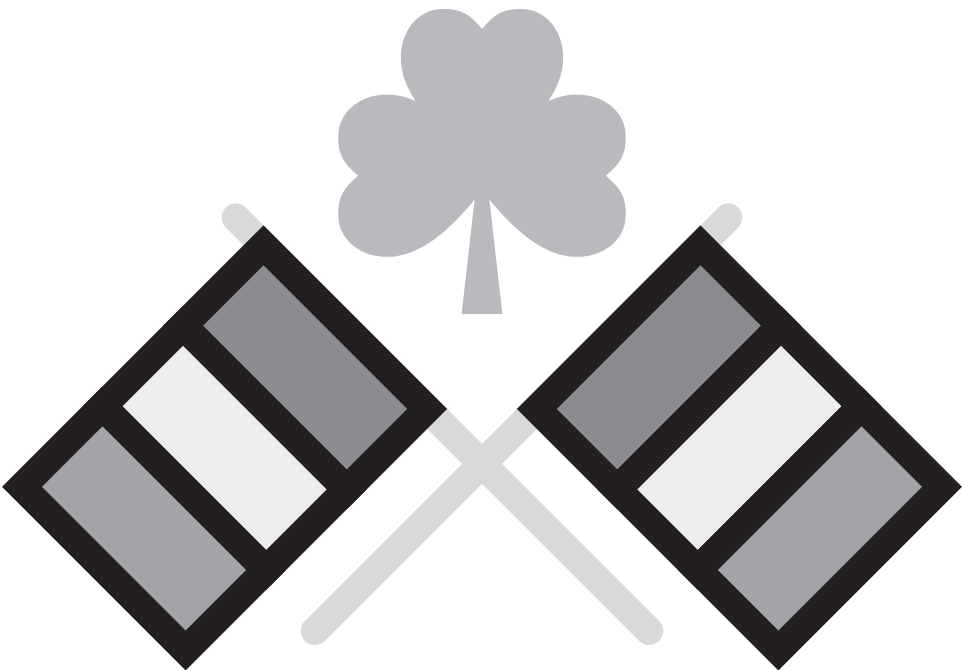
Dubai

Want to find an authentic Irish village? Travel no further than Dubai. For many years, Irish pubs around Dubai have been emblazoned in green lights as celebrants enjoy St. Patrick's Day with stout and song. Time Out Dubai says that, for the past decade, Boomtown Rats front man Bob Geldof has played a St. Patrick's Day gig in Dubai's Irish Village.

Norway

Each year, the Norwegian Irish Society hosts Norway's largest St. Patrick's Day Parade on Jernbanetorget, a large public square in Oslo. The parade kicks off an all-inclusive celebration of Irish culture in Scandinavia.

Ireland, the United States and Canada are known for their St. Patrick's Day celebrations. But this beloved holiday is celebrated at many additional locations around the world.



SIGHTS, SOUNDS AND SYMBOLS OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Many people consider St. Patrick's Day their favorite holiday. St. Patrick's Day celebrations tend to be short on formality, long on fun and synonymous with various sights, sounds and symbols that make the holiday so special.

Shamrock

In ancient Ireland, the shamrock symbolized rebirth, particularly the rebirth of warmer weather. But the shamrock also has more specific ties to St. Patrick, and remains one of the most recognizable symbols associated with his feast day. Historians believe that, on his return to Ireland (a native of Great Britain, St. Patrick was first taken to Ireland after being kidnapped by pirates, later returning as a Christian missionary after his release), St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach the natives about the Holy Trinity. In fact, an image of St. Patrick holding a shamrock first appeared on coins in 1675. The shamrock's status as a symbol would continue to evolve when it became a figure of Irish patriotism during the Irish Rebellion of 1798. In 2003, the shamrock was registered as an international trademark by the Irish government.

