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CIRCUS PERFORMERS THRILL RACE BROOK STUDENTS

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Pedaling a unicycle around the school gym, juggling with scarves and cups and twirling plates on sticks were just a few of the antics demonstrated by circus performers that thrilled and delighted students and teachers alike at Race Brook School. The visit from the non-profit National Circus Project performers was made possible with a \$1,300 grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Foundation. Physical Education instructor Anthony Gambardella brought the group to Race Brook to help build on the current phys ed program and because he was pretty sure the kids would have a blast. "I thought the kids would benefit greatly both physically and socially," he said. The assembly was a huge hit, the crowd's laughter and applause almost deafening as they watched circus performers Greg Milstein, who is also Executive Director of the program, and his assistant, Skye, clown around while performing a variety of basic circus stunts. The show began when Greg jumped on a unicycle, pantomiming he was out of control as he veered precariously close to the assembled students. Skye made her entrance next; juggling to the beat of Beyoncé's "Going Crazy Right Now." The pair went on to lasso a couple of kids, then demonstrated some double juggling, manipulating "devil sticks" and the "diabolo" and more.

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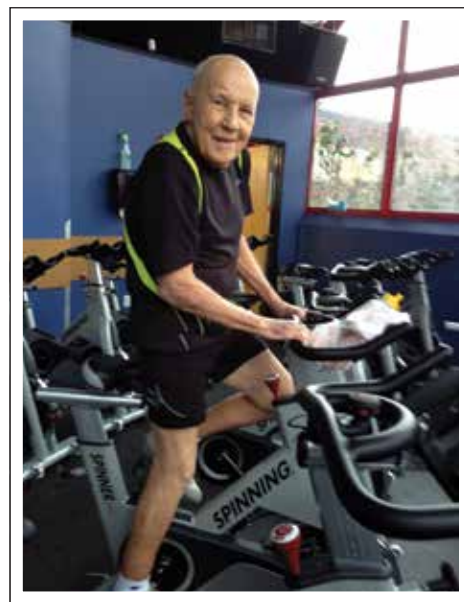
If Lou Giovanelly has more pep in his step than a man half his age, it's probably because he's living proof that there's something to the old adage "use it or lose it." Giovanelly, who turned 92 last month, is passionate about fitness. He loves to work out and starts every day -- Monday through Friday -- exercising at The Edge



Laura Fantarella

Fitness Clubs in either Derby or Milford. Both clubs located minutes from his Fairlea Road home, Giovanelly's morning routine begins with a warm up on one of the gym's exercise machines then it's off to a group class -- either spinning, pilates or flex and tone class. That he's the oldest club member by about, oh, 15 to 20 years doesn't faze the nonagenarian who acts as though few wrinkles, clear blue eyes, stamina, flexibility and muscle mass are de rigueur among his peers. While he knows staying fit has brought many health benefits it's just an added bonus of his passion.

Giovanelly became hooked on exercise at the urging of his daughter Lesley when



Lou Giovanelly

he retired from the family oil business, United Fuel, in his early sixties. "She kept after me to go to the gym," Giovanelly said. An athlete and certified personal trainer herself, Lesley knew it would be a healthy way for her dad to stay in shape and occupy some of his newly acquired free time. "She made a work-out plan for me to follow," he said. He signed up for the free trial membership at the former World Gym on the Boston Post Road, but was a bit intimidated when he peeked into a group class and saw the room filled with 20 and 30-year-olds. "I said to myself, 'I don't belong here!'" he

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said. “But an instructor saw me in the stairwell and brought me into the class and we became good friends.” He was hooked immediately, enjoying the social aspect and the discipline the group classes provided. He can still keep up with the other students in his classes even though some of the classes are demanding. “I never leave a class before it’s over,” he said.

When World Gym changed hands Giovanelli was forced to move on because the new gym did not offer the group classes he so loved. He’s changed gym memberships several times over the past 30 years, most recently joining The Edge Fitness clubs. “I’ve met a lot of nice people of all ages at the gym that have become friends,” Giovanelli said. One of his favorite friends is certified group fitness instructor Angela Serensen, who has had Giovanelli in her exercise classes for over 20 years. One of the first instructors he had at World Gym, Serensen now teaches the spin and flex classes he’s taking at The Edge. “He’s the oldest person I’ve ever had in a group class and he is an inspiration to the students and the instructors alike. He still has the same dedication to fitness that he had when he first started coming to the gym,” Serensen said. “He’s a great person with a wonderful spirit and he’s great to have in class. Whenever someone new comes to class and they think they can’t do it, I have them sit next to Lou.”

Milford Edge Club general manager Steve Bierwirth describes Giovanelli as a “very unique” person who is a popular and inspirational member of the club. “To him, working out at his age is just life. You wouldn’t know his age by looking at him but most club members know of him,” Bierwirth said. “Most of our older members are in their seventies, maybe a few in their early eighties.”

When he’s not at the gym, Giovanelli is still active in the Orange Rotary Club’s fundraisers like the rose sale and the annual lobster bake and each year carries the flag for the club in the Memorial Day Parade. He also spends time with both his daughters who live in town, Lesley and Karen DeCant, who is an aide at Race Brook School.



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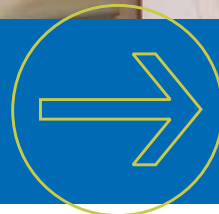
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After the performance, students in grades 3-6 participated in skill building workshops, in which Skye and Greg taught them the tricks of the trade. “This is really fun!” said sixth grader Anon Vilay. “I’ve never tried any of this before.” As the kids tried their hands at juggling, working the devil’s sticks, balancing and spinning plates and the diabolo, “fun” was the word they all used to describe the experience. “I thought it was really entertaining and funny, I liked the unicycle best,” said sixth grader Chloe Smith.

Gambardella currently incorporates teaching basic juggling skills with scarves and beanbags and using the devil sticks in his indoor curriculum. Gambardella has also received \$1,000 from the school’s PTA to purchase more equipment for the circus curriculum, like balancing plates and sticks, double sticks and diablos. He hopes one day to possibly purchase stilts and maybe a unicycle. “I’ve been telling them to bring in their mom’s china to balance on the sticks,” Gambardella said. “I’ve been having a lot of fun with this with the kids.”

According to Fred Hulley, who attended the performance on behalf of the Jamie A. Hulley Foundation, the assembly met all the criteria for a grant. “It has all the components we look for, it’s non-competitive, involves the arts and it’s something enjoyable,” Hulley said. He also noted that Race Brook School was where his daughter, Jamie, attended elementary school. Jamie died in 2002 of lymphoma. The Jamie A. Hulley Foundation was established by her parents, Judy Primavera and Fred to honor their daughter’s legacy and love of the arts.

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Each cub scout was provided with a pinewood derby kit. Once the scouts get their kit of wood, tires and nails, it is up to them (with help from a parent) to transform the materials into an aerodynamic racing machine, or a creatively unique car. The boys and the families of Pack 922 created amazing and fast cars. After the cars were inspected and weighed the cars were lined up on the stage and declared "good to go," by Cub master, Jeff Cap.

Each boy's car raced in each of the four lanes and tried to obtain the fastest speed. In a separate race, parents and siblings also raced. Thanks go to parents who helped run the race and provide snacks. The boys showed EXCELLENT sportsmanship!

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN WILL BE OFFERED THIS FALL

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange will offer an all-day kindergarten program starting this fall. The pilot program is optional and will provide the Board of Education information to base a decision on whether to extend the day permanently. Instead of being dismissed at 1 p.m., kindergarteners taking part in the all-day program will be dismissed just before 3 p.m., giving buses enough time to get to the elementary schools to bring students home.

The idea to offer an all-day option originated from the work of the Strategic Planning Committee of board members, administrators and parents over the past couple of years. According to Superintendent Lynn McMullin, "It's not going to cost the board anything, it just offers families an option," she said. "It allows us to try something and bring it forward with more definition, if all-day kindergarten is something Orange needs to do at this time."

In order to break even, 55 students will need to participate. This year there are 120 kindergarten students. The program will cost \$140 per month. "I just wonder, do we go all in and everyone gets the extra time?" Marquis said. A Board of Education funded extension

of the kindergarten day would cost \$183,000, not an option before the board at this time.

"This wasn't something we pulled out of thin air and decided to do. There were parents on the committee and that's how the pilot was created," board member Jody Dietch said. At the past couple of meetings, when presented with the pilot proposal, several members of the Board of Education struggled with the decision, fearing that the children who opt to stay in the traditional three-quarter day that Orange has offered for years will not be behind their fellow schoolmates who are receiving additional instruction in the extra hour and 20 minutes each day. According to board member Keith Marquis, statistics show that the students who may pull ahead a bit in first and second grade as a result of the full day of school will likely lose that edge by third grade.

Students in the extended day program will not receive additional instruction in reading and math, the two areas that are tracked for assessments. According to McMullin, "In other words, students who attend the extended day will not have more reading instruction

and therefore score higher on their STAR or receive more math instruction and score higher on their Math Expressions benchmarks."

There will be curriculum taught in science, social studies (which in kindergarten is about socialization skills – being a good friend, etc.), technology, and perhaps physical education. The curriculum will be designed now that permission for the pilot is granted. "Right now, we're planning on three sections of 17/18 kids of full-day and four sections of three-quarter day. We will take great care to make sure the 7 sections all have approximately the same number of kids. If too many people apply, we'll have a lottery for the three sections. If significantly more apply, we'll add a fourth section; but we have specific numbers in mind in order to maintain the balance in class size," says McMullin.

The board voted unanimously in support of the pilot program and will readdress the offering again next year at this time. "We don't have all of the answers now because there is no way of knowing what will come out of it until we do it. Then we'll ask the question: Did it work?" said Dietch.

THREE WEEKS LEFT FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

April 15 is the deadline for applications for a scholarship from the Orange Scholarship Fund. Applicants must be Orange residents and seniors at any of the local high schools, public or private. The awards are based on need, academic achievement, and community service and will be presented at a ceremony in early June. Application forms can be picked up at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. The form must be filled out in full and have all the requested documentation for it to be considered.

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SCHOOL SPENDING PROJECTED TO INCREASE BY 6%

By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education unanimously approved a proposed budget for the 2014-15 school year at its monthly meeting March 10. The spending plan carries a 6.3% increase over the current year's \$18.3 million dollar budget. Contractual salary increases and capital improvements are driving the increase.

The district will eliminate three classroom teacher positions—one at each school—through retirements and reorganization of staff. While each of the elementary schools have traditionally had 50-75 children in first grade, only 36 first graders are going to Turkey Hill next year.

According to School Superintendent Lynn McMullin, the budget for capital improvements at all four schools accounts for one-third of the budget increase. "We've got to start paying attention to these schools," she said. The budget for capital improvements is \$18,000 this school year. Next year, the Board of Education is asking for \$397,000 for improvements to the aging schools.

At Mary L. Tracy, \$126,500 would fund a new sound system, stage curtain, new sidewalk and brick wall repair. At Race Brook School, \$147,500 would cover replacement of a non-skid hallway ramp with asbestos abatement, replacing carpeting, a new stage curtain, playground edging and mulch and a new front sidewalk. At Turkey Hill, projects totaling \$105,000 include support for classroom walls, office and library carpeting, and replacement of shades in the library. "I know an argument could be that it's aesthetic, and has nothing to do with functionality, but being aesthetically pleasing is not a bad thing," she says of items such as stage curtains. "Children are our astute observers of the world and we want their world to look good! We want them to be proud of their school."

She also believes their world should smell good, without what she describes as 'odorous' carpeting in several rooms at Race Brook School. At Turkey Hill, gaps were found around windows in eight classrooms and broken fixtures leave curtains stuck in the down position in the library, allowing in no natural light.

A new language arts curriculum would bring a cost of \$185,000. The new curriculum provides a unified program across all the schools and at all grade levels, K - 6. "The teachers are embracing the Common Core Standards, because we have had some excellent professional development and they see how the strategies are a significant improvement in the way kids are expected to think about what they are reading and then use the text to support their opinions," she explains. "The teachers like the new questioning techniques. But, for teachers to collaborate on the instruction, they need the same program and they need a curriculum which is aligned to the changes they are making across the subjects. The curriculum is about 14 years old, according to the teachers, and it's time for a change."

An additional \$143,826 increase is sought for technology as the district makes upgrades to hardware and computers and switches network service. The special education budget projects a 3.6% decrease as fewer students will require special services next year. The Board of Education budget will next be considered by the Board of Finance as it compiles the town budget.

SHA HONOR ROLL

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the SECOND marking period of the 2013 - 14 academic year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll:

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First Quarter Honor Rolls - ORANGE Residents

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STUDENT NEWS

Graduations

Local Students Earn Degrees from the University of New Haven

West Haven, CT -- The following Orange students graduated from the University of New Haven on January 18, 2014: Caiwei Huang received an Master of Business Admin in Business Administration and Kara Lightowler received an Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

Dean's List

Cameron Ratliff Earns Dean's Award at Colgate University

Hamilton, NY -- Cameron Ratliff is a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the fall 2013 term at Colgate University. Ratliff is a graduate of Amity Regional High School and lives in Orange, CT. To be eligible for the Dean's Award, a Colgate student must achieve higher than a 3.30 average while enrolled in at least four courses.

Marist College Dean's List for the Fall 2013 Semester

Poughkeepsie, NY -- Alexa Gherlone, of Orange, CT, is a member of the Class of 2015 and named to the Fall 2013 Semester's Dean's List.

Sean Gallagher Receives Honors

Orange resident Sean Gallagher received honors at his college for the fall semester. He received a 4.0 GPA at MCPHS (Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) in Boston. He is a sophomore Pre-Medical major.

Matthew Prussin Named to Dean's List at Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY - - Matthew Prussin of Orange, CT has been named to the Dean's List at Syracuse University for the 2013 fall semester. Students are entered on the Syracuse Dean's List by attaining a GPA of 3.4 or higher. Matthew is a Film major, studying at the Syracuse University School of Visual and Performing Arts.

Devyn Curley Named to Tuft's University Dean's List

Devyn Curley, of Orange, CT, made the Dean's list at Tuft's University for the fifth consecutive semester. Devyn, a Junior, is a Mechanical Engineering Student as well as a Resident Assistant.



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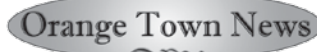
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Below are the next three Orange Town News issue dates and deadlines. Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

Table with 2 columns: Upcoming Issue Deadline, Upcoming Issue Dates. Rows include April 4th (Easter/Passover Issue), April 11th (Mother's Day Issue), April 25th (Memorial Day Issue), May 2nd, May 16th (Memorial Day Issue), May 23rd.

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

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor

As a long-time educator, parent, and grandparent, I was extremely disappointed in the recent action taken by the Orange Board of Education concerning full day kindergarten. After a few months of discussion, and two surveys, the Board voted to approve a nondescript tuition based optional extended day pilot program (whatever that means) proposed by the administration. In the first survey, 53 percent of respondents indicated they would participate for \$140 per month while a combined 47 percent said either the tuition was too high or any tuition would prevent them from participating. In a follow up survey 61 percent agreed the BOE should implement a true full day kindergarten while only 39 percent felt the optional tuition based enhancement program was a better choice.

Based on the survey results it is clear that Orange residents (particularly parents) would like our children to join the 88 percent of other Connecticut kindergarten students receiving full day instruction. With the new challenges of the Common Core State Standards all our children should be given every opportunity to enjoy the benefits of more instructional time, individual attention, special services, and social interaction provided by a full day schedule. I am not sure I understand the Board's position when 39 percent appears to have greater influence than 61 percent. While they may have some issues with their own math skills; I fear that maybe the relatively modest implementation cost could have been the deciding factor. I also do not agree that we need a pilot and can take our time implementing full day since we have a .77 day and many other districts only have a half day. Fact - Orange and West Haven (West Haven BOE voted to begin implementation next year) are the only districts in the Greater New Haven Area that do not currently have full day kindergarten. Recently released Connecticut Department of Education information indicates that while Orange schools are doing well, none are included in the 123 Excelling Connecticut schools. Full day kindergarten may be helpful in giving our students a stronger base of those skills necessary to achieve at the highest levels. I implore the Orange Board of Education to revisit this issue and establish a full day kindergarten program for all local children.

Debbie Davis

To the Editor

The numbers are in; it will cost \$2 Million to repair the damage done to Peck Place School from the pipe break and resulting flood on Monday, January 6th. The Board of Education members acted swiftly and responsibly by relocating the Peck students to the Yale West Campus in the aftermath of this disaster. As a father of a child in Peck Place, I have seen firsthand how this event has negatively impacted the educational process of our children.

The Board of Education and Board of Finance recently approved spending \$2 million from the town's reserves to restore Peck Place. It is critical to ensure that this work is done properly for the safety of our children and also timely, in order for Peck students to have a home come September. However, BOE Business Manager Kevin McNabola has left the district for another position; Kevin has been integral in coordinating the planned restoration of Peck. I have asked the BOE to hire a construction manager to oversee this project, as we need the expertise of a professional to manage the different tradesmen, ensure the project meets identified time

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constraints, and ensure fiscal responsibility.