Irish Seisiún

St. Patrick's Day celebrants who are not of Irish descent and/or those who have never visited Ireland may not know it, but the live music they may hear when entering a pub on St. Patrick's Day is an integral part of the fabric of Irish culture. An Irish Seisiún typically finds a group of musicians gathered in a pub to play traditional Irish music, oftentimes while seated at a table among their audience. While many pubs reserve stage areas for their musicians on St. Patrick's

Day, the spirit of seisiún is still present, as musicians often interact with the audience.

The Tricolour

Many establishments display the familiar Irish tricolour flag on St. Patrick's Day, and paradegoers may even wave miniature versions of this significant symbol in support of those marching. This instantly recognizable flag has a rich history. Equal parts green, white and orange, the flag was designed to foster peace in the country that had experienced considerable turmoil due to the divide between the country's Protestant and Catholic residents. The green in the flag represents the Irish Catholics, while the orange represents the Irish Protestants. The white is a symbol of hope for peace between the two factions. Though Ireland established the tricolour as its national flag in 1921, it first appeared much earlier when Irish national Thomas Francis Meagher unfurled it in 1848.

Green

The color green is everywhere come St. Patrick's Day, but celebrants may be surprised to learn that blue is the color that was once most affiliated with St. Patrick himself. Numerous paintings depict St. Patrick wearing blue vestments. But green is the color now most instantly associated with Ireland, which is widely referred to as the "Emerald Isle." Ireland's lush countryside and rolling green hills attract millions of visitors each year. The color green can be found just about everywhere on St. Patrick's Day, even if Patrick himself was partial to blue.

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. **Get Out (R)**
Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams
- 2. **The LEGO Batman Movie (PG)**
animated
- 3. **John Wick: Chapter 2 (R)**
Keanu Reeves, Riccardo Scamarcio
- 4. **The Great Wall (PG-13)**
Matt Damon, Tian Jing
- 5. **Fifty Shades Darker (R)**
Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan
- 6. **Fist Fight (R)**
Ice Cube, Charlie Day
- 7. **Hidden Figures (PG)**
Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer
- 8. **La La Land (PG-13)**
Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone
- 9. **Split (PG-13)**
James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy
- 10. **Lion (PG-13)**
Dev Patel, Nicole Kidma

TOP 10 VOD

- 1. **Arrival (PG-13)**
Amy Adams
- 2. **Trolls (PG)**
animated
- 3. **Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13)**
Tom Cruise
- 4. **The Edge of Seventeen (R)**
Hailee Steinfeld
- 5. **The Accountant (R)**
Ben Affleck
- 6. **The Girl on the Train (R)**
Emily Blunt
- 7. **Bleed for This (R)**
Miles Teller
- 8. **Almost Christmas (PG-13)**
Kimberly Elise
- 9. **Boo! A Madea Halloween (PG-13)**
Tyler Perry
- 10. **Masterminds (PG-13)**
Kate McKinnon

- 1. Who released "Kiss and Say Goodbye," and when?
- 2. Name the singer who had a No. 1 hit with "The Candy Man."
- 3. Which female artist released "Walk On By" in 1964?
- 4. Which Jay, of Jay and The Americans, sang "Come a Little Bit Closer" in 1964?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I long to hold you near and kiss you just once more, But you were on the ship and I was on the shore."



1. The Manhattan, in 1976. Group member Winfred "Blue" Lovett wrote the song all in one session. 2. Sammy Davis, Jr., in 1972. The song, from "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" in 1971, became his signature number 3. Dionne Warwick. The song was nominated for a 1965 Grammy Award for the Best Rhythm and Blues Recording. 4. Jay No. 2, formerly David Blatt. 5. "Harbor Lights," by The Plat- ters in 1960. Their version of this 1937 song brought it into the realm of popular music, after a long string of covers by Big Bands. The song was written by an Austrian classical composer who fled the Nazis and had to change his name, along with a British songwriter lyricist.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- 1. Who is the only player to win a league batting title in three different decades?
- 2. How many seasons did Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza have at least 30 home runs, 100-plus RBIs and a batting average of .300 or better?
- 3. When was the last time before a 2016 bowl game that the Penn State and Georgia football teams faced off?
- 4. Which two teams hold the NBA record for worst start to a season?
- 5. In the 1981-82 NHL season, Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky set a record with 92 goals. Did his team go on to win the Stanley Cup?
- 6. Who was the first NASCAR driver to break 200 mph in a stock car at Talladega?
- 7. Name the last tennis player 31 or older before Stan Wawrinka in 2016 to win the U.S. Open men's singles title.

1. Kansas City's George Brett (1976, '80, '90). 2. Six seasons. 3. It was the 1983 Sugar Bowl following the 1982 season. 4. The 2009-10 New Jersey Nets and the 2015-16 Philadelphia 76ers each started 0-18. 5. No. The Oilers were upset by the Los Angeles Kings in five games in the division semifinals. 6. Buddy Baker, in 1970. 7. Ken Rosewall was 35 when he won in 1970.



Scene from "Sing" [Universal Pictures]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of March 20, 2017.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Sing" (PG) -- A down-on-his-luck Koala (with the voice of an enthused Matthew McConaughey) tries to save his theater with a singing contest and ends up with a whole menagerie of talented critters pinning their hopes and dreams on the result. The competitors include an overworked mother of many piglets (Reese Witherspoon), sensitive teen gorilla who wants out of his dad's gang (Taron Egerton), a swaggering mouse (Seth MacFarlane) and a hard-rocking porcupine (Scarlett Johansson). Illumination Entertainment ("The Secret Life of Pets") makes another fun, high-energy entry. You can tell you're not in Pixar territory, so don't worry about too much emotional depth, subtle humor snuck in for grownups or visuals that bend your perception. It's

like jumping in at the finale for a contest show --easy entertainment with all the backstories and best bits in one package.

"Miss Sloan" (R) -- Elizabeth Sloan (Jessica Chastain) is a redheaded viper of a lobbyist twisting her way to the top of the D.C. pile. She's calculating, tighter than a knot and has seemingly scraped out the majority of her personality to make room for more ambition. While she normally works for the juggernaut pro-gun lobby, a strange change has Elizabeth fighting for a gun-control bill, and ultimately, in a congressional hearing (featuring a menacing John Lithgow) over her vicious and underhanded tactics.

The movie had to make two points really stick: This is Jessica Chastain's vehicle, and the material is so relevant that it strikes a chord despite this version of D.C. being so removed from reality. Chastain has the muscle for the role, but the role doesn't support her in return: Ms. Sloan looks more like a stock miserable-greedy-mean-boss-lady character than a complex and flawed protagonist.

"Fire at Sea" (R) -- For many people, the little island off of Sicily called Lampedusa is a peaceful small town; for others, it is their best hope for survival. Thousands of people have drowned in Mediterranean fleeing their homes in Africa. Overpacked boats continue to make the desperate crossing, and this has become part of the everyday background for the island's inhabitants. The film is split -- sometimes confusingly -- between documenting the humanitarian crisis and the day-to-day life of the locals. It's a documentary. It has a serious message that you cannot miss, but there isn't a bunch of voiceover or scripted outrage in the film, just a camera that doesn't flinch.