It is also appropriate to investigate what protocols and precautions were taken to prevent this event. The taxpayers of Orange deserve accountability in determining if this could've been prevented and to ensure that safeguards are implemented so it does not happen again; they also deserve answers to the many questions that have been raised. The facilities manager for the BOE has stated on the record that he was concerned about freezing temperatures going into the weekend and had the building checked on Sunday, January 5th. What kind of inspection was done? Working in the Property Management field, I was trained that there is only one critical task when checking a building for frozen pipes- run the water! If this safeguard was taken, this situation may have been averted. It also came to light that an alarm was sounded after the pipe broke. Was this alarm responded to properly? Could the damage at Peck Place School have been prevented or at least mitigated? I've advocated for the BOE to form a bipartisan committee, to include residents with expertise in building management and maintenance, as well as members of both the BOE and BOS to look into this matter on behalf of the residents of Orange and make recommendations to the BOE. I truly hope that they will follow through on this important retrospection due diligence.

Mike Richetelli



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Two-Year-Old Storytime

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. Thursday, March 20, 27, 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and finger plays. Monday, March 24, 31, 4-5 p.m.

Events for Children

Irish Dance

Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m.

Put on your dancing shoes! The Gray Shool of Irish Dance will perform a variety of Irish dances including reels, jigs, and hornpipes and will teach some steps to all in the audience.

Events for Teens & Tweens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, April 8, 2:15 p.m.

Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

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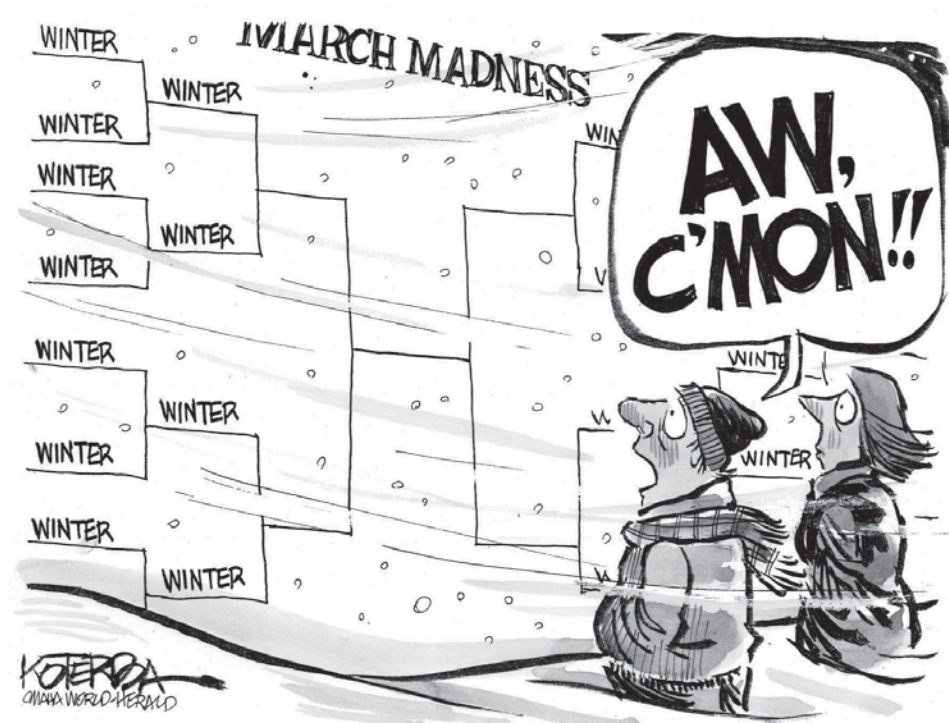
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Rally Caps, Rain Delays, and Racing Sausages

Thursday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Debut author Eric Kabakoff chronicles his quest to visit every major league baseball stadium and offers a look at each team's relationship with their fans. Rally Caps, Rain Delays, and Racing Sausages was named one of the best indie books of 2013. Books will be available for signing.



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Case Memorial Library

Oscar Film

12 Years a Slave

Monday, March 31, 7 p.m. • Wednesday, April 2, 1 p.m. with subtitles

In the antebellum United States, Solomon Northrup, a free black man from upstate New York, is abducted and sold into slavery.

Winner: Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress, Writing (Adapted Screenplay). R. 134 minutes. Registration is highly recommended.

Gravity

Monday, April 7, 7 p.m. • Wednesday, April 9, 1 p.m. with subtitles

A medical engineer and an astronaut work together to survive after an accident leaves them adrift in space.

Winner: Cinematography, Directing, Film Editing, Music (Original Score), Sound Editing, Sound Mixing, Visual Effects. PG-13. 91 minutes. Registration is highly recommended.

American Hustle

Monday, April 21, 7 p.m. • Wednesday, April 23, 1 p.m. with subtitles

A con man, Irving Rosenfeld, along with his seductive partner Sydney Prosser, is forced to work for a wild FBI agent, Richie DiMaso, who pushes them into a world of Jersey powerbrokers and mafia.

Nominated for 10 Oscars including Best Picture. PG-13. 91 minutes. Registration is highly recommended.

The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of *The Dinner* by Herman Koch. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.

Art in the Library

March 3-28: Oils by William Meddick.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library offers The Lucy Scillia Scholarship each Spring to an Orange resident graduating from secondary school who is planning to pursue Library Science, English or Education in college.

The \$1000 Scholarship was established in the memory of long time Friends and Library Commission member Lucy Scillia, a retired school librarian who volunteered in many capacities in the Town of Orange. She read to children, volunteered in school libraries and was a life-long promoter of reading for pleasure and information.

Scholarship Applications are available at Amity Senior High School, the Case Memorial Library, and on-line at the Case Memorial website (www.orange.lioninc.org/ - go to Friends of the Library). Students who live in Orange and are attending secondary schools other than Amity are also eligible. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1st.

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SAFETY TIPS TO PREVENT CARBON MONOXIDE EMERGENCIES

The Orange Fire Marshal's Office, in cooperation with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), urges the community to be aware of the important facts and safety issues regarding carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious threat. We offer the following information to educate the public on the dangers of carbon monoxide in order to reduce the health risk as well as to save lives.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless, tasteless, toxic gas that is a product of combustion. The CO produced while using fuel-fired equipment is usually not harmful. However, increased carbon monoxide levels in homes are caused by faulty heating equipment, poor maintenance of exhaust systems, or something as simple as allowing a vehicle to warm up in an attached garage during cold winter days. Follow these preventative measures to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. At the beginning of every heating season, be sure to have fuel burning equipment such as oil or gas fired furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves inspected by certified technicians. Be sure appliances such as water heaters, oven ranges, and clothes dryers are working properly. Check flues and chimneys for any buildup of creosote or blockage of the chimney. Maintain all fuel-fired equipment as described by the manufacturer's specifications. NEVER leave a car running in an attached garage. The vapors from the vehicle's exhaust could increase the level of carbon monoxide in a home in a matter of minutes! NEVER use a gas stove to heat a home in the event of a power failure or heating equipment failure. NEVER use charcoal or propane grills indoors. Not only does this pose an extreme carbon monoxide hazard, it is also a severe fire hazard as well. Think safety first when considering the use of alternative heating, such as space heaters. The space heater should be placed at a minimum of three feet from any combustible object. Make sure that all fuel-fired space heaters are equipped with oxygen depletion sensors. Do not use gasoline-powered equipment in enclosed areas of the home. Such engines create a mass amount of carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is harmful when breathed because it attaches to hemoglobin, the part of the blood that carries oxygen to the brain, heart, and other vital organs. CO displaces the oxygen, thus depriving the body of this much needed element. Without warning, large

amounts of CO can overcome a person in minutes, causing loss of consciousness and suffocation. Because carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas, it is not always immediately evident when there is a problem. All too often, people who have mild or moderate problems with carbon monoxide find that they feel sick while they spend time at home, but when going outside begin to feel much better. Then, shortly after returning home, the symptoms reoccur. People who are most susceptible to the effects of carbon monoxide are infants, the elderly, those who suffer from respiratory or heart disease or are anemic and women who are pregnant. However, no one is immune to the effects of carbon monoxide. Some symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, nausea, vomiting, pain, chronic fatigue, dizziness, numbness, tingling, vertigo, verbal and/or visual deficits, irritability, anxiety, temper, blurred and double vision, buzzing in the ears, decreased coordination, speaking, eating, and swallowing disorders, seizures, inability to speak, balance problems and tremors.

Should you suspect that there may be an increased level of carbon monoxide in your home, or you have installed the recommended carbon monoxide alarms in your residence and the alarm sounds, follow these simple steps to help resolve the problem. First and foremost, leave the building! CALL 9-1-1. This important step will allow trained first responders to investigate the possible presence of carbon monoxide. DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THIS EMERGENCY NUMBER! Get any suspected victim into fresh air immediately. If you cannot get the victim out of the house, open all of the windows and doors to allow fresh air into the home. Be sure to turn off any fuel-fired appliances. Those persons who have been exposed to elevated levels of carbon monoxide should be taken to the closest hospital as soon as possible. A simple blood test will determine the amount of carbon monoxide in the bloodstream.

The Orange Fire Marshal's Office Community Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Program will provide and install alarms free of charge to Orange residents. If you have any questions regarding fire safety or wish to have smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide alarms provided and/or installed in your home, please contact The Orange Fire Marshal's Office at 355 Boston Post Road, at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM., or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Parenting Program Offered

Bullying at High Plains Community Center Cafeteria March 25th - Orange Youth Services and The Anti-Defamation League - A World of Difference Institute are offering a Parenting session on Bullying at the High Plains Community Center on Tuesday, March 25th, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Center's Cafeteria. As part of an E-Parenting series funding provided by SDE Enhancement

Grant, the program is entitled "What Do We Want for Our Children - What Parents Need to Know About Bullying-Strategies". The program will cover both elementary and middle levels. There will also be a parent question and answer session to allow for personal strategies. The program will be filmed by OGAT. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Youth Services Job Bank Can Assist Area Residents Job Needs

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help,

attics/basements, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, clerical assistance and more. For further information, call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PROGRAM

The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 25, 2014. Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer. Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center Field. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand with services following at the Orange Center Cemetery.



Orange Town Hall

The Parade Committee encourages those with antique cars, horses and carriages and any groups wishing to participate to contact Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall at 203-891-4738 or Kevin Gilbert at 203-795-2417 or 203-795-4647. Applications for participation in the parade are available in the Orange Town Hall - First Selectman's Office or on the town's website at www.orange-ct.gov. The Committee anticipates many marching bands and floats.

The Committee invites the public to join in honoring our nation's veterans. In the event of rain, exercises will be held in the high plains community center auditorium.

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NETWORK OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Network of Executive Women will award local women with scholarships at a luncheon on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Aldario's Restaurant in Milford. The Network's scholarships are offered to women who demonstrate financial need and are returning, continuing or commencing undergraduate schooling or other types of training to further their educational goals and/or enhance their job skills. All recipients manage part or full-time school schedules and employment along with immediate and extended family responsibilities.

The Network of Executive Women has been raising money and distributing scholarships to women for over twenty five years. Scholarship monies for this year were raised at the annual fund-raiser, "My Big Fat Greek Girls Night Out", held October 17, 2013 at Saint Barbara Social Hall in Orange. "As a group of business women, we're very pleased to support these ambitious, deserving women and live up to our organization's motto "Women Helping Women", says Girls Night Out Chairwoman, Carole Norman.

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"Our heroes are our volunteers and blood donors generously give their time to help save lives," said Steve Mavica, Communications Manager for the Connecticut Blood Services Region. "During Red Cross Month, we thank them and encourage everyone to discover their inner hero by giving time to help people in our community."

The Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, 06477 will be holding a blood donation on March 26, 11:00 am - 4:30 pm.

How to donate blood: Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Did You Know? Facts About the Medicaid Look-Back Period

What is the Medicaid “look-back” period? The look-back period is the five year period that starts on the date the Medicaid applicant files an application for long term care assistance (either home based or in a skilled nursing facility) and retroactively covers the five years immediately prior to that application date.

Why is the look-back period important? Medicaid is administered in Connecticut by the Department of Social Services (“DSS”). Federal law requires DSS to determine if any “gifts” were made by the applicant or his/her spouse during the look-back period. “Gifts” include transfers of assets for less than full consideration.

How does DSS review asset transactions during the look-back period? In order to determine if any gifts were made during the look-back period, federal law authorizes DSS to review five years of bank and financial statements for all accounts owned by the applicant and/or the applicant’s spouse, even if the accounts now are closed. Because this is so daunting, DSS has adopted an abbreviated type of review. DSS requires statements for only two years prior to the date of application, as well as statements for December of the remaining three prior years.

What if there was a gift during the look-back period? Any gift made by the applicant or the applicant’s spouse during the look back period may result in the imposition of a “penalty period”. Notwithstanding that general caution, however, there are many circumstances in which a gift during the look back period will not create a penalty. We will explain the “penalty period” in detail in our April 2014 article.

Here are two examples:

Example 1: John made a gift of \$14,000.00 to each of his three children on December 15, 2011 (total gift of \$42,000.00). John applies for Medicaid on December 15, 2014. The three gifts of \$14,000.00 must be reported on the Medicaid application.

Example 2: John made a gift of \$14,000.00 to each of his three children on December 15, 2009. John applies for Medicaid on December 16, 2014. The three gifts for \$14,000.00 need not be reported on the Medicaid application.

Moral of the story? Timing is everything, and strategizing is crucial. If you are interested in learning more about how the look-back period could affect you and your family please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.

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FROM YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE

By Paul Davis



EDUCATION: COMMON CORE DEBATE CONTINUES

Over the past few years, there has been a major effort to reform what many have described as a failure of public education to prepare our young people for the future. Every aspect of education has come under close scrutiny, from standards to teacher job performance. The legislature's Education Committee, on which I serve, therefore, has made an attempt to address issues related to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and teacher evaluation. The Chairs organized a forum presented by professionals to clarify misinformation in the public domain concerning the Common Core and on March 12 held a public hearing on two bills intended to stop the Common Core. HB5078 and HB5331 were introduced and sponsored by members of the Republican Caucus. They would have placed a moratorium on implementation of the Common Core and prevented state funds from being used for Common Core and evaluation related development.

The public hearing was well attended with over one hundred and forty signing up to give testimony. While there were some who supported the bills most were opposed to stopping the implementation of these new higher standards. In fact every major stakeholder including the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, the teacher unions, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, and administrators opposed the passage of these two bills. What did come out during the testimony was that there has been a wide range of difference in how local districts were designing and implementing curricula addressing the Common Core Standards.

In Connecticut, I believe, we have tried to do too much too quickly. The Standards themselves are new higher benchmark guidelines for where stu-

dents should be in English Language Arts and Mathematics at grade levels K-12. They are challenging, but may, in places, be in need of revision. Development was initiated by the National Governor's Association to provide universal standards in preparing students for college or a career. The problems, as I see them, are that while the standards have been adapted, teachers have not been adequately prepared since appropriate curriculum development has not taken place. In addition, the validity and reliability of newly developed tests to measure benchmark achievements have not been confirmed, yet there has been a push to partially judge teacher performance based on test results. All of this has made educators skeptical about the whole process including the Common Core. In general, my concerns are related to poor implementation, curriculum development, testing, and teacher support and evaluation rather than the Standards themselves. Recently, the Department of Education has delayed parts of the program, separated evaluation from test results, and given local districts greater flexibility. The Governor has commissioned a new task force made up primarily of teachers and some parents to review all of these problems and make recommendations for positive change. I have personally spoken to Education Commissioner Pryor and his staff who indicated that they are looking for feedback and ready to address any problems. I will continue to work to correct issues of concern so that we may better educate our young people to meet the challenges of the future. Please feel free to contact me about any issue by email at paul.davis@cga.ct.gov or by phone at 860-240-8532, or 203-799-7285.

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SENIOR NEWS

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Detecting Depression With Computer Tablet

The day might come when you show up at your doctor's office for an appointment, hand over your ID card -- and you're handed back an iPad tablet or similar electronic device. You'll be asked to answer questions on the screen.

Researchers at King's College London teaching hospital in the U.K. used these devices in their study into whether patients with physical illnesses also had depression. They determined that as many as 30 percent of those with long-term conditions had some type of mental-health concerns as well.

The electronic gadgets were a frontline means of screening. The results were instantaneous, and it meant better recognition of patient concerns, as well as actions being taken to address those concerns once the patient got in to see the doctor.

In the study, the sets of questions on the device could be geared to the patient's medical condition, such as heart disease or chronic pain, and covered areas such as adherence to treatment plans, alcohol use and quality of life, as well as depression.

The results varied, depending on the illness, but the questions gave doctors information that might not come out in a short office visit. The information could be compared from one visit to the next.

The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) also was used in an Australian study, but with a different slant: This research focused on whether doctors in different countries were good at spotting depression. Italy and the Netherlands had good scores; the U.S. and Australia did not.

So if you're handed an electronic device and asked to put in your answers, do it. It might reveal some information that your doctor isn't likely to spot on his own.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

Prescription Drugs by Mail From the VA

You can get your prescription drugs from the Department of Veterans Affairs by mail. That's good ... and bad.

The good news: A recent study by J.D. Powers gives the VA outpatient pharmacy the highest score for customer satisfaction. The VA scored 871 out of 1,000 points for pricing, order process and customer service. The VA also made the top scores in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Clearly, getting your medications from the VA's mail-order services can be a positive experience.

But not always.

The bad news: Your order isn't as secure as stepping down the street to your local pharmacy or picking up your drugs right at the VA.

A UPS driver in Maine is going to jail for taking oxycodone drugs sent from the VA's mail order program.

A fast search of Google found far too many cases of veterans' mailed drugs being stolen around the country. In one case, a postal worker was both stealing and selling the drugs on the mail route. In Chattanooga, Tenn., a postal worker who also is a veteran on medication said his drugs, sent monthly, had been disappearing right out of the post office where he works. In Indianapolis, a postal worker was nabbed for taking drugs out of 17 packages in the VA mail-order program. In another case, a 24-year employee of the post office stole more than 2,000 pills destined for veterans.