Sudoku answers on page 34

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

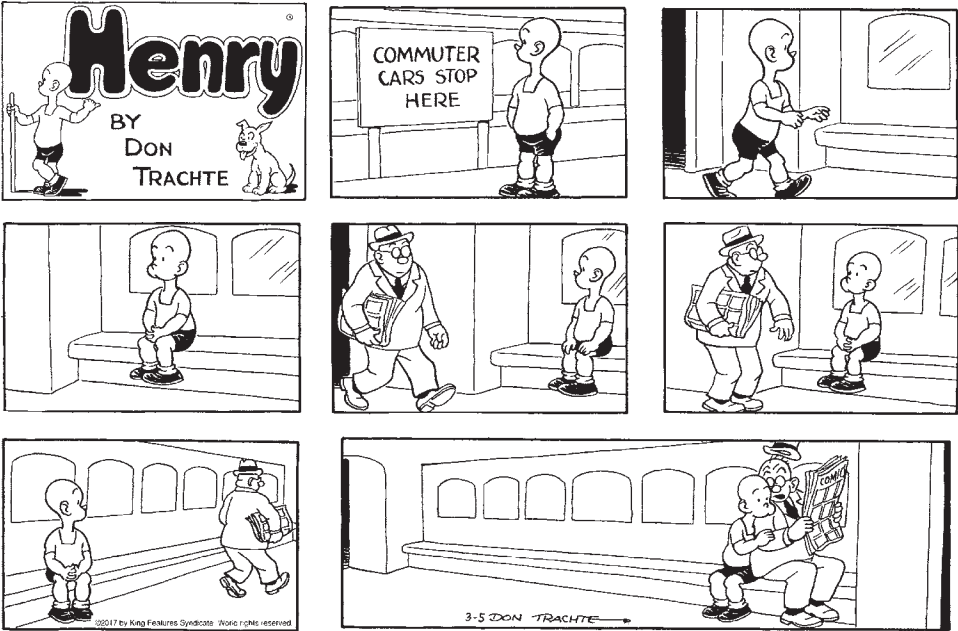
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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



King Crossword

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12 Speedy steed

13 Meadow

14 Toy block name

15 Time rival

17 Dregs

18 Recipient

19 Brings forth

21 Feudal worker

24 Hooter

25 Isn't well

28 Hebrew month

30 Discoverer's cry

33 To and —

34 Visit habitual-ly

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36 Coffee break hour

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11 Privation

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20 Electrical measure

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23 Liquid

25 Toward the stern

26 Anger

27 Classical music lover

29 "Do — others ..."

31 Hasten

32 Ancient

34 " — soit qui mal y pense"

38 Aviatrix Earhart

40 Bay, for one

42 Bobby of hockey

43 Recedes

44 Poi base

45 Item in a pot, maybe

47 MGM mascot

48 Con

49 Nays' under-ers

52 Muhammad or Laila

53 Eisenhower

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- ABC has given the green light to "Household Name," which will bring Carol Burnett back to weekly television. Along with her hit variety series "The Carol Burnett Show" (1967-78), she had a recurring role on "Here's Lucy," with Lucille Ball, from 1969-1971 and had the short-lived "Carol Burnett & Company" in 1979. She produced and recurred in the "Mama's Family" spin-off (1983-84), starring Vicki Lawrence, and NBC gave her a shot with the anthology series "Carol & Co." from 1990-1991, but it couldn't find its audience.

She had great success with the DVDs of her original variety show and has toured the country the past two years, taking questions from audiences just as she did in the opening of her original show. Burnett is in Julie Andrew's preschool Netflix series, "Julie's Greenroom," which she created with her daughter Emma Walton Hamilton (the co-author of several children's books with Julie) and stars in. In addition to Carol, other guest stars are Josh Groban, Idina Menzel and David Hyde Pierce. It will be available for streaming March 17.

Carol, who turns 84 in April, is an American treasure, and this new series, developed by Amy Poehler, in which a family gets to buy their dream house with the proviso they live with the previous owner ... an eccentric, larger-than-life actress, played by Carol. If her character sendup is like Norma Desmond in "Sunset Boulevard," it definitely will be funny!

Seasons 11 and 12 of "The Big Bang Theory" are a guaranteed lock, with its five original stars -- Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki, Kaley Cuoco, Simon Helberg and Kunal Nayyar -- again being paid \$1 million an episode, and Melissa Rauch



Carol Burnett [Depositphotos]

and Mayim Bialik getting a huge pay raise. To sweeten the deal, CBS is letting Jim Parsons and "Bang" producers exec-produce the prequel "Sheldon," and Johnny Galecki exec-produce "Living Biblically," which has already been green-lighted to series.

Also guaranteed a 10-show run, at ABC, are Kyra Sedgwick ("The Closer" 2005-2013) and "Cosby" kid Malcolm-Jamal Warner in "Ten Days in the Valley," and Seth MacFarlane in the hour-long dramedy "Orville." There's also a spin-off from "The Goldberg's" starring Tim Meadows and Bryan Callen in the works, and "Desperate Housewives" Felicity Huffman will be married to "People vs O.J.'s" Courtney Vance in "Libby & Malcolm."

And get ready for a reboot of the hit nighttime soap "Dynasty" (1981-1989), still about the rivalry between the Carringtons and the Colbys. Crystal Carrington (played by Linda Evans) will be Hispanic this time and played by Nathalie Kelley (of "The Vampire Diaries" and "Body of Proof"). Crystal ... Hispanic? At least she'll have the money to keep the wall from being built.



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Weekly SUDOKU

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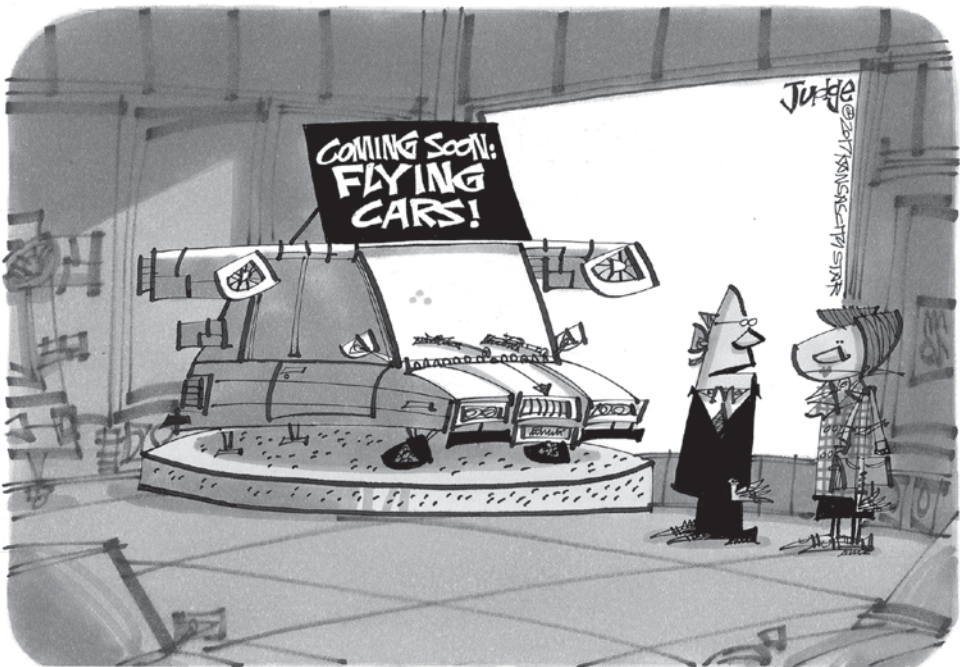
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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



MARCH IS TIME FOR WINE MADNESS!

March is a great month to get ready for some wonderful Zinfandel! Over the past twenty or thirty years there has been a good deal of madness associated with Zinfandel. Where did it come from and what is the real zinfandel supposed to taste like? Is the Italian Primitivo the real Zinfandel or was a grape from Croatia? Some Croatians, however, became convinced that Plavac Mali was the same as Zinfandel, among them Croatian-born winemaker Mike Grgich. Zinfandel is a big red wine and depending where it is grown will have very different characteristics. One of the most confusing occurrences that happened to Zinfandel made a lot of money for the California wine industry.