The Maine UPS driver was caught, literally, blue-handed. Authorities had put a blue dye pack in the package, which exploded in his face when he opened it. He was taking the drugs when agents came through the door.

If you get your medications by mail, you can now track them. Go online to My-HealthVet web portal.

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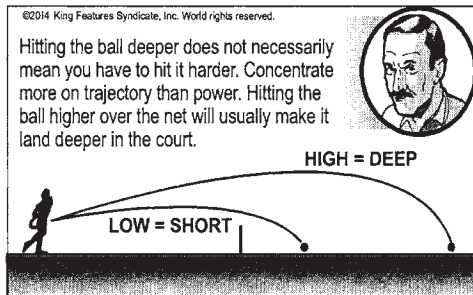
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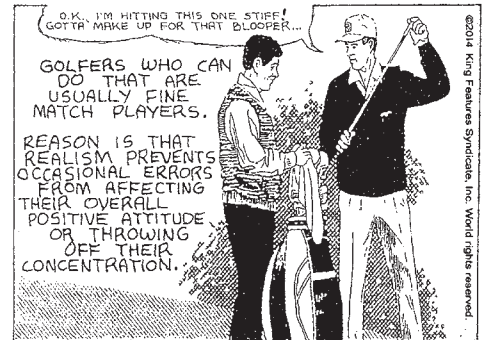
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Peck Place Principal Eric Carbone, poster winner Jeffrey Hutchinson, and Fire Inspector Mike Knight



Fire Inspector Michael Knight, poster winner Zaruf Mujawar and Race Brook Principal Mike Gray.

FIRE MARSHAL ANNOUNCES POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Every year, the Town of Orange Fire Marshal's Office invites all fourth and fifth grade students to take part in the Connecticut Fair Plan's Fire Prevention Poster Contest. The three elementary schools graciously provide the staff from the Fire Marshal's Office with time in their curriculum to speak to the students about the contest and to stress the importance of fire prevention.

The poster contest begins the first week of October of each year. Students have until December to complete their own artwork and turn it into the Fire Marshal's Office. The rules are simple. The poster must be original work of the student and cannot contain any copyrighted images or sayings. It must be neat and reproducible. Lastly, the poster must have the words "Fire Prevention - Everyone/Everyday" somewhere in the picture. One fourth-grade student's poster and one fifth-grade student's poster is chosen to be submitted to the New Haven County level contest. If chosen as a winner for the County, that entry continues to the State contest where the artwork could become the State of Connecticut fire prevention poster for the following year!

This year, Inspector Michael Knight visited Race Brook School, Peck Place School, and Turkey Hill School in October to review the rules and to offer assistance to the students, if needed. From these visits, almost two-hundred (200) original posters were submitted. In early December, a panel of judges selected posters created by Zaruf Mujawar and Jeffrey Hutchinson for the excellent artwork and clear fire prevention message and these posters were sent to the New Haven County contest. Their hard work was evident in the posters they turned in to be judged. Fire Marshal Timothy Smith was recently notified that Zaruf Mujawar was selected as the New Haven County winner for her grade! Her poster will now be entered to compete against the winners of the other counties throughout Connecticut. Zaruf has been invited to the County Winner's luncheon on March 27th where the state winner will be announced.

Thank you to all the students who created posters, congratulations to Jeffrey and Zaruf for their award-winning posters, and good luck to Zaruf in the State-level contest.

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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



Strike Up the Band...

It looks like the Town of Orange will once again field an elementary school marching band this year after the many years that have passed since there was a 5-school band in the late 1960s. Each of the schools worked independently under the able instruction of Kay Pollard during the wee hours before school and, after weeks of rehearsal, met as an entire group to play before the parade at the Memorial Day Services. Once the Grand Marshall stepped off, each of the schools marched separately, representing their school, wearing the school colors and carrying their school banner.

The tradition began in the early 1890s when Frank Smith and William Scobie founded the Mayflower Drum Corps. Although it doesn't appear that it was funded by the elementary school system, the participants were school age boys with familiar town names; Clarence Russell, Irving Andrew, Charles Otis, Ashley Andrew, Elbert Scobie, Arthur Treat, and others. Their instructor was Mr. Robert Saunders of Derby, a champion flute player in the State of CT, who taught the lessons in the old railroad station on Orange Center Road.

In 1893, a dance was given by the popular Avon Drum Corps of Ansonia in the opera house and according to a newspaper article of that year, "The dance was marked by the presence of the Mayflower Drum Corps of Orange". It was noted that the young boys were expert in the use of drums and surprised many older drummers in their volume and technique. The boys gave a demonstration of drumming and military calls and they were greeted by rounds of applause.

The corps marched in competitions around the area and it was in 1901 that our boys joined other drum corps groups to compete at Pleasure Beach in Bridgeport fielding 10 members in their suits of grey, trimmed in black. Although the group did not win a prize as a full corps, they did win in the category of ancient drumming, a form of drumming performed during the Revolutionary War. A contest of modern fifers was won by Mayflower instructor Robert Saunders with 2nd prize, and the contest for drumming found Mayflower member Ashley Andrew with 2nd prize for individual bass drumming.

In researching records in our Mary R. Woodruff Research Center, music has always been part of the education system. While not necessarily in marching, many notations were made of songs sung in class and the Orange School, now Mary L. Tracy, expense journal entry listed the purchase of a Victrola and that money was donated by the PTA for additional records.

The earliest of the elementary school bands that has been found was in 1963 when Race Brook School was part of the 2nd Division for the annual Memorial Day Parade. A contest was held each year, among the schools for the best recitation of

the Gettysburg Address and it was our own Pat O'Sullivan, Town Clerk, who was chosen that year. Whether the honor of the band marching in the parade went along with the winner is unknown.

A search of the Our Town newspaper collection for May 22 revealed a 1967 lineup for the Memorial Day parade with Race Brook and Turkey Hill schools in the 2nd Division and Mary L. Tracy and High Plains schools in the 3rd. First Selectman

Jim Zeoli remembers instructor Kay Pollard was diligent in marching skills and his recollection of marching back and forth on the blacktop in front of High Plains school with his trombone, has not faded over the years. He remembers that the instruments were rented from Banco's of Ansonia which avoided having parents buy an instrument that might end up in the closet.

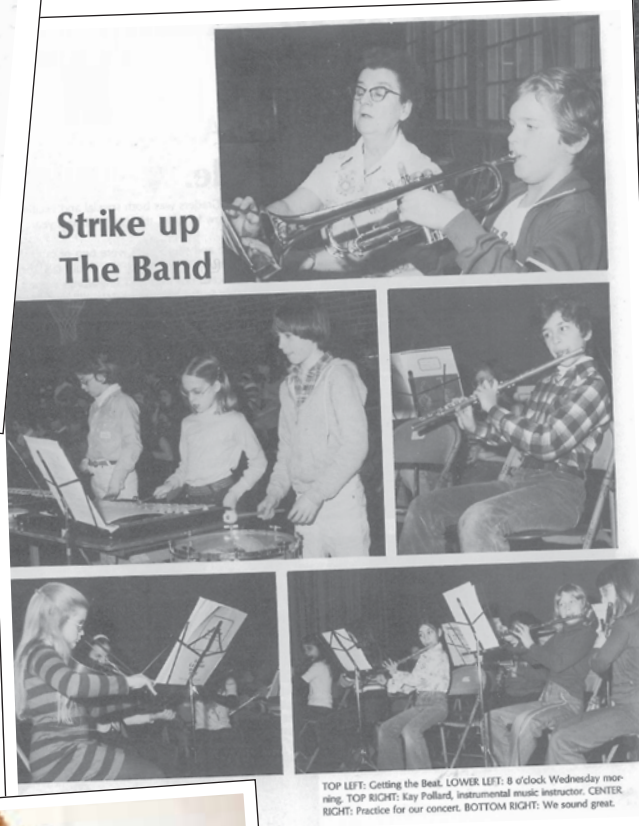
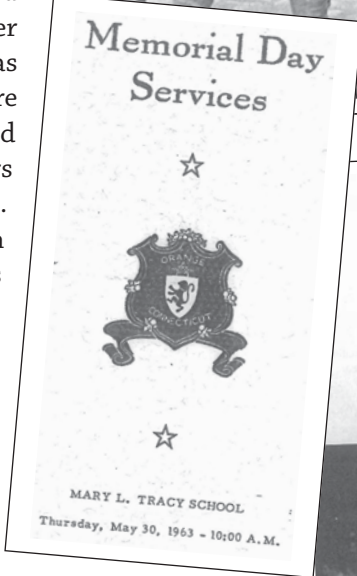
Tommy Hill not only has memories of those days, but he still has his High Plains marching band beanie and breast patch of green and gold only a little worse for wear as it no doubt got a good bit of use while he and his fellow musicians marched in the Memorial parade in 1967. Tom started out with the clarinet but later changed to the trumpet. I'm not sure his family appreciated the

change. Each school sported a beanie of the school colors with Turkey Hill being brown and orange, Race Brook blue and white. Research has not afforded us with the colors of Mary L. Tracy or Peck Place. A June issue of Our Town

reported that the bands did not march in 1968 because of inclement weather. The services were held indoors at MLT with the hope of Sunday being clear but it was not to be.

Former principal Dorothy Berger remembers finding several drums in the eaves of MLT which were added to the instrumentation at Turkey Hill at one point. She also noted that for several years, Mrs. Pollard was salaried by each school's PTA, but eventually was on the school payroll until her retirement. Those early morning and late afternoon rehearsals were necessary to avoid pulling the students out of their classes during the day which would have disrupted their learning. This writer remembers Mrs. Pollard and her enthusiasm for all of her students even when, at first, there were more "sour" notes than what was written, but it was part of the musical life of the children and in some cases, at the parades, the envy of the others.

This year's instrumental music program has seen an increase in membership from the 2011 total of 162 to 300 for this school year. Superintendent Lynn McMullen is anticipating that of the total members of the instrumental band, 130 of them will be ready to perform at this year's Memorial Day Parade. Fielding a large marching band is costly with uniforms and quality instruments not rented by the participants such as drums, cymbals and harnesses, light enough for young people to carry. Donations to help bring back the tradition of an elementary school band can be sent to the Board of Education, 637 Orange Center Road and lets all cheer when we see the newest marching band in the Town of Orange march by at this year's Memorial Day Parade.



TOP LEFT: Cutting the Beat. LOWER LEFT: 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. TOP RIGHT: Kay Pollard, instrumental music instructor. CENTER: Practice for our concert. BOTTOM RIGHT: We sound great.



OHS TO PRESENT PROGRAM ON HARRIETT BEECHER STOWE

The Orange Historical Society will hold its annual Taste of the Past event featuring Emma Palzere-Rae performing her one-woman show, "Aunt Hattie's House". Her performance will inform attendees what compelled Harriet Beecher Stowe to pen Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The Spring Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 5, from 1:00 to 3:30 pm in the Orange Congregational Church Community Room, located on Orange Center Road. A light lunch of homemade soups, breads and desserts will be served at 1:00. The performance will begin at 2:30. The event also includes a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.

Emma Palzere-Rae is the founder of Be Well Productions, which is committed to the healing power of the theater. Since 1989, Be Well has brought one-woman plays to schools, libraries, senior communities, civic organizations and professional theaters, bringing to life characters as diverse as Emily Dickinson and Gilda Radner. She has also appeared in regional, stock and Off-Broadway theater as well as in film, television and radio. The Director of Development and Communications for Safe Future (formerly the Women's Center), Palzere-Rae resides in Groton with her husband and two sons.



Harriet Beecher Stowe

Harriet Beecher Stowe (1811-1896) published more than 30 books, but it was her best-selling anti-slavery novel Uncle Tom's Cabin that made her a celebrity. Initially released in 1851 in serial format in the National Era, a weekly newspaper, it changed forever how Americans viewed slavery. The book, published in 1852, sold 10,000 copies in the United States in its first week; 300,000 in the first year and helped lay the groundwork for the Civil War.

Born in Litchfield, Connecticut, Stowe married Calvin Ellis Stowe in 1836. They had seven children together, including twin daughters. The Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Hartford (located next door to the house of fellow author Mark Twain) is where Stowe lived for the last 23 years of her life.

The Orange Historical Society appreciates the support of its members, residents and business owners in order to continue to fulfill its commitment to maintain the Academy Museum and the 1830 Stone-Otis House, both located on Orange Center Road, as well as raising funds to complete the restoration of the 1740 Bryan-Andrew House, located on Old Tavern Road. The Orange Historical Society is struggling financially to preserve Orange history for future generations and would be extremely grateful if anyone is willing to be a co-sponsor of this event. If anyone would like to volunteer to cook, bake, or serve, call Phyllis Gwatkin, chair of the event, at 203-795-4549. If you would prefer to bring an item for the silent auction, call Priscilla Searles at 203-397-1465.

Reservations can be made by sending your check for \$20, payable to OHS, and addressed to OHS, P.O. Box 784, Orange, by March 30. Price at the door will be \$25 but better make your reservations early because for the last three years the event was sold out. Make it a family affair. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy the performance.

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The Orange Historical Society antique shop is ready for spring. With a wide variety of antiques and collectibles, the visitor can find any number of gifts for the upcoming season.

Shopping during the holidays at the mall can be overwhelming. At the antique shop, 605 Orange Center Road, there are historical displays as well as items for purchase.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



CHINA PAVILION

I thought it was time to revisit one of my favorite restaurants in Orange, the ever popular China Pavilion. This award winning family owned Chinese restaurant has been going strong since 1982. The key word here is “family” as Fred, Amy, Khanh have owned China Pavilion since 1996. This is truly a special place where families can gather and enjoy a cocktail or two in China Pavilion’s full service bar and have fresh Chinese cuisine made to order. China Pavilion is one of a few award winning Chinese restaurants in Connecticut with a full bar.

I had an opportunity to reach out to Khanh to get his thoughts on their extremely successful restaurant: “We are a family owned and operated business. A large part of the workforce is directly related (aunts, uncles, nephews, cousins). We spend so much time together in this business; we eat breakfast, lunch and dinner together. This is our family, we work really hard to keep customers satisfied and we try to have as much fun as possible doing it so that our customers can feel good about bringing their family to our restaurant; because we know how important it is to have the people you love all sitting down at a single table, eating, talking, most importantly...being a family. Food unites people and it’s a beautiful phenomenon. My mother in law (Amy), yes; she is the one with an impeccable memory and seems to know everyone’s name. It’s a pleasure doing business with people you feel comfortable with, what’s more comforting than walking into a place and having people recognize you by name... or maybe by your order? I was in the banking industry and learned a long time ago that knowing someone’s name is the ultimate form of respect and admiration. What makes our food different? “The Process” - We’ve endured while many have come and gone. The focus on what we are putting on the plate I think plays a large role in our restaurant’s success. This is why we focus so much of our efforts in the process by which the food is prepared and the ingredients used in the process. What I mean by the process: It’s the traditional Taiwanese way of cooking. Making sure the woks are to temperature, that the ingredients are as fresh as can be, sauces are made when you order that dish (i.e., they don’t make a large batch of general tso’s sauce and then just fry chicken and add the premade sauce in). This process is a positive in that it gives our dishes a distinguishable flavor because vegetables and meats are seared at the proper temperature and sauces are made in small individually sized batches. The negative is that as with ANY process, it simply takes time.”

*About the Chef: “My father in law (Ding Lin – Master Chef) simply doesn’t deviate from the formula that has endured all this time. He believes that the best dishes start with the freshest ingredients. This freshness not only tastes better but it’s simply better for you (nutritionally speaking, food loses nutrients as it ages past its prime). We also use prime cuts of beef (which is why our beef is always very tender, never fatty), white meat chicken is used in a majority of our dishes (yes even general Tso’s chicken – which is commonly made with lower cost dark meat chicken because it can be hidden by the batter). We can alter most dishes to meet special dietary like gluten free or steamed options.”

*Challenges: “One of the biggest challenges we face in this industry is that for every full service, dine in Chinese restaurant there are 40 “fast food” Chinese restaurants. Why is this a challenge? It’s not that they are competition; its that they set an unrealistic expectation that ALL Chinese food can be prepared in 10-15 minutes...yes even on a weekend we still have customers ask us if their order will be ready in 10-15 minutes? THIS is the problem I alluded to earlier. Remember “the Process”? The same one that we built our business on is also the same one that people complain about the most. We just wish people would understand that our food takes time, the process needs to take place or else what we serve you won’t be fitting of the multiple awards we’ve won, and it certainly wouldn’t be to our standards. So we won’t deviate from our process.”

Thank you so much Khanh for sharing your special insight with our readers! You couldn’t ask for a more hardworking, dedicated family, always warmly greeting the customers, remembering everyone’s name (I don’t know how they do it). The restaurant is immaculately kept & the efficient wait staff are always smiling and tending to your every need. China Pavilion’s top-notch service & food at reasonable prices along with their “exotic island drinks” always make the dining experience a pleasure. The menu has so much to offer, it would take pages to list everything. Visit its website to view the menu. Many regular customers say the China Pavilion cuisine is the closest to Chinatown you will ever get. I just know everything is scrumptious and definitely one of my all time favorite restaurants for lunch & dinner. They also offer lunch specials available 11am-3pm- 7 days a week. China Pavilion is open 365 days a year including all major holidays!!

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MEMBERS' GARDENS FEATURED IN "ALONG THE GARDEN PATH"

Judy Condon's new book "Along the Garden Path" will feature 5 Orange residents' gardens and 3 of them are members of the Orange Garden Club. They are: The Bospuda Gardens of Walt and Maryellen Bospuda; The DeFillippo Gardens of Gary and Diana DeFillippo; and The Boutwell/Peterson Gardens of Aldora Boutwell.

The book is filled with ideas for gardeners with pages of colorful photographs. Judy's books have become collector's items, and everyone is collecting the entire series! In March, this fourth garden book "Along the Garden Path" will be available. Interested to learn more, please call Pat Dray at 203-877-7092. Garden Club of Orange is a member of National Garden Clubs, New England Regional and Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.



Sandy Horling and Diane Geary with "Humming Along with the Bees" exhibit

GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE RECEIVED AWARDS

The highlight in February is the annual Federated Flower Show at Hartford, Connecticut. The Garden Club of Orange received the CT Silver and Blue Special Exhibit Award from the Federated Garden Club of Connecticut and the 2nd place Education Exhibit Award (90+ points) from the National Garden Club. "Humming Along with the Bees" is an education exhibit focused on heightening public awareness of the unfolding crisis facing bumble bee and honey pollinators. Garden Club of Orange members Sandra Horling and Diane Geary created the exhibit explaining the bee pollinator issue, its impact and what actions individuals can take.

Bumble and Honey bees are being killed in large numbers with several bumble bee species already endangered due to the use of insecticides and destruction of habitat. This pollinator reduction has a direct impact on fruit and vegetable production along with the beautiful flowers. People can make a difference by planting a diversity of native bumble bee friendly plants, avoid insecticides & herbicides, and preserve un-mowed & bushy areas. Handouts listing bee friendly northeastern flowers, plants, trees, and shrubs were available. A real bee box including guidelines for construction plus bee related products were on display. There was a beautiful continually running video of the pollination life cycle. The exhibit also included several news articles on the economic significance of bees in industries such as bees in the almond business and bees in the beauty business.

Also, Pat Dray received a 3rd place in design section - A Parallel Design. And Diana DeFillippo received a 3rd place in artistic crafts section - Monarch Madness - jewelry created from natural plant material. Congratulations to all!

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GLOW BALL GOLF WITH THE LIONS CLUB

Have you ever thought of playing golf after dark? It's not only possible, it's fun, it's going to happen here soon, and you can be part of it. That's the newest charity fundraiser sponsored by the Orange Lions Charities on Friday, June 6, 2014 beginning at 8:00 PM. The way it works is "glow balls" are used. These are golf balls with an internal lighting element (supplied), and the golf course is marked with glow sticks at the tees and greens, hazards and at the sides of the fairways. The event kicks off with a buffet at Orange Ale House at 6:00 PM. The golf tournament will be held at the Orchards Golf Course, at 137 Koslowski Road (corner of North Street) in Milford with a "shotgun" start on all holes beginning at 8:15 PM.



This new and unusual charity fundraiser will feature not only golf after dark, but also prizes, refreshments, promotional gifts, and other fun surprises. At the end of the golf game (approximately 11 PM) an awards ceremony will be held at the Orange Ale House. Participation is limited to the first 72 golfers, with an entry fee of \$100. Tickets may be purchased from any Orange Lions Club member, or by calling Lion Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906.

The proceeds raised from this glow ball tournament will be donated to fund the many charities and service projects that the Lions Club conducts each year. They include support for Fidelco Guide Dogs for the Blind, Wounded Warriors Project, American Diabetes Association, Lions Clubs International Foundation, scholarships for Amity High School graduates, Lions Low Vision Centers, CT Lions Eye Research Foundation, and Conn. Radio Information Service for the blind, to name but a few. Local service projects include an annual Thanksgiving Gathering for all in need, annual Community Grants program, an Easter Egg Hunt for our children, senior pizza party, and many more events.

The Orange Lions Club is one of over 44,000 local clubs in the largest service organization worldwide. Our motto is "We Serve". Membership is available to any adult who wants to be involved in community and worldwide service. Those interested in joining may contact membership chair Laurie Bouve at 203 676-0179 for more information.

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ORANGE MASONS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Orange Masons, in association with Ansantawae Masonic Lodge #89, are offering two "Medical Scholarships" for \$1,000 each to a college student studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.75 are encouraged to apply for this scholarship. Candidates must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, or grandson of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89 or a resident of the town of Orange.

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Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and social interests within their chosen field, along with a current school transcript to: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mr. Elmer F. Manley, Chairman, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2014. For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbyPolly@yahoo.com: Subject: Scholarship.

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AMITY STUDENT WINS AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

Eeman Abasi, an Orange resident and a senior at Amity Regional High School, received a thousand dollar scholarship from the Connecticut Department of the American Legion for her oration on the importance of the U.S. Constitution. Miss Abbasi competed against winners from the other six American Legion Districts in the State. To compete in the State contest she won the American Legion Post 127, Orange, contest and the American Legion District 2 contest.

Her oration consisted of a prepared ten minute speech and a five minute extemporaneous speech on the 21st Amendment. The state competition was held at Goodwin College in East Hartford where her knowledge, poise and confidence impressed the panel of judges and the large audience.



Karen Woodward (center Right) helping members Gail Nixon, Nancy Mellone and Nancy Becque



Jeff Woodward of Woodward Nurseries demonstrates Hyper Tufa containers

HAVE FUN WITH GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE

Members of Garden Club of Orange were treated to a demonstration by Karen and Jeff Woodward at the March meeting. Each member made a hyper tufa container; which they took home! It is a fun program.

Interested to learn more about Garden Club of Orange? Please call Pat Dray at 203-877-7092. Garden Club of Orange is a member of National Garden Clubs, New England Regional and Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut.

ORANGE LIONS CLUB 52ND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Orange Lions Club is sponsoring its 52nd annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th, at the High Plains Community Center in Orange. In case of inclement weather, a "rain or snow date" has been set for Saturday, April 19th (same time and place). The Easter Bunny will arrive at 12:30 PM, one half-hour before the start of the Easter Egg Hunt itself. There will be face painting for the children and hot coffee for the adults.

The Easter Egg Hunt is divided into (4) four age groups. The (4) four age groups are: (1) Pre School through Kindergarten; (2) First Grade & Second Grade; (3) Third Grade & Fourth Grade; (4) Fifth Grade & Sixth Grade. An assortment of chocolate eggs will be distributed during the hunt. Prizes will be awarded to children in all age categories for finding specially marked eggs.



An adult should accompany all participating children. Each child should have a bag or basket to collect their eggs. Parents may wish to bring a camera for a picture of their child with the Easter Bunny. Please note that parking for this event should be on paved parking areas only.

Lion Nick Bencivengo is the Chairman of this year's event. Anyone who wishes to make a donation is asked to contact Nick at 203-901-9062. All donors will be acknowledged for their generosity at the Easter Egg Hunt.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is but one of many community events and activities sponsored by the Orange Lions Club each year. Among the other annual events are: the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Senior's pizza party, and a wine tasting fundraiser in January. In addition, the Orange Lions make contributions to many community organizations; and for years, the Lions have run a Community Grants Program for local groups who are seeking funds for a special reason.

The Orange Lions Club co-sponsors (with the Milford Lions Club) the Foundation High School Leo Club (Lions youth group) for special needs youths, the only club of its kind in North America. The Lions provide needed funds each year to support eye research, training of Fidelco guide dogs for the blind, to Lions low vision centers which provide vision aids to the sight impaired, to the Connecticut Radio Information System, and to Camp Hemlocks for blind and sight-impaired children. The club also collects used eyeglasses for refurbishing and recycling to Third World countries, helping to restore the gift of sight to thousands of people all over the world.



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L-R: State Rep. Paul Davis, State Rep. Tony Hwang, George Chatzopoulos, State Rep. Themis Klarides

LEGISLATORS HONOR CHIP'S RESTAURANT AT STATE CAPITOL

Hartford-State Reps. Themis Klarides (R- 114th), Paul Davis (D-117th) and Tony Hwang (R-134) honored Chip's Family Restaurant co-owner Georgie Chatzopoulos at the State Capitol last month. Chip's Family Restaurant has a location in Orange on 321 Boston Post Road.

As co-owner of Chip's Georgie Chatzopoulos and Dina Bajko were recognized on the floor of the State House of Representatives and received an official state citation. Chips Restaurant in Orange has been a landmark for many years, known for its perfect pancakes, and being voted 'best pancakes' in Connecticut three years in a row, the restaurant has grown over the years, meeting the needs of its large clientele. George Chatzopoulos immigrated to the United States from Greece in 1987 and has worked in the restaurant business ever since.

"Chip's is an iconic destination within the community, drawing thousands of visitors to Orange with its famously delicious food and family-friendly environment," Rep. Klarides said. "Small business owners like Georgie work tirelessly to please their customers while helping to drive our local economy, and I applaud his success and contribution to the town."

"I have had the pleasure of knowing George since he began operating Chips Family Restaurant. He believes in the importance of making his business a part of the community. Over the years Chips has supported, sponsored, and participated in countless charitable events and provided job opportunities for numerous local citizens. In return, Orange has made Chips the number one destination for family dining. We congratulate George and Dina for their outstanding accomplishments and wish them the best in the future", said State Rep. Paul Davis.

State Rep. Tony Hwang applauded Chip's commitment to the community and said, "As a fellow immigrant, we both love this country and are grateful for the opportunity to live the American dream," Hwang said. "Working hard to succeed and maintain a commitment to this community is an unfailing value that we mutually share. Georgie's focus has always been to give back to the community that has made his restaurants successful."

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Patricia Richardson

Q: Can you tell me what **Patricia Richardson** has been up to lately? I loved her on **"Home Improvement"** and **"The West Wing,"** but I haven't seen her in anything lately. -- Joy T., via email

A: Everyone's favorite TV mom, Patricia has been easing back into acting now that her children are off to college. I spoke with her recently to discuss a cause that is close to her heart: bringing awareness to rare diseases. In 2005, Patricia lost her father to progressive supranuclear palsy, a neurodegenerative brain disease that has no known cause, treatment or cure. Now she is doing all she can to raise awareness of the disease and money toward finding the cure, partnering with the National Organization of Rare Disorders. (Go to psp.org for more info.)

In regard to acting, Patricia is ready to jump back in with both feet. She told me: "I've started doing theater again. I've done three Hallmark movies in the last year, and that's been good for me, to have the chance to get in front of a camera and feel comfortable again. I'm coming around to where I'm starting to feel like, 'Oh yeah, now I remember why I liked this.' My kids are doing really well, so I feel good about [my choice to step back from acting]. I'm very lucky, and I've been really blessed."

Q: I read that **Amy Poehler** is going to be in another NBC comedy. If that's true, what will happen with **"Parks and Rec"**? -- George D., Harrisburg, Pa.

A: Don't worry: Amy isn't leaving "Parks and Rec." She'll be producing a yet-untitled comedy for the Peacock Network that will star **Natasha Lyonne** (**"Orange Is the New Black"**) and will

center on Natasha's character, who works as an aide to a group of senior citizens while she tries to find herself.

Q: I read some time ago that **Morgan Freeman** had divorced his wife in order to marry his step-granddaughter. Is this true? -- Pauline L., via email

A: This was just another horrible Hollywood rumor, which as a rule I stay away from, but this rumor is one that needs to be cleared up. The answer is a resounding no, with Morgan releasing this statement: "The recent reports of any pending marriage or romantic relationship of me to anyone are defamatory fabrications from the tabloid media designed to sell papers."

Q: Will **"Dracula"** be back for a second season? -- Richard R., via email

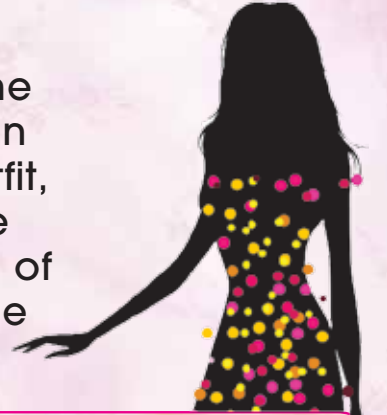
A: As of this writing, NBC has not announced a renewal decision. If the show does get renewed, then I will start watching it. I've been disappointed so often in the past, where I get involved with a show only for it to be canceled -- **"FlashForward," "The Gates," "GCB"** -- that I am now more cautious about committing to a new series.

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ALLERGY SEASON IS ON THE HORIZON... WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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- Divide and store. Supermarkets are increasingly offering larger packages of food products as well as “family size” offerings to compete with warehouse clubs. Buying in bulk can help individuals save money, but it may not always be practical for people living alone or with just a spouse. If you must buy in bulk, invest in a food vacuum sealer or freezer storage bags. Immediately separate meats and poultry into smaller portions before storing them in the freezer. Otherwise, look for bulk items that are individually wrapped to maintain freshness. Many canned and jarred items can be covered and stored in the refrigerator after containers are opened.
- Plan meals with similar ingredients. To reduce food waste, use leftovers to create casseroles or mix them in with new meals. Broiled or grilled chicken can be used to make soups, stir-fry dishes, fajitas, and sandwiches. The fewer ingredients you have to buy, the smaller the risk of spoilage.
- Cut recipes in half. Recipes can be cut down depending on how many mouths need to be fed. When baking, cutting back on proportions of ingredients can be challenging. Search online for recipe-scaling programs that can make the work easier.
- Cook on the weekend. Use a weekend day to prepare food and package it into small containers in the refrigerator or freezer. Then the containers can be taken out as needed and heated quickly in the microwave for fast meals.
- Organize a meal-sharing club. Get together with a few friends who also have empty nests and split cooking duties. If you’re accustomed to cooking larger portion sizes, do so and then spread the wealth with others in the group. Then sit back and relax when it is your opportunity to have meals delivered to you.

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REP. KLARIDES SPEAKS AT ANNUAL STATEWIDE WOMEN'S EVENT

State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) spoke to more than 150 women and elected leaders at "Women's Day at the Capitol," hosted annually by the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW). The day-long forum aims to bring women's issues to the forefront as groups from across the state talk with legislators about policy impacting women and families. Rep. Klarides, who is the highest ranking female Republican in the House of Representatives, told the group she is hopeful we will continue to create opportunities for underrepresented groups while striving toward a society that recognizes achievement irrespective of gender.

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TEAM wants the community to know that first time/new appointments are still available for Home Heating assistance until May 1, 2014. While oil delivery ends on March 17, bill payment remains available for those families who need assistance and have not obtained heating assistance this year.

However, TEAM is concerned about some area households – those with the least disposable income, particularly the unemployed. The winters’ below zero temperatures, along with early ice and snow storms, has resulted in households stretching their incomes to fund rising home heating expenses (to cover the higher cost of needed heating oil). TEAM has used both Federal and State resources for these families’ heating assistance. The average benefit this season is about \$717, essentially one tank of oil. At this point, many have exhausted their annual benefit for assistance, and we are worried they are at risk and possibly could be forced to relocate. Once the energy assistance dollars are used, families must choose between heating their home and putting food on the table. These families may be “out in the cold”, when their grants are gone and there is no additional money to provide another winter fuel delivery.

A donation to TEAM’s Warm Hearts Fund can help these vulnerable families remain warm and secure during March. You can make your donation online at TEAM’s website www.teaminc.org by clicking on the “donate now” button.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CEDARCREST CAMP CLEAN-UP DAY

This is our single biggest volunteer event of the year and helps get the camp ready for the various groups who utilize the property throughout the season, many of which are comprised of underprivileged and needy individuals. Breakfast and lunch provided courtesy of Subway. Even if you are limited in your physical abilities or skills, please consider joining us to be part of a great day of community and friendship. We have many tasks to accomplish and some do not require physical labor, including help with registration and organization throughout the day.

Last year we had a record 232 volunteers who logged 1,080 hours of work in just one day. Our goal is to meet or exceed these numbers this year!!! Contact Camp Cedarcrest at 203-799-2150 or visit our website at www.CAMPINGCT.org for more information.



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New Bible Study, Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. (starts March 12th) - Join us as we learn about some of the women of the Bible. No prior bible study knowledge required. Bring your Bibles. Please call the office to register. 203.795.6577.

INTERFAITH DISCUSSION AT HOLY INFANT CHURCH

On Sunday March 30, 2014 at the Church of the Holy Infant, the Orange Interfaith Community will host a unique learning experience. The topic is "End of Life Challenges in Healthcare for People of Faith". A discussion by our own Orange clergy, facilitated by Julius Landwirth, past associate director and current member of the "Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics" will be presented.



Holy Infant Church

Everyone in the Orange interfaith community is welcome to participate in the potluck dinner and program. The potluck will begin at 4:30pm followed by the program at 5:30pm. Please pre-register before March 23 with your donation to the potluck or just attending. Call Nancy at 203-795-9425.

VENDORS WANTED AT STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Vendors are wanted for the annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Orange Congregational Church to be held on June 14 (rain date - June 15) at the High Plains Fairgrounds in Orange, CT. Artists, artisans, handcrafters, antique dealers and local business owners are welcome. For more information, contact the church at 203-795-9749 or visit the church website at www.orangecongregationalchurch.org. Last year 70 vendors were at this popular event that welcomed more than 3,000 visitors to the Fairgrounds.