In 1972, Bob Trinchero of the Sutter Home Winery decided to try draining some juice from the vats in order to impart more tannins and color to his Deaver Vineyard Zinfandel. He vinified this juice as a dry wine, and tried to sell it under the name of Oeil de Perle, a Swiss wine made by this method. The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms insisted on an English translation, so he added "White Zinfandel" to the name, and sold 220 cases. At the time, demand for white wine exceeded the availability of white wine grapes, encouraging other California producers to make "white" wine from red grapes, with minimal skin contact. However, in 1975, Trinchero's wine experienced a Stuck Fermentation; a problem in which the yeast dies off before all the sugar is converted to alcohol. He put the wine aside for two weeks, then tasted it and decided to sell this pinker, sugary wine. Just as Metus Rose had become a huge success in Europe after World War II, this medium sweet White Zinfandel became immensely popular. White Zinfandel still accounts for 9.9% of U.S. wine sales by volume (6.3% by value), six times the sales of red Zinfandel. Most White Zinfandel is made from grapes grown for that purpose in California's Central Valley.

Wine critics considered White Zinfandel to be insipid and uninteresting in the 1970s and 1980s, although modern white Zinfandels have more fruit and less cloying sweetness. It is called grandma's wine and is looked down upon by "real wine drinkers". Nevertheless, the success of this sweet easy drinking wine saved many old vines in premium areas, which came into their own at the end of the 20th century as red Zinfandel wines came back into fashion. Although the two wines taste dramatically different, both are made from the same (red) grapes. Great Zin growing areas

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Amador County has a reputation for big, full-bodied Zinfandel. These extra-ripe wines have been called jammy, briary, and brambly, having aromas of sweet berries. Although the Santa Cruz Mountains in Santa Cruz Valley produces Zinfandel from just 9 acres, the Zinfandel from that region is known for its complexity and depth.

Sonoma County has a Zinfandel-producing land area second only to that of San Joaquin County. The county contains the warm Dry Creek Valley, known for its juicy Zinfandel with bright fruit, balanced acidity and notes of blackberry, anise and pepper. Dry Creek Valley produces Zinfandel in a variety of styles ranging from the high-alcohol Amador style to balanced, spicy wines.

San Luis Obispo, particularly the Paso Robles area with its hot days and cool evenings, produces Zinfandel known for being soft and round.

While the Napa Valley area is known primarily for its Cabernet, Merlot and Pinot, Napa also produces Zinfandel wines described as plummy and intense, tasting of red berry fruits with cedar and vanilla. Zinfandel in Napa tends to be made in a style like red Bordeaux.

The Russian River generally produces well during warm years. Otherwise, the grapes do not fully ripen, leaving the wines with excessive acidity. The area has mostly "old vine" Zinfandel, characterized as spicy and somewhat lower in alcohol than Zinfandel from other regions. Mendocino Zinfandel wines have been considered high quality, but they are less known because they are not heavily marketed and don't make it out to the east coast. Lodi has some of the oldest Zinfandel vines in California. While often used for White Zinfandel production, in the red style, Lodi Zinfandels have a reputation for being juicy and approachable.

I like the Zins from Lodi. There are lots of Old Vine Zins that I love and the wines are big but a little more easy drinking. So during March Wine Madness, go out and find your favorite Zinfandel. You will be glad you did. (Don't forget to try Primitivo! It is the Italian Zin made in Puglia!)

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway CC and for the Milford Board of Education and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, check chalk board for meeting room. The public is invited.

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Meeting dates for 2017 are (except for September and November) at High Plains Community Center as follows: March 15, 2017, April 19, 2017, May 17, 2017, June 21, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 16, 2017, September 13, 2017, October 18, 2017, Thursday, November 16, 2017, December 20, 2017 and January 17, 2018.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New

Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net).

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

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

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

Continuum of Care Needs Caregivers, Would you like to make a difference in someone's life as a caregiver? Continuum Help at Home is currently looking for individuals to work as a Homemaker, Companion, or Personal Care Attendant. We have full-time, part-time and live-in positions available. Visit www.continuumct.org/ events to register and download an application.