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Church

STAINER CHORAL MASTERWORK, MUSIC ON THE GREEN SERIES

The Orange Congregational Church will present the choral masterwork "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer as part of its "Music on the Green" concert series on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 4:00 pm. This music is loved by singers and audiences alike. The Senior Choir will be joined by members of the Greater Meriden Chorus and its director, Nancy Stewart. Professional soloists Chai-Lun Yueh, bass, will sing the role of Jesus and Brian Joy, tenor, will sing the part of the Evangelist. Shari Lucas will play the pipe organ which dramatically accompanies the singers. The audience may join in singing the hymns which elaborate the story beautifully. The Church's Music Director, Bryan Campbell, will conduct. The suggested donation is \$10. For further information, please call 203-795-9749.

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ELIZABETH GARA TO RECEIVE ST. JOSEPH MEDAL OF APPRECIATION

The St. Joseph Medal of Appreciation will be awarded to members of the Hartford Connecticut Catholic Archdiocese on 16 March, 2014 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Among those honored for their service will be Orange resident Mrs. Elizabeth Gara, Parish Administrator at Holy Infant Church. Mrs. Gara is being recognized for over 40 years of service to her Parish and Archdiocese after responding to a request for a fill-in secretary that was to last for only 2 weeks!

JCC EVENTS

All events will take place at the JCC of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge.

Beckerman Lecture Series: Russ and Daughters

Thursday, 4/3, 5:30pm, Mark Russ Federman of New York's iconic Russ and Daughters hosts a smoked fish and vodka tasting followed by a multimedia presentation of his recent book, Russ & Daughters: Reflections and Recipes from the House That Herring Built. \$25 members/\$30 nonmembers. Contact Email: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, 203-387-2JCC, dedek@jccnh.org.

Yeladim Open House

Sunday, 4/6, 12-2pm, Open House: Yeladim Early Learning Center (Ages 3 months-5 yrs). Tour the Center and meet the teachers. Ask us about the returning Kindergarten program. Free for nonmembers and members. Contact: Dir. Lynn Bullard, lynnb@jccnh.org, 203-389-7415 x278.

Matzo Factory (Ages 3-8)

Sunday, 4/6, 2-4pm, Participate in this delicious hands-on activity where the Passover story comes to life through the creation of your very own matzo! Nosh on your matzo while you enjoy a storytime and then personalize your very own Passover book! Appropriate for Ages 3-8 years old with a caregiver. \$5/child. Ages 4-8. RSVP by April 1. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

Shabbat Friends Cooking Series (Ages 3-5)

Friday, 4/11, 1-2pm, A FREE monthly program provides a child-friendly space to ring in Shabbat in a format that captivates and encourages exploration through cooking. Appropriate for Ages 3-5 years old with a caregiver. Future Dates: 5/9, 6/13. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

53rd Annual Schoolboy/ Schoolgirl All Star Classic

Sunday, 4/13, 1:30pm, The 53rd annual Schoolboy/Schoolgirl All Star Classic basketball game, which has been held at the Bridgeport JCC for the past 52 years, features two games. Twenty-four of the top senior girls basketball players in Connecticut play an East-West, all-star game at 1:30 PM. A game of twelve of Connecticut's top senior boys basketball players follows. The boy's game will play against an always competitive team from New Jersey. Players selected for the games TBA.

Over the years, many of the players have gone on to play in college and in the NBA or the WNBA. Past players include John Williamson, Wes Matthews, Marcus Camby, Jordan Williams, Joe DeSantis, B.J. Monteiro, Rita Williams, Maria Conlon, Jen Rizzotti, Heather Buck, Damika Martinez, Bria Holmes and many more.

Ticket \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and \$8 for children age eight and under. Group rates are available. Contact: Alison Lurie, alisonl@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522 x313.

Holocaust Remembrance Day / Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration

Sunday, 4/27, 4pm, Community Observance. Keynote Speaker: Anita Schorr, Holocaust Survivor. "Step in. Be a hero. When people don't do anything, when they don't step in, something like the Holocaust can happen." Schorr shares the dehumanization and torture she experienced and witnessed as a child in two concentration camps. Contact: Ruth Gross, ruthg@jccnh.org, 203-387-2522 x310, <http://www.jewishnewhaven.org/index.aspx>.

ADVANCED CLINICAL TRAINING CERTIFICATES ISSUED

At a formal ceremony for 37 dedicated health practitioners from all over the United States, Dr Mark Pomerantz and Dr Nancy Marshall were awarded their certificate of completion after 14 months of study and application in Nutrition Response Testing(sm), the fastest growing and most popular methodology for the determination of nutritional deficiencies behind so many common health problems people suffer with today.

An audience of relatives and friends witnessed the Advanced Clinical Training graduation ceremony held in Clearwater, Florida.

Dr. Mark Pomerantz and Dr. Nancy Marshall expressed their appreciation for the training received and added "We are so very pleased to have this additional important health improvement tool with which to assist our patients in their road to better health. Nutrition has become a major factor in the ability of our patients to lead a happier more productive life and the investment we have made has already provided considerable improvement to our existing patients and we know it will for those yet to come."

The highlight of the graduation included a special address by the nationally well known and revered developer of Nutrition Response Testing, Dr. Freddie Ulan. He was greeted by an enthusiastic group and in his address communicated the vital nature of the graduates purpose as practitioners in the healing profession and their responsibility to assist the greatest number of people in need.

Commenting on Dr. Ulan's challenge, Dr. Mark Pomerantz and Dr. Nancy Marshall remarked "Since returning to CT, we have re-dedicated our efforts to helping the greatest number of patients in our community who are in need of improvement in their health. We have already seen very positive changes in our patients on a daily basis. Nutrition Response Testing is very accurate in determining nutritional deficiencies and the natural supplements used to restore the missing nutrients are actually made of "whole food" not chemicals. It is quite impressive, they concluded.

Citing one particular case, Dr. Pomerantz and Dr. Marshall shared, "add in patient win here in your own words and then a short quote from the patient, using just initials in name.

For more information, contact Dr. Mark Pomerantz and Dr. Nancy Marshall at 203-874-2224

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The type of car a person drives may offer hints about his or her personality.

YOUR VEHICLE MAY OFFER INSIGHT ON YOUR PERSONALITY

Though books should never be judged by their covers, very often individuals judge others by the clothes they wear, the home they live in and even the car they drive.

It can be interesting to examine what a particular car says about the person behind the wheel. More than 200 million drivers are licensed in the United States and Canada, and these drivers choose their vehicles for a variety of reasons. Some choose vehicles because of their utility, while others select a particular car or truck because of the message it conveys. Very often drivers will idealize their vehicles, lending them human qualities or naming them as if they were a friend. Sometimes owners will seek attributes in a vehicle that mirror their own self-image.

"A car says a lot about a person," says Dr. Charles Kenny, a consumer psychologist who studies car buyers and their needs. It's a reflection of who you are."

Just think about the once-popular minivan. Minivans once conveyed the image of the ideal family vehicle driven primarily by mothers. But in recent years, minivan sales have dipped so much that certain brands no longer produce them. Many drivers no longer want to present the image that comes with driving a minivan, compelling many to opt for crossovers and SUVs instead.

Although there are some stereotypes attached to owning certain vehicles, some truths lie beyond the jokes and banter. Sports car owners can be flashy and crave attention. They may want to live on the edge with high speed or know their sleek rides will impress others on the road. High-end roadsters may make a statement about financial status as well, as such cars are often among the most expensive vehicles on the road.

Sedan owners may be especially practical people, as sedans are large enough to fit a number of passengers, but they're also affordable and tend to boast good fuel economy.

Drivers of compacts and economy cars could fall into two categories. There are those who are just starting out financially and may not be able to afford a larger vehicle, while others choose economy cars, particularly hybrids and electric sub-compacts, because such vehicles tend to be more eco-friendly.

Sport-utility vehicles premiered as vehicles designed for sporting and off-roading. Not too long ago it was rare to see too many trucks on the roadways. Now you'd be hard-pressed to find roadways that aren't flooded with SUVs. Mid-sized SUVs have become the new minivan, making SUVs some of the most popular vehicles on the roads.

Functionality is the backbone of trucks. Truck owners generally have driven pickups most of their lives and tend to live in more rural areas. Some will outfit their trucks with larger tires and lift kits, and these drivers could be looking for power and attention on the road.

Luxury vehicles from manufacturers like Lexus, Audi, Acura, BMW, and Jaguar are largely driven by white collar professionals who have the cash to afford vehicles with all the bells and whistles. Luxury cars turn heads and can be status symbols. However, some luxury cars have become more attainable for those who purchase preowned or lease, making it difficult to tell who might be behind the wheel.

It's not just the make or model of a car that can say a lot about its driver. Vehicle color also says a lot. For example, silver hints at a prestigious or elegant person. White cars are for those who like things clean and enjoy pristine surroundings. Red cars indicate flashy people who are willing to take risks, while orange cars are driven by those who are artistic and daring. Browns and beiges can indicate drivers who are down to earth and natural.

A vehicle can say many things about a driver before he or she even speaks a word.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



GIVE GEWÜRZTRAMINER A CHANCE!

Aromatic sweet wines like Gewürztraminer are slightly out of fashion, I see it as an opportunity to find some of the most outstanding values on the planet. Gewurztraminer is one of the 18 noble grapes. It is a surprisingly rare wine grape with only about 20,000 acres worldwide. It pairs perfectly with Indian and Middle Eastern Cuisine. It is relatively inexpensive with most of the wines priced at \$20.00 or less. The flavors associated with the wine include grapefruit, lechee and pineapple. It is a big aromatic wine with the rose fragrance of the lechee nuts hitting you in the face even after a good cigar. The nose is so big the wine actually is not as sweet as it seems. Only about 2% residual sugar is present in a good one.

If you compare Gewurztraminer to Mascato, for example, you will find it is like a more mature version of Mascato. There are many similarities among the two wines; however, Gewurztraminer is higher in alcohol, has much more striking aromatics, and is lower in acidity. All of these characteristics make it more difficult to slurp down making it a wine for a more mature wine drinker. A great wine to sip and savor.

Gewurztraminer is a pink grape that grows well in cooler climates like Gris/Grigio. The grape originated in Germany, but over several hundreds of years it's completely circumscribed the Alps including Italy, Hungary, Romania, and Croatia. It is one of the great 4 noble grapes of the Italian/Swiss colony. The best examples of Gewurztraminer are generally regarded as being from the Grand Cru vineyards of Alsace. It could even be argued that Alsace is the spiritual home of Gewurztraminer, despite the fact that it is not its ancestral home and Gewurztraminer accounts for less than one-fifth of vineyards in the area.

Paul-Cluver-Gewurztraminer, grown in South Africa, is \$15.95 per bottle and well worth the price. Look for grand-crew on the label for the good stuff. F.E. Trimbac Gewurztraminer is internationally renowned at about \$18.00. It is great wine. Try some and you will be glad you did. I have found a great store in New Haven on Grand Avenue - Grand Vin. Chris Fieorie is the wine manager and he finds fantastic wine bargains in all price ranges. If you tell him you want to spend \$10-15 on a nice bottle of wine he will find you a wine that drinks like \$25-\$30 wines. He is amazing and he has done it for me consistently.

This month's wine quiz: Which fortified wine is used to douse the sponge cake in an English trifle? If you think you know the answer, email me at ray.spaziani@gmail.com and if you are correct we will print your name in next month's issue and put you into a drawing for an award winning Spaziani wine made in my garage winery here in Orange, Connecticut, a town founded on seven hills just like Rome.

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

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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.

BREATHE, BALANCE, BELIEVE Vinyasa Yoga for the Family, Mondays @ 5:15-6:15 pm, Saturdays 9:00- 10:00 am, in the Parish hall, Church of the Good Shepherd 680 Racebrook Road, designed to help children and adults strengthen both physically and mentally, participants practice at their own level, teacher is certified and member RYT. Please bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them.

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

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

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

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

Used Book Sale, the First Congregation Church, 464 Campbell Avenue, Saturday, March 15, 2014, 9:00am-2:00pm. There is always a large selection of books available, including many children's books. Always free admission. For more information, call 203 933-6291.

Hearing Loss Association- SW CT Chapter Monthly Meeting, Saturday, March 15, 2014, 10:00am, Watermark, 3030 Park Avenue, Bridgeport; Subject: information on how you can hear better while watching TV using an inductive loop system; speaker: Ken Gerety, owner of Hearing Loop Systems of CT. Contact Mike at 203.268-2924 for additional information.

The Orange Players Auditions for "A Kick Out of Cole" - a musical review celebrating the songs of Cole Porter, Thursday, March 27, 2014, 6:30-9:30pm, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road (Route 152), Orange, CT. Please come prepared with a song of your choice. Show dates are May 16, 17, & 18, 2014. Any questions contact TJ Chila @ 203-878-9281 www.orangeplayers.net.

Saint Ann Church Health and Wellness Fair, for people of all ages between 10:00am- 1:00pm, Saturday, March 29, 2014, Parish Center, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. Participants include the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter; American Liver Foundation, CT Chapter, American Parkinson Disease Association, CT Chapter; Bridges, A Community Support System; Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers; Connecticut Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped; Connecticut Office of Tourism; Corazon Family Fitness (ongoing ZUMBA demos for adults and children); Costco, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation; Donate Life CT, Energize Connecticut; Griffin Hospital Mobile Health Resource Van (osteoporosis screening, breast wellness, and medication management); Milford Health Department (Putting on AIRS Asthma Program); Milford Human Services, Milford Senior Center; Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Safe Kids CT (car seat safety); Shop Rite (nutritionist); South Central Area Agency on Aging; St. Ann Parish Nurses (blood pressure screenings); St. Luke's Elder Care Services (Gatekeeper Program); St. Vincent's Health Services Cardiology (blood sugar screenings - fasting recommended); Walgreen's Pharmacy (pharmacist); and Yale New Haven Hospital Lifeline Medical Alert as well as several speakers on health and safety-related topics and an indoor obstacle course of children. This program is free of charge and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Maria Tomasetti, atomasetti@snet.net or 203-988-8598.

The New Haven Mineral Club - 41st Annual Show 2014, Minerals, Gems, Jewelry & Fossils Exhibits- Dealers- Door Prizes- Lectures- Demonstrations, Saturday, April 5, 2014, 9:30am-5:00pm & Sunday, April 6, 2014 9:30am-5:00pm, Amity Regional Middle School, Sheffield Rd (off Route 34), Orange, CT 06477; Donation \$4.00/Children under 12 Free when accompanied by an adult. For more info visit newhavenmineralclub.org.

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WARECK D'OSTILIO REAL ESTATE WELCOMES YOUNG LEE

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate proudly welcomes Realtor Young Lee to the team. Young entered the real estate industry after many years as an electrical engineer. He is a graduate of Hanyang University in Seoul, Korea with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, received a Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering from North Carolina State University, and received an Emerging MBA from the University of New Haven. He is an affiliate of Sigma Beta Delta. Working in Fortune 500 companies, Young has global experience in high technology manufacturing environments.



Young Lee

"Young is focused, self-motivated and creative," said John Wareck, partner in Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate. "His previous marketing and sales background have contributed to his excellent people skills and ability to establish good communication with his clients."

Young has experience with commercial leases, franchises and investment properties. He and his wife have personally owned and sold several businesses in the area such as a nail salon, dry cleaning business and Blimpie's sandwich shop. He also has personal experience with rental properties. Young is passionate about real estate sales and continues with educational seminars to keep on the forefront of today's real estate trends.

"We are delighted to have Young affiliated with Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate," said Frank D'Ostilio, partner. "It is the combined efforts of our veteran agents and our new additions that have enabled us to maintain a strong position. It is also what is nurturing our continued growth. Our upward movement and high presence is why Young joined our team."

Young is married and resides in Orange.

COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL NETWORK RECOGNIZES NESTOR

Roberta Nestor, an independent financial advisor affiliated with Commonwealth Financial Network® and owner of Nestor Financial Network in Milford, CT, has achieved Commonwealth Winners Circle status for 2014. This distinction recognizes successful financial advisors based on a ranking of annual production among Commonwealth's network of 1,487 financial advisors. Commonwealth is the nation's largest privately held independent broker/dealer-RIA and the broker/dealer of choice for Roberta Nestor.

Wayne Bloom, CEO of Commonwealth, said, "We are pleased to award Roberta with this elite recognition". Bloom continued, "Among the most esteemed financial advisors in our business, and a valued member of the Commonwealth community, Ms. Nestor epitomizes the drive, dedication, and commitment essential to attaining this level of success in the industry."

In honor of this distinction, Roberta has been invited to join her peers at the Commonwealth Winners Circle, March 31-April 4, 2014, at the Wigwam Resort, Litchfield Park, Arizona. The conference will offer attendees an array of networking and educational opportunities focused on delivering indispensable service to clients and offering strategies for continuing to grow and evolve an advisor's business.

About Nestor Financial Network: Nestor Financial Network has been providing individuals and organizations with financial guidance since 1994. Roberta L. Nestor is a financial advisor practicing at 491 New Haven Avenue in Milford, CT offering retirement, long term care, investment and tax planning services. She also offers securities and advisory services as an Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network – a member FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. Fixed insurance products offered through Nestor Financial Network are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. Commonwealth Financial Network or Nestor Financial Network does not provide legal or tax advice. You should consult a legal or tax professional regarding your individual situation.