Hearing Loss Association - SW CT Chapter Monthly Meeting, Saturday March 15, 2017, 10:00am, Watermark, 3030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport; subject is information on how you can hear better while watching TV using an inductive loop system; speaker will be Ken Gerety, owner of Hearing Loop Systems of CT. Contact Mike at 203.268-2924 for additional information.

Veteran's Aide and Attendance Benefit Presentation, Thursday, March 23, 2017, 1pm or 5pm, 245 Indian River Road, Orange, CT; RSVP to Liz 203 795 3117.

NAMI Support Group Meeting, meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, on the following dates for 2017: April 4, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 14, and December 5. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

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Have an Upcoming Birth Announcement, Anniversary, Engagement or Wedding? Send it to us with a photo and we will publish it FREE. Orange Town News, P.O. Box 1126, Orange, CT 06477 Email: edit@orangetownnews.com



Orange Brownie Troop 60253 recently had a bake sale to raise money for The West Haven Animal shelter. The Troop donated \$126.77.



The four year old class at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School learned all about caring for teeth from Dr. Dorota Brynda-Hansen. They loved it!



At Mary L. Tracy, we're gearing up for the new life that Spring brings through nature! Pictured here, a preschool student is proudly presenting lemons that his class farmed as part of a science learning unit involving growing citrus fruits.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



PICKING THE RIGHT PUPPY FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Thursday, March 23 is National Puppy Day. As many of us think about getting a puppy, there are many things to consider.

A dog's age, breed and temperament, combined with your lifestyle and personality, all play an important role in determining what kind of dog is the best fit for you and your family. Adopting a puppy has certain advantages—you will be able to choose a dog with the best temperament for you and ensure he gets a proper education before behavioral problems or bad habits develop. But puppies bring added responsibilities, too. During the first few months, a puppy requires more of your time than an older dog for housetraining, socialization, feeding, and entertainment, as well as additional training as your goals change and your puppy matures. If you do not have the time for a puppy, consider adopting a full-grown dog that has already gone through the puppy stage. But if you're sure that you are ready for the responsibility of puppy ownership, you should consider the following:

What Breed of Puppy is Most Appropriate for Your Lifestyle?

Are you very active and outgoing? Do you have a large home, yard or park nearby? If so, a larger-breed dog may be the best choice for your family. But, if you tend to be less outgoing, live in an apartment or condo, or have small children or other small pets, you may want to consider a dog that will be smaller when full-grown. Do your research on the characteristics different breeds tend to display, but remember that while breed can have an impact on a dog's personality, you should base your decision primarily on what you know about the puppy's background and what you observe about his temperament.

What is the Right Temperament for Your Family?

Temperament has nothing to do with a dog's size, breed or upbringing—temperament is something innate in a dog. A dog's temperament has a lot to do with how easily he can be trained and, while good training can improve certain traits in a dog, training does not change the dog's temperament.

Even when a puppy is very young, there are clues to what his temperament might be. Within the litter, watch how the puppies run and play to determine where each puppy stands in the litter's pecking order. More confident puppies act assertive by standing over the other littermates. Less confident puppies act submissive by rolling over or lowering their heads.

If you are considering a puppy at a shelter or rescue that is no longer with his litter, find out as much as you can about his background and behavior from staff members and volunteers who have walked or played with the pup. Ask whether he's been socialized with other dogs and how he behaves in a variety of situations, such as during feeding, walking, and being put in a crate or kennel.

Also observe the individual puppy you are considering when he's alone with you. A well-adjusted puppy will follow you freely when you lead him. Drop a soft glove or cloth near the puppy and watch his reaction.

A confident puppy will approach the object immediately to investigate. While this puppy could grow up to be a well-adjusted dog, it is likely to be strong-willed and might be a challenge for a soft-natured person.

A less confident pup may jump and move away when the object is dropped, but will usually return fairly quickly to investigate. Less bossy than the more confident puppy described above, this puppy will most likely make a great pet.