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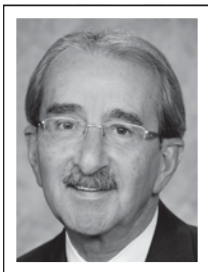
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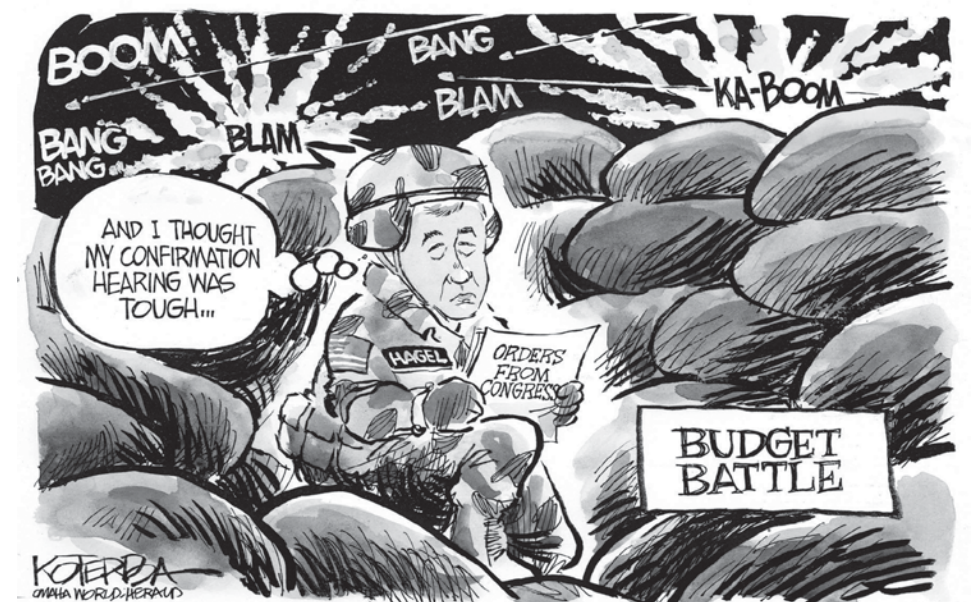
Carol Cangiano, William Bonos, Nancy Shattuck, Maribeth Lightowler, Joe Celentano, Mary-Ann White and Wayne Hugendubel were recently the recipients of Connecticut Magazine's 2014 Five Star Real Estate Agents award. They are among fewer than 7% of real estate agents in Connecticut to be singled out through a rigorous research process conducted by Five Star Professional in partnership with Connecticut Magazine.

Agent selection was based on a survey of residents who had purchased a home within a 12 month period. Recipients were evaluated on nine criteria points: market knowledge, communication, integrity, negotiation, customer service, finding the right home, marketing the home, closing preparation and overall customer satisfaction.

The Five Star award recipients have been recognized in the 2014 March issue of Connecticut Magazine. Carol, William, Nancy, Maribeth, Joe, Mary-Ann, Kathleen and Wayne can all be reached at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Orange at (203) 795-6000.



Susan Oderwald, Executive Director of Always Best Care Senior Services held a ribbon cutting and open house at their newest location in downtown Milford (3 Schooner Lane). Always Best Care Senior Services specializes in In-Home Care & Senior Living Finder & Referral Services serving Shelton, Milford and New Haven County. Call 203-877-1377 for further information.



DEATH NOTICES

Ruth Ann (Tamaro) Burrini

Ruth Ann (Tamaro) Burrini, 71, of DelRay Beach, Florida passed away on March 10, 2014 after a brave and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in New Haven on April 14, 1942, daughter of the late Emma and Peter Tamaro, Sr. Ruth was a graduate of Amity Regional High School. She was preceded in death by her sister, Elsie Tamaro Pucillo and her brother Peter Tamaro, Jr.

Ruth is survived by her husband, Jesse Burrini, Sr, her daughters Gina DiVerniero Newsome, Stacy Crosson and Raven Marie Chapter, her sons Raymond DiVerniero and Jesse Burrini, Jr. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren who she loved more than life itself, several nieces and nephews and her best friend in the whole world Bonnie Coppola.

A memorial service will be held at the Palm Beach National Chapel in Lake Worth, FL. Interment will follow at the South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth's name to Hospice of Palm Beach and Broward County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

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



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TIME TO INTRODUCE THE ADVISOR

By Roberta L Nestor

There will be a time, maybe in the distant future, when your family members may have to interact with your financial advisor. In the best of worlds, that meeting will be voluntary on your part and that of your children's – even better, you will be present at that first meeting. If you have had a trusted advisor for decades, wouldn't it be a good idea to have family members meet your financial advisor? Individuals who work with an advisor are serious about their retirement, long term care and estate planning. All important plans that should, at some juncture, be shared with family. However there are some industry statistics that tell us less than 65% of children have ever met their parent's financial advisor.

More than likely your children will have their first meeting with your advisor involuntarily. It often is a result of the death or illness of a parent; a parent who is beginning to show signs of forgetfulness and not able to deal with financial issues or the diagnosis of a long term care situation. Your son or daughter calls the advisor because they don't have a clue about their parent's finances and have no idea what should or shouldn't be done.

Basic knowledge of taxation of retirement accounts, long term care insurance, and legal documents such as power of attorney is more often lacking only because of lack of experience. If you have any of these family situations listed above, there are many complex areas that have to be discussed and resolved. You shouldn't assume your children understand the difference between an IRA and a 401k anymore than they understand the taxation of life insurance or inheriting your home.

So, before you reach that age and stage in life, call your trusted advisor and ask for a meeting with your family. Family meetings are hugely productive and allow for an open forum to discuss important decisions you have made over the years. Don't worry, family meetings can be conducted without your children ever having to know how much money you have. Here are key areas discussed during family meetings:

- Understanding what types of investments you have, are they mutual funds, annuities, or bank products?
- Talk about your sources of income – social security, pension (and does the pension stop at the death of a spouse?), investment withdrawals, required distributions from IRAs.
- Who is your attorney? Where are your legal documents? Who have you designated as power of attorney?
- How does your family invoke power of attorney? What financial institutions need to be notified and have that document on record?
- Taxes – who does your income tax return? Do you make quarterly estimated payments? How are the withdrawals from your investments taxed?
- If you don't have long term care insurance, what is your plan if you need long term care? Do you want them to try to protect assets? Or do you want every cent spent on your care so you can stay at home?

A family meeting with your advisor can be positive and educational, especially for your family that you will be depending on at some time in the future. It will make future interactions more positive and provide continuity. Take the time to set up that appointment and you will feel a bit relieved knowing you have taken all the right steps and that your family will understand what to do and what your wishes are for your financial future.

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



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TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Non-Stop (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore
- 2. Son of God (PG-13)**
Diogo Morgado, Amber Rose Revah
- 3. The Lego Movie (PG)**
animated
- 4. 3 Days to Kill (PG-13)**
Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
- 5. The Monuments Men (PG-13)**
George Clooney, Matt Damon
- 6. RoboCop (PG-13)**
Joel Kinnaman, Gary Oldman
- 7. Pompeii (PG-13)**
Kit Harington, Emily Browning
- 8. Frozen (PG)**
animated
- 9. About Last Night (R)**
Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy
- 10. Ride Along (PG-13)**
Ice Cube, Kevin Hart

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Ender's Game (PG-13)**
Harrison Ford
- 2. Riddick (R)**
Vin Diesel
- 3. Captain Phillips (PG)**
Tom Hanks
- 4. Last Vegas (PG-13)**
Robert De Niro
- 5. Escape Plan (R)**
Sylvester Stallone
- 6. Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)**
Johnny Knoxville
- 7. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)**
animated
- 8. Runner, Runner (R)**
Ben Affleck
- 9. Carrie (R)**
Chloe Grace Moretz
- 10. The Family (R)**
Robert De Niro

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Pharrell Williams**
"Happy"
- 2. Katy Perry**
"Dark Horse"
- 3. Jason Derulo feat. 2 Chainz**
"Talk Dirty"
- 4. John Legend**
"All of Me"
- 5. Beyonce feat. Jay Z**
"Drunk in Love"
- 6. Bastille**
"Pompeii"
- 7. Lorde**
"Team"
- 8. A Great Big World & Christina Aguilera**
"Say Something"
- 9. One Republic**
"Counting Stars"
- 10. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha**
"Timber"



Pharrell Williams

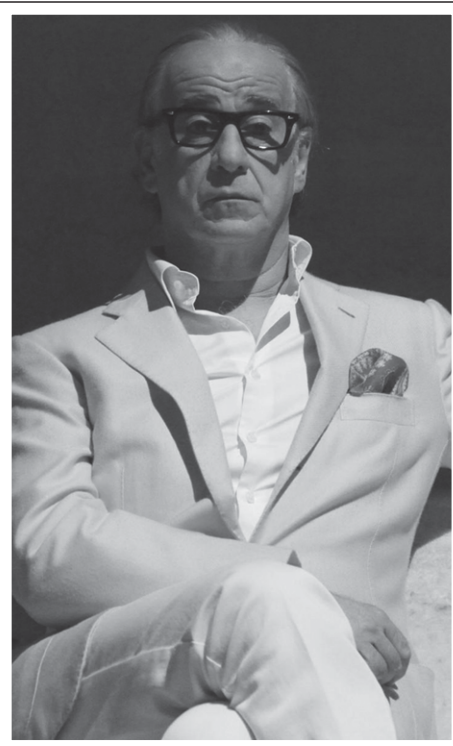
Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Cole Swindell**
"Chillin' It"
- 2. Brantley Gilbert**
"Bottoms Up"
- 3. Luke Bryan**
"Drink a Beer"
- 4. Jason Aldean**
"When She Says Baby"
- 5. Blake Shelton**
"Doin' What She Likes"
- 6. Lady Antebellum**
"Compass"
- 7. Eric Church**
"Give Me Back My Hometown"
- 8. David Nail**
"Whatever She's Got"
- 9. Frankie Ballard**
"Helluva Life"
- 10. Keith Urban**
"Cop Car"

1. Name the artist who wrote and released "It Ain't Me Babe."
2. Graham Nash, of Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young fame, got his start with which other group?
3. Name the soap opera that used "You Needed Me" by Anne Murray as a theme song from 1980-81.
4. Which group released "Strange Kind of Woman"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "I want it long, straight, curly, fuzzy, snaggy, shaggy, ratty, matty, oily, greasy, fleecy, shining, gleaming, streaming, flaxen, waxen, knotted, polka-dotted."



1. Bob Dylan in 1964. In the first two years alone, the song was covered by a diverse group that included Johnny Cash, The Turtles, Jan & Dean, Nancy Sinatra and Day Jones.
2. The Hollies. He's been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice, once for each group. He also snagged an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 2010 for services to music and charity in the U.K.
3. "Guiding Light."
4. Deep Purple, in 1971.
5. "Hair," from the 1968 musical by the same name. Despite its esoteric qualities, the song has been used in multiple ways, including on "Mystery Science Theater 3000," "Glee" and "The Simpsons."



Toni Servillo in "The Great Beauty"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of March 24, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Wolf of Wall Street" (R) -- Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio) was a kid from Long Island who went from working in a strip mall to the financial district in a whirlwind of corruption and indulgence. Before he was 30, he already had inflicted considerable harm on the economy, not to mention the damage to his brain and his soul. In the late '80s, the twentysomething penny-stock broker

learned a few (illegal) tricks of the larger stock trade, and rocketed to a world of sex, drugs and vulgar displays of wealth. Martin Scorsese put this movie in fast-forward and full volume. I don't think there's another movie about financial fraud that has this much reckless abandon. Yet it all still works: the film pulled five Oscar nominations, including Best Picture.

"The Great Beauty" (unrated) -- This Oscar-winning Italian film could be considered the older, more thoughtful cousin to "The Wolf of Wall Street" or the latest version of "The Great Gatsby." It begins with the lavish 65th birthday party of Rome's most jaded journalist, Jep (Toni Servillo). While his gorgeous guests swirl around him, he's concerned with existential problems that amount to bubbles in the champagne. His character starts to shift when he learns that his sweetheart from his teen years has recently passed away.

The movie features the highest, lowest and strangest people in Rome -- each one serving as a different jumping-off point for Jep's musings. Servillo is an accomplished and immensely watchable performer. His character is at once smug and vulnerable, curious and disillusioned.

"Odd Thomas" (unrated) -- In a small desert town somewhere, there's a fry cook (Anton Yelchin) who can see the invisible demons lurking all around us. His name is Thomas, and his condition has made him understandably odd. Only Thomas can see the "bodachs" moving in -- bodachs are these are unbelievably cool-looking and well-animated monsters that show up just before awful things happen. Thomas and his girlfriend (Addison Timlin) team up with the sheriff (Willem Dafoe) to take up the fight against supernatural evil and Thomas' unending weirdness.

Sudoku answers on page 38

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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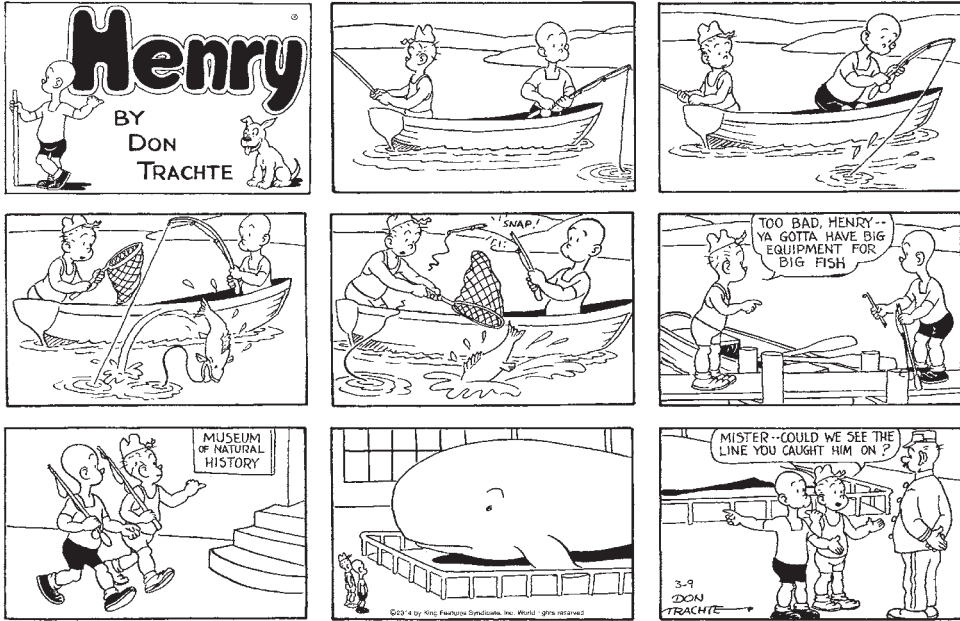
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Jennifer Lawrence

HOLLYWOOD -- What made Jennifer Lawrence suddenly decide to take a year off? Granted, she's made eight films in a row over the past two years, beginning with "Silver Linings Playbook" netting her a Best Actress Oscar, followed by "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" and "American Hustle" (another Oscar nod for supporting this year). Next up is "Serena" (shot secretly with Bradley Cooper), out April 14; "X-Men: Day of Future Past," out May 23; "Dumb and Dumber To," with Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels and Kathleen Turner, out Nov. 14; and "Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Parts 1 and 2" out Nov. 21, 2014, and Nov. 20, 2015, respectively.

Why would she want to rest from what she loves best, or could it be that her tax consultant told her she'd lose too much money making more films with the tax bracket she's in? Jennifer has already signed to star in a remake of the John Steinbeck 1955 classic film "East of Eden" (which starred James Dean), being written and directed by "Hunger Games" director Gary Ross. Still think she needed to rest?

And speaking of Bradley Cooper, he bought the rights to the forthcoming book "American Blood" (not out until next year), in which he plans to star and produce.

Craig Zaden and Neil Meron, who produced this year's Oscar Award Show, the NBC musical series "Smash" and the mega-hit live performance of "The Sound of Music" with Carrie Underwood, have been hired by NBC to produce this year's extravaganza, airing Dec. 4. The dynamic duo has chosen to recreate the 1956 classic "Peter Pan," which starred

Mary Martin as the boy who didn't want to grow up. Word is they plan to cast a male as Peter Pan this time ... stay tuned.

New York's Great White Way is looking more like a stroll through your movieplex than a visit to Broadway. Most of the musical shows are stage versions of great movies. "Rocky" (1976) is about to open, and reports are that Sylvester Stallone has been haunting the theater, lending a hand to get it right. Then there's "The Bridges of Madison County" (2002), "Aladdin" (1992), "Bullets Over Broadway" (1994), "Cinderella" (1950), "The Lion King" (1994), "Kinky Boots" (2005), "Matilda" (1996), "Newsies" (1992), "Once" (2007) and "Phantom of the Opera" (1943). You can be sure you'll see many of these shows featured June 8 on the Tony Awards.

Ann-Margret has landed a recurring role for the second season of Showtime's "Ray Donovan" series, as a former star who has a past with star Liv Schreiber's boss (Elliott Gould). Jon Voight also is featured as "Ray Donovan's" father. Wonder if the past they're referring to is when she was a "Kitten With a Whip" (1964)?

The Spats

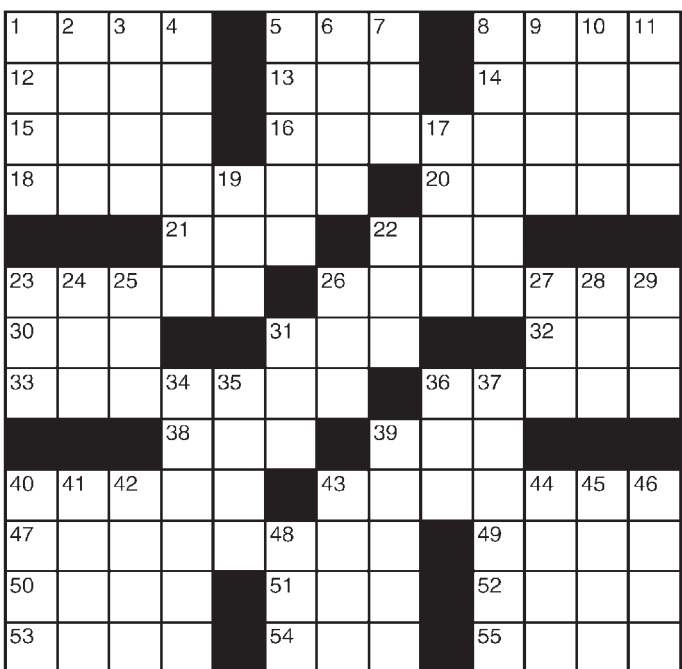
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 5 Sphere
- 8 Auto pioneer Henry
- 12 Pinnacle
- 13 Fish eggs
- 14 Great Lake
- 15 Ocean-going vessel
- 16 CBS crime-solving series
- 18 Easily angered person
- 20 Swiss mathematician
- 21 "Of course"
- 22 Fellow
- 23 Harsh
- 26 Ideological conflict
- 30 Move like
- 38-Across
- 31 Author Umberto
- 32 Historic period
- 33 Franks
- 36 Starsky's partner
- 38 Kanga's kid
- 39 Chance
- 40 Spotless
- 43 Rarity in Hell?
- 47 Trouble
- 49 Jason's ship



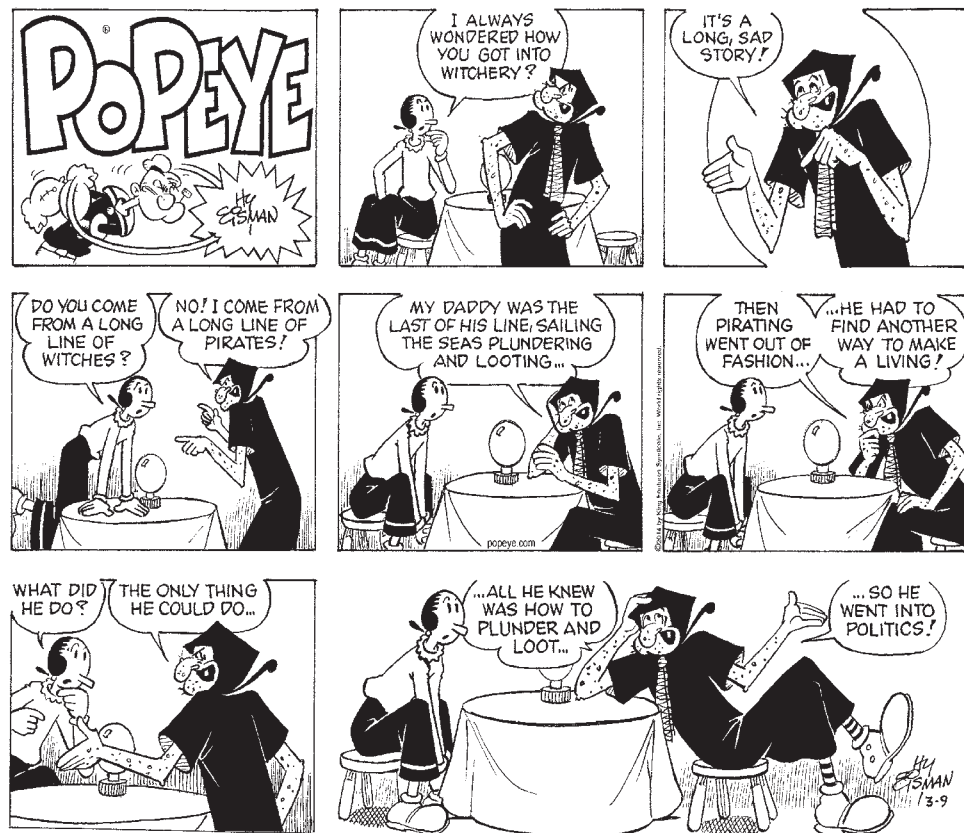
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- 51 Peculiar
- 52 Go
- 53 Bellow
- 54 Golf ball holder
- 55 Fencing sword
- 8 Fruitful
- 9 Verbal
- 10 Get up
- 11 Antelope's playmate
- 17 Transaction
- 19 "A mouse!"
- 22 Cattle call?
- 23 "Be quiet!"
- 24 Excessively
- 25 Suitable
- 26 IV measures
- 27 Drench
- 28 Curved line
- 29 "Hurray!"
- 31 Id counter-part
- 34 Bureau compartment
- 35 Chaplin's
- 36 "2001" computer
- 37 Latest news
- 39 Teeming throng
- 40 Burn
- 41 Crazy
- 42 Sicilian spouter
- 43 Relinquish
- 44 Let fall
- 45 Chills and fever
- 46 Bygone times
- 48 Youngster

DOWN

- 1 Long cut
- 2 Reverberate
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- 6 Crucifix
- 7 - canto

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- Maintain regular contact with membership via email and letter campaigns, personal contact via site visits and phone calls. Functions should concentrate on member retention.
- Organize and coordinate planning of all Chamber functions such as the annual Awards Dinner, Holiday Dinner, Summer Picnic, Breakfast Meetings, Road Race, etc. Organize and coordinate planning of monthly meetings, such as Business After Hours, LEADS groups, and other group networking events. Assist in securing sponsorship and participation of member companies.
- Manage the Chamber's Budget throughout the year. This shall include overseeing billing for Membership Dues and sponsorship of events, including follow-up with delinquent members, overseeing receivables and expenses and working closely with the Treasurer to ensure that budget is being adhered to.
- Attend business/community functions in order to give Chamber of Commerce a presence and representation at such events, including Business Expo. Organize and schedule Ribbon Cuttings for new businesses. Attend educational seminars such as CACCE meetings and any other informational exchanges which would benefit the Orange Business Community.
- Some evening hours required.
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience; Minimum three years experience in a similar position.

SEND RESUME AND COVER LETTER TO:

Allison DePaola, Orange Chamber of Commerce Board Member at adepaola@flomandepaola.com.

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LOCAL SPORTS

PARK & RECREATION NEWS

Umpires Wanted

The Orange Park and Recreation Department's Men's Slow Pitch Softball League is looking for umpires for this upcoming season. Games are played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings beginning the first week of May. Please contact Liz Alling at (203) 215 - 8736 or Tom Alling at (203) 414 - 7077 if interested.

Spring Registration Information for Land Based Programs and Swim Lessons 2014

Spring Registration for Land based programs for Orange residents will begin on Monday, March 31, 2014. Non - residents can begin registering on Monday, April 7, 2014.

Spring Registration for swim lessons will begin on Monday, April 7, 2014 for Orange residents that are currently enrolled in a class. Registration for Orange residents not currently enrolled in a class will begin on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Non residents that are currently enrolled in a class can begin registering on Monday, April 14, 2014 and open registration begins on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

For more information regarding Spring 2014 Land Based programs and swim lessons, please call the Orange Park and Recreation Department at (203) 891 - 4790 or please visit our website at www.orange-ct.gov and click on Recreational Services.

Summer Camp Registration Information

Registration information forms and fees will be available on April 21st, 2014. Resident Registration for Traveling Teens begins on April 28th, 2014. Resident Registration for Day Camp begins on May 5th, 2014. Registration for non - residents begins on May 5th, 2014 for Traveling Teens and May 12th, 2014 for Day Camp.

Orange Park and Recreation Co - Ed Adult Volleyball Standings 2013 - 2014

Current Standings as of March 13, 2014

	W	L	Tie
Hit It	28	11	0
All Sets Are Off	27	12	0
Orange Park and Recreation	22	17	0
Young At Heart	12	30	0
Orange Ale House	10	29	0

Hit It will play All Sets Are Off for the Playoff Championship on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Mary L. Tracy School Gym.

Orange Park and Recreation Men's Basketball League Standings

As of March 14, 2014

A Touch of Green	8 - 1
West Wavy	7 - 2
The Sharks	6 - 3
Tangoe, Inc.	3 - 6
Basket Brawlers	2 - 7
Orange Fire Department	1 - 8



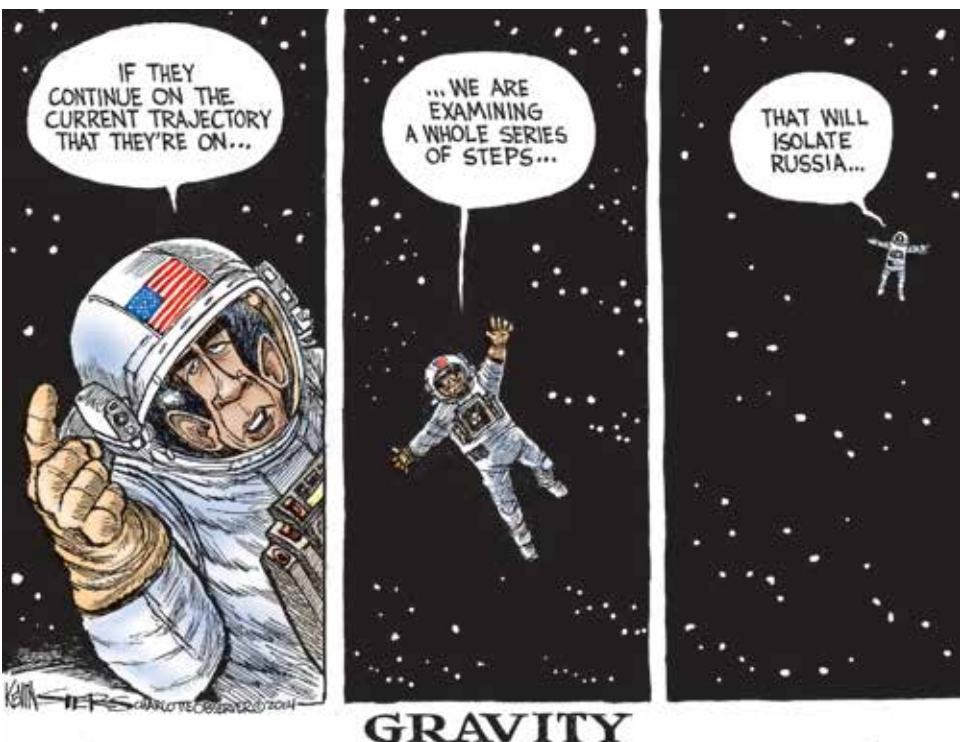
This is the award ceremony at Cho's Elite Tae Kwon Do in Orange right before the black belt promotion test. Master Cho has been an incredible instructor so we are proud to be a part of a great team!



Amity Varsity dance team placed 2nd in kick line and 4th in the pom division at the states competition February 22nd. They qualified to compete at the New England regional Competition in Vermont on Saturday March 8th.



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ARTS & LEISURE



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“ONE MAN’S DREAM; THE STORY OF WALT DISNEY”

Presented by the Turkey Hill School Drama Club

Turkey Hill School’s Drama Club invites you to experience the magic of its 2014 production entitled, “One Man’s Dream; The Story of Walt Disney” on Friday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 29th at 6:00 p.m. The show tells the story of Walt Disney’s life through the eyes of Sophia, a fourth grade student, who is doing a book report on the life of Disney. Her book report highlights some of Disney’s most famous works including The Mickey Mouse Club, Silly Symphonies like the Three Little Pigs, Snow White, Mary Poppins, Lion King and Aladdin.

“This show really honors a great man who has inspired us all,” says Deborah Sansone, Producer for THS Drama Club, “What student doesn’t know and love his work?” The cast includes children from grades first through sixth, who all have speaking parts. The actors are led by directors at each grade level including Inara Laganovska, Erica Lauer, Stefanie Stankiewicz, Kerry Wetmore, Jennifer Hayes, Carly Costanzo, Phyllis Kraut, Lauren Clark, Cindy Visnic, Krista O’Rourke, Tracey Papelo, Tracey McDermott, Kristen DeMaio, Mitsuko Washignton, Tiffany Beesley, Laurie Dougherty, Cindy Jossick, Donna Ricciardi and Diane DalleAve.

There are also 20 more students behind the scenes producing props, music and setting up the stage. The stage crew and art crew are led by Ginger Sherrick and Jacki Hutchison. “We are thrilled to have Ellie Flaumenhaft, a Turkey Hill Alumni, current Amity High School senior and stage manager for Amity’s Theatre program, as our music director,” says Sansone.

This year the THS Drama Club was joined by eleven junior directors all from Amity Middle School and former Turkey Hill students. According to Sansone, junior directors did everything from teach dances, help students learn their lines and supervise practices.

The show will take place at Turkey Hill School. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors. Tickets can be bought either at the box office before each performance or in person at Turkey Hill School before the show.

The poster features a stylized illustration of a building facade in shades of orange and yellow. Text on the poster includes: "Amity Theater Department presents", "IN THE HEIGHTS", "A New Musical", "8:00pm", "Amity High School", "April 4, 5, 10, 11, 12", "Tickets and Information: 203.392.2019 • amitytheaterdepartment.com".

“IN THE HEIGHTS” COMING TO AMITY HIGH SCHOOL

In the Heights, winner of four 2008 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2008 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album, is coming to Amity High School April 4,5, 10,11,12 2014.

In the Heights, tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York’s Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. Like *Fiddler on the Roof*, *In the Heights* celebrates a community and culture through incredible dance, song, and glimpse into hopes, dreams, and struggles of the residents in New York’s vibrant Washington Heights neighborhood. It’s a community on the brink of change, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

The Washington Post said *In the Heights*, is “Pure Broadway. An evening of old-style, innocent pleasure,” and Ben Brantley of The New York Times enthused “*In the Heights*, is an exuberant, animated shrine to the importance of family ties and being faithful to where you come from.”

The Amity High School Theater Department, the 2013 winner of “Best Musical” at the Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards is delighted to be one of the first theaters in the region to produce this show. The Amity production will feature senior Nick Bottone of Bethany as Usnavi, Senior Shaylen Harger of Orange as Nina, Sophomore Chris Cassella of Orange as Benny, Senior Chelsea Tambis of Woodbridge as Vanessa, Senior Nicole Simon of Woodbridge as Abuela Claudia, Senior Alida Ballou of Bethany as Daniela, Senior Sara Abriola of Bethany as Carla and Senior C.J. Spaziani of Orange as Sonny. The talented cast of 44 has begun rehearsals and is very excited to be able to present this new, family friendly, Broadway smash. The show will once again be directed by Rob and Andrea Kennedy with musical direction by Peter Randazzo.

For tickets and information please go to the website at www.amitytheaterdepartment.com or like on Facebook at www.facebook.com/amitytheaterdepartment.

In the Heights is proudly supported by the following Corporate Sponsors: The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation, Laticrete, Daniel E. Durkee, CPA; Pet Supplies Plus; Chip’s; and Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

ARTS & LEISURE

GREEN PLANTS AND RED BLOSSOMS

For the thirty-first year the Connecticut Cactus and Succulent Society is putting on its spectacular Show and Sale at the Naugatuck Valley Community College, 750 Chase Parkway in Waterbury, on Saturday April 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 6th 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. This event will provide a judged show featuring hundreds of cactus and succulent plants from all over the world.

Admission to the show and sale is free, and free indoor parking provided. There will even be 50 free plants, one per family, on each of the two days of the show.

There will be many vendors, some from as far away as Florida, who will be selling a broad selection of plants and related gardening materials. Plant auctions will be held at least twice daily.

Spaced over each of the two days are a series of twenty-minute lectures that will help you to grow and care for the purchases you might make. The bookstore will have hundreds of books covering cactus and succulent plants.

Our show and sale will be held in the fifth floor cafeteria of the college Art and Music Center Building. Signs will guide you from Exit 18 off Route 84 to the show itself. The show is handicapped accessible. AND FREE.



COMMUNITY CHORUS TO PRESENT SERIES OF CHORAL WORKSHOPS

Greater New Haven Community Chorus will present a series of choral workshops to take place from April through July. The series of four workshops will feature leading choral conductors from Connecticut, and award-winning composer Jake Runestad.

The first workshop on Wednesday, April 2, "Ritmica: A Unique Approach to Rhythm" led by Chelsea Tinsler will encourage participants to develop a deeper concept of rhythm as a musical and choral element. Ms. Tinsler has a wide variety of musical interests, having studied classical percussion, and contemporary and chamber music. She has performed with the New Britain Symphony, Nutmeg Symphony, Valley Swing Shift Big Band, musical theater pit orchestras, and steel drum bands. She has played at venues such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Ms. Tinsler is currently completing her B.M. in percussion performance and music education at The Hartt School, University of Hartford as a student of Benjamin Toth.

The second workshop, "Reading Session: An Evening with Award-winning composer Jake Runestad featuring his work I Will Lift Mine Eyes" will take place on Wednesday, May 28. Participants will have the opportunity to strengthen sight reading skills with a conductor who has worked with student, volunteer, and professional ensembles across the U.S.A. An advocate of new music, he has conducted the premiere of several of his own works. Mr. Runestad is noted for his versatility and wide range of expressive capabilities with music driven by soaring melodies, driving rhythms, and lush textures. Mr. Runestad has received commissions and performances from leading ensembles and organizations including the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra and Seraphic Fire vocal ensemble. He has been commissioned by Greater New Haven Community Chorus to compose a choral work to be performed at its spring concert in May to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Mr. Runestad travels extensively to work with musicians of all levels and often gives master classes on composing and the music business.