The puppy that takes longer to approach and runs around the object acting as if it is alive and might attack is a little timid, but should still make a wonderful pet with proper, gentle training.

The puppy that barks at the object, runs away and crouches down or refuses to return to the spot has a more nervous temperament and could be a difficult pet. More patience will be required during training.

Finally, lift and hold the puppy in your arms. A pup that settles in and remains still is likely to be calmer and more easily trained than one that wriggles and tries to escape.

Training Your Puppy

Once you've chosen your new addition to the family, be sure to start training as soon as you bring him home. By introducing the expectations and rules of your household early, he will quickly acclimate and feel more comfortable and secure in the knowledge that he is part of a pack that has a calm, consistent leader.

Just like people, puppies come in all shapes, sizes, and temperaments. Do a bit of research first, then visit your local shelter. Determining what breeds and temperaments would be the ideal fit for your family will help ensure that the puppy (or dog) you bring home will become a permanent part of your household.

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

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the

gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

PETS HELP FORGE COMMUNITY TIES

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently graduated from college and took a job in a brand-new city. The area is great, but I feel lonely most of the time and haven't really met anyone I can hang out with regularly. A colleague at work laughingly suggested that I get a dog. Although it was meant to be a joke, I'm kind of considering it. Should I get a dog, or is it a bad idea to have one in the city? -- Kurt H., Somerville, Massachusetts



DEAR KURT: It sounds like a great option. Of course, as a pet-care adviser, I'm a little bit partial to the idea. But I also can tell you that pets not only enrich our lives, but enrich the lives of our neighbors in subtle ways, too. A new study reported in Scientific American found that people

with pets are more likely to get to know other people in the neighborhood, and those relationships have more substance than casual "hellos."

List the pros and cons of owning a pet. Do you have the time to care for and train a dog? Do you have roommates, and are they OK with having a pet in your apartment? What additional costs are involved -- food, veterinary care, licensing, training, apartment pet fees and so on? What size and breed of dog is best for your living space? Lifehacker has a very comprehensive guide to considering, deciding and then bringing a dog home.

Also, should you decide to get a dog, I hope you'll consider adopting from a local shelter. Many great dogs are waiting for just the right owner to find them.

Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



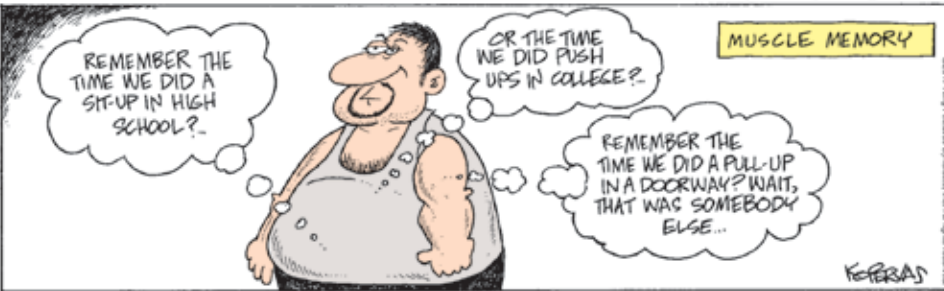
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Out on a Limb



top ten

IRISH

Girl Baby Names

1. Emily	6. Ella
2. Emma	7. Lucy
3. Ava	8. Grace
4. Sophie	9. Chloe
5. Amelia	10. Mia

Source: Central Statistics Office

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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The Garden Bug

Like all bulb-type plants, shamrocks require a period of dormancy every once in a while. Those grown in containers will need two or three rest periods each year to continue growing well. When a potted shamrock fades, stop watering it, and as the leaves turn brown, pull them off. Set the pot in a place where it can remain cool and dry for a few weeks, then resume watering; the plant will revive. Water shamrocks from the bottom so that the fragile stems of the plant don't get waterlogged.

— Brenda Weaver

Source: www.thegardenhelper.com, houseplant411.com

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