On Tuesday, June 28, "Sing-In: Masterwork Sing with Gabriel Löfvall ~ Haydn's Missa Brevis in B-flat" will take place. Participants will have the opportunity to work with one of Connecticut's finest conductors. Mr. Löfvall is a conductor, pianist, and tenor who holds two Master of Music degrees from the Hartt School (University of Hartford) in piano performance under Luiz de Moura Castro, and in Choral Conducting under Dr. Edward Bolkovac. He is presently a doctoral candidate there.

The final workshop, "Real Men Sing: A choral workshop for male singers with Noah Blocker-Glynn" will take place on Tuesday, July 22. Led by GNHCC's artistic Director, Noah Blocker-Glynn, male participants will be encouraged to discover and hone some of basic skills in tone production, vowel formation, and listening for tuning.

For more details on workshop leaders, registration information, workshop locations, fees and discount packages – please visit www.gnhcc.org. All workshops in this series will require pre-registration.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus consists of approximately 100 voices and draws its membership from throughout the greater New Haven area. GNHCC strives to embrace the wide diversity of the community and is committed to making quality music accessible and approachable for audiences and members alike. Greater New Haven Community Chorus was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to perform with pride and distinction.

For more information about GNHCC, please visit www.gnhcc.org or email: info@gnhcc.org.



GET READY TO CRUISE NEWS

By Leslie Marsh



THE HOTTEST TREND IN CRUISING: RIVER CRUISES

Some of the world's greatest cities developed because the area was accessible by river. The great appeal of a river cruise is spending more time being there instead of more time getting there, so it's little wonder that river cruising is the fastest growing segment of the cruise industry. On a river cruise you step off the ship into the center of town where you're instantly immersed in the heart of the destination.

Today, the fastest growing river cruise line is Viking River Cruises. Viking will account for about 45% of the river cruise market with the addition of 30 new ships by the end of 2014. At Cruise Planners, we're excited that our Chief Operating Officer, Vicky Garcia, has been named Godmother of the Viking Magni which will be christened later this month! Viking offers a mostly-inclusive product with accommodations, meals, complimentary wine beer and soft drinks, wifi and shore excursions tiered for activity level included in the price. Viking sails the rivers of Europe, Russia, China and Southeast Asia. Its most popular itinerary is the 15-day Grand European Tour, which sails the Rhine, Main and Danube Rivers.

Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection offers a luxury river cruise experience. Although its ships are about the same size as Viking's, they accommodate less passengers which means larger cabins and a better guest to staff ratio. Uniworld is truly all-inclusive with unlimited beverages of all types, gratuities and transfers between airport and ship included. Its ships are plush and luxurious, designed for passengers' comfort and pampering with added amenities such as a spa, fitness center and complimentary use of bicycles and Nordic walking sticks. Uniworld is currently putting the finishing touches on its newest ship, the S.S. Catherine, due to begin sailing in the South of France next month.

Unlike larger cruise ships, many of which have to dock in industrial ports, a river cruise takes you right into the heart of the city or town you're visiting. River cruising is a fantastic value; you unpack just once and relax as your floating hotel takes you to some of the most scenic and interesting places in Europe, Russia and Asia. Shore excursions, hosted by local experts, are always included in the cost. Their unique itineraries give passengers the chance to experience the local culture in a unique hands-on way. River cruising is extremely popular and itineraries sell out quickly. For the best rates and availability, I urge you to book 9 to 12 months in advance. You'll be in for a unique and awesome experience!

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

DINE AROUND IS BACK IN ORANGE

The Orange Arts and Culture Council will hold the 5th in its series of "Dine Around" combining good food and a relaxed social gathering at local restaurants. This "Dine Around" will be held on Sunday, March 30th at 3:00 p.m. at Orange's newest restaurant The Red Fish Grill on the Post Road next to CVS. A choice from four main dishes will be offered, each with a choice of special sauce, two side dishes and a salad. The cost is \$25 tax and tip included. There will be a cash bar. To make a reservation call 203-795-3127. All are welcome. Come join us. Previous "Dine Arouns" have been successfully held at Coromandel, Mai Thai, Ola and Andini's restaurants.

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DIVORCE AS A BUSINESS TRANSACTION?

Attorney Emily S. Lucibello, owner and founder of the Law Offices of Emily S. Lucibello, LLC, explains below how viewing divorce as a business transaction can be beneficial, and why building your divorce team from the outset may be one of the most important decisions that you make.

It's often said a divorce is like a death, and that you go through the stages of grief as you would a death. It is the death – the end – of a marriage. Divorcing couples go through varying degrees of the stages of grief: denial and isolation (“I’m fine, it’s his/her loss,” or “he/she will come to her senses soon, they are just mad right now,” or isolating themselves from situations and persons reminding them of their marriage or with whom they would need to discuss the divorce), anger (even when and if they don’t think they are or will get angry), bargaining (“If I had maybe gone on that vacation with him/her...” or “If he had just been willing to do this...”), depression (in varying degrees and various manifestations), and acceptance (with the new reality of the divorcing spouse, with life as a single person, with the new family unit, etc.).



Emily S. Lucibello

But, a divorce is also a “business transaction.” It may sound odd to hear something so personal to be stated so callously, but think about this: at its most basic level, a divorce is the dissolution of one contract, and formation of another. It is determining how “profits” (assets) and “losses” (debts) will be allocated. Therefore, it is important to assemble a team to help you work through this difficult time. The team members may include people such as a lawyer, an accountant, a business valuation expert, a financial planner, a realtor, an appraiser, and more.

If you are going through a divorce, there are some tips you may want to consider:

- Make a list of the known jointly and solely held assets and liabilities of you and your spouse.
- Determine what issues may arise in your divorce: do you own a business? If you own a home, what will happen to it during the divorce? How do you file your taxes – single? Married filing jointly? Married filing separately?
- Identify what types of professionals may become relevant during your divorce: In the above scenario, a business valuation expert and/or forensic accountant will likely be on your list, as will a realtor, and an accountant.
- Begin to gather all of your documents relating to your assets and liabilities over several years so that you can readily and quickly provide these to any professional.

During your life you may have engaged a variety of professionals to assist you with varying life transactions – a professional tax preparer to do your taxes each year, a lawyer to draft your estate planning documents, a realtor to help you buy and sell a home, a financial planner to help you with investments, a therapist to help you discuss emotions involved in a major life event, etc. More than likely, each of those events took place independent of the others, so professionals were also engaged independently and as needed. However, in a divorce, it's possible – and likely – that the need will arise for some of these professionals to work collaboratively. When that happens, positioning yourself for success in your divorce may well depend on your ability to coordinate that team of professionals quickly and smoothly.

If you are considering filing for a divorce, or if you are already involved in a divorce, it is important that you seek legal advice to know your rights and protect your interests. Every case is different and the needs of the parties in each case vary. An attorney experienced in divorce and family law can help you to not only identify issues in your divorce and determine the best course of action, but also to select members needed for your team, based on his or her professional knowledge and experience.

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The information contained in this article is not, nor is it intended to be, legal advice. As a reminder, every case is unique and the above-referenced considerations are only a very basic and general introduction to some of the several issues inherent in a family law or other situation, and may or may not be applicable in any given situation. You should consult with a qualified attorney and review all applicable state law regarding your case. Attorney Lucibello invites you to contact her office and welcomes your calls, letters, and electronic mail. Contacting her or her office does not create an attorney-client relationship. Only when an attorney-client relationship has been formed, will the Law Offices of Emily S. Lucibello, LLC advise you as to your particular case.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Creating a Dog-Friendly Backyard

Creating a dog-friendly backyard brings many benefits such as the dog's safety, prevention of boredom and attendant misbehaviors, exercise, and enjoyment of nature. Remember, though, that while letting your dog have a free romp in your yard keeps him exercised, active and happy, the yard should be used only as a temporary retreat. Nothing can replace the time you spend with your furry pal to enhance your relationship and seal your special bond.



Dogs kept in a bland backyard all day are far more likely to misbehave with chewing, digging, excessive barking, pacing along the fence, or fence fighting with other dogs.

Adapting your yard to make it more comfortable and appealing to your dog will go a long way toward making for a more contented, relaxed canine companion.

Poisonous Ingestibles: Dogs that are bored or hungry will be tempted to eat anything they find in your yard, including plants or flowers. Dogs can become extremely ill or even die from eating poisonous plants. Mulch can also be problematic. Many types of mulch are toxic, especially cocoa bean mulch. Large-size wood mulch can harm your dog if he chews on it, creating wood splinters that could lodge in his mouth or stomach.

Don't leave out any products meant for outdoor use where your pet can get into them. This includes lawn chemicals like fertilizers and weed killers, antifreeze, pesticides, and outdoor grilling supplies like charcoal and lighter fluid.

Water: Water is always essential to your pooch, so be sure the yard includes a large water bowl filled with fresh water in all seasons. If you choose to incorporate a water feature such as a small pond, be sure to use the kind that circulates water to help avoid mosquitoes. Still-water ponds need chemical additives to kill the larvae that will grow there, and is unhealthy for household pets. If you have a swimming pool, consider constructing a barrier to prevent accidents. Or, teach your dog to swim and show him where to exit the pool.

Shade: While being outside can make for a happy dog, being stuck in the blazing sun is unhealthy. Create a cool spot for your pooch by scraping an indented area in a shady place where he can relax in comfort. Without such a place, your dog may create his own spot in an area not of your choosing.

Digging: Digging is a normal behavior for dogs. They dig in search of food, to investigate sounds and smells, to improve their shelter, or to escape. Digging can be triggered by boredom, separation anxiety, chasing rodents or bugs, and/or a nutritional deficiency. The reason for the digging must be determined before a possible training solution can be tried.

Scratching at the Back Door: A dog will scratch at the back door because all the good, fun stuff is kept inside—including you. Give your dog a bone or scatter food (see below) when you put him outside. Whether he is outside or inside, he must know that he is always in safe territory with an abundance of food.

Scattered food appeals to a dog's natural instinct to forage. Dogs enjoy looking for food on the ground and will literally spend hours doing so. Scatter a variety of foods—bits of raw vegetables, dog kibble, and other foods that won't attract wasps—around the yard when you leave. Try hiding a few treats so your dog spends extra time looking for them.

If your dog scratches at the door and cries to come in, ignore him. Let him in only when he stops. If he begins to stress, correct him from inside the house. Do not go out.

Fences and Gates: A fence helps to keep your dog safely on your property and out of harm's way. If your yard has a traditional fence (chain link or wood), be sure all gates latch correctly each time they are closed. Check the fence for holes or other openings. If there are gaps, place bricks or large stones in front of the holes, otherwise your pet might find a way out of the yard.

Because some homeowner's associations do not allow traditional fences, a popular alternative is the electronic or “invisible” dog fence.

Maintaining the Yard: Maintain the yard's cleanliness by regularly picking up after your dog. Some dogs can be trained to use one area for toileting. While the nitrogen in dog urine can be very hard on lawns, watering the area after the dog has urinated can help to minimize damage. Keep your dog (and anyone else) off the lawn after any yard treatments—fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides—until the chemicals have dried completely.

Dog Houses: If your dog is kept outside, make sure he has shelter in which to get out of the weather. Dogs are more relaxed when they are covered and in familiar surroundings. Place the dog house next to your family's house so that your dog feels like it is an extension of the larger “den”. Provide a blanket or other comfy bedding, and be sure he has access to fresh water.

Choose a house made of a naturally rot-resistant material such as plastic or red cedar, but do not use pressure-treated wood, which can contain arsenic. Use rust-proof galvanized nails and screws. The house should be raised from the ground to insulate the dog from moisture and chills, and should be large enough for him to comfortably turn around but small enough to retain his body heat. In colder climates, your dog may appreciate a heated dog house, whether created by a dog house heater or a solar panel.

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) You'll want to discourage well-meaning but potentially ill-advised interference in what you intend to accomplish. Your work has a better chance to succeed if it reflects you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's well-deserved reputation for loyalty could be tested if you learn that it might be misplaced. But don't rely on rumors. Check the stories out before you decided to act.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You've been going on adrenaline for a long time, and this unexpected lull in a recent spate of excitement could be just what you need to restore your energy levels. Enjoy it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Friends can be counted on to help you deal with a perplexing personal situation. But remember to keep your circle of advisers limited only to those you're sure you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Security-loving Lions do not appreciate uncertainty in any form. But sometimes changing situations can reveal hidden stresses in time to repair a relationship before it's too late.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time for single Virgos to make a love connection. Be careful not to be too judgmental about your new "prospect" -- at least until you know more about her or him.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice helps you resolve a problem that might have been unfairly attributed to the wrong person. Spend the weekend doing some long-neglected chores.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in your anger toward someone you suspect betrayed your trust. But it could help if you take the time to check if your suspicions have substance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ignore distractions if you hope to accomplish your goal by the deadline you agreed to. Keep the finish line in sight, and you should be able to cross it with time to spare.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative self continues to dominate through much of the week. Also, despite a few problems that have cropped up, that recent romantic connection seems to be thriving.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) As curious as you might be, it's best to avoid trying to learn a colleague's secret. That sort of knowledge could drag you into a difficult workplace situation at some point down the line.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Instead of spending too much time floundering around wondering if you can meet your deadline, you need to spend more time actually working toward reaching it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a natural gift for attracting new friends, who are drawn to your unabashed love of what life should be all about.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phippe



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



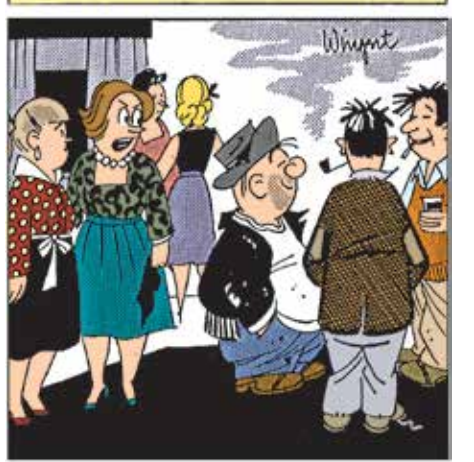
"Our best man—his work is hanging in most of the leading museums of art!"

LAFF - A - DAY



"I'm not losing a daughter, I'm gaining a home."

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"Just a neighborhood get-together, I said—very informal—but I didn't mean THAT informal!"

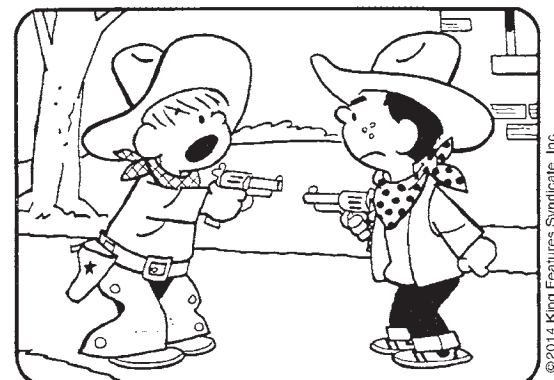
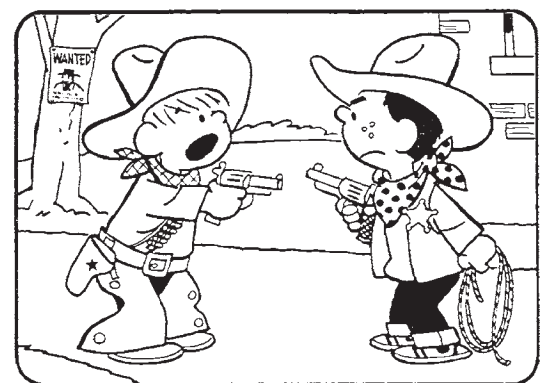
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Money-Losing MOVIES

1. Cutthroat Island
2. The Alamo
3. Adventures of Pluto Nash
4. Sahara
5. Mars Needs Moms
6. The 13th Warrior
7. Town & Country
8. Speed Racer
9. Heaven's Gate
10. Stealth

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DOG CAN'T RESIST JUMPING ON PEOPLE

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Our dog "Bailey" is about a year and a half old, and he has always gotten very excited around the kids and guests, and jumps up to paw at them. The kids love to play with him, which encourages him to jump up more. He is otherwise very lovable. How can I stop this behavior? -- Sign me "Muddy Shirt" in Madison, Wis.

DEAR MUDDY SHIRT: Jumping up is a very common behavior in dogs. The key here is to teach Bailey that it isn't acceptable.

How? Well, yelling or getting excited yourself when Bailey jumps up will likely do nothing, or even make the problem worse. Pushing Bailey away or swatting his nose isn't helpful, either.

Instead, try the "I'm not interacting with you" method. When Bailey starts to jump up (such as when you come home) stay calm, but look away and fold your arms. Say "off!" in a strong but calm voice. Turn your back on him if need be.

Now -- this is important -- as soon as Bailey stops the behavior, reward him by looking at him and calmly petting him. If he starts to jump again (and he will), repeat the steps.

Basic obedience training plays a key role here. Every day, teach Bailey to sit, stay, lie down, come and heel. When he begins to jump or get hyper, use the non-interaction method, and as soon as he stops jumping, say "sit." When he obeys you, reward him with calm petting.

What you're teaching Bailey is that he will not get the attention he craves if he behaves a certain way (jumping). Make sure to teach your kids to do the same.

There are lots of resources and methods to address jumping up, such as the ASPCA's pet-care section. Keep researching, or contact a professional trainer to help.

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

The Garden Bug

Spring begins

In 2014, the *vernal equinox* (a term derived from the Latin words for spring, equal and night) occurs March 20. On this day, the sun shines directly on the equator, and the length of day and night is nearly equal.

It marks the start of springtime in the northern hemisphere: increasing daylight, warming temperatures, and the rebirth of plant and animal life. - Brenda Weaver

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