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Goldblatt Pushes to Ban Scout Use of Town Property

Board Members Surprised by Former First Selectman's Prepared Statement

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

A seemingly straightforward request by the Boy Scouts of America to use Orange Fairgrounds for their annual June event brought a heated topic to discussion by the Board of Selectmen at its monthly meeting on March 13.

When Connecticut Yankee Council's William Amidon appeared before the board of selectmen to describe the annual Jamboree, the board expected a quick and easy approval. But Selectman Mitch Goldblatt asked his fellow selectmen to turn the approval down. Pointing out that he has voted in favor of similar requests in past years, he felt that the time had come for the town to take a stand.

Reading from a prepared statement Goldblatt stated "I have been troubled with the continuing affirmation of the Boy Scouts of America to exclude gay boys from membership and to prohibit gay and lesbian adults from serving as leaders, I have decided that it's time to speak out against such bigotry and discrimination and ask that we take a stand as a board together."

"I do not wish to stop our local scouting efforts, but allowing the Town of Orange to serve as a host community to welcome troops from all over the



Mitch Goldblatt

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School Superintendent Presents New Spending Plan

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Education approved a budget with a 3.3% spending increase for the upcoming school year. The original plan presented by Superintendent Lynn McMullin carried a 2.7% increase, but the board voted unanimously to add \$100,000 to the \$18.3 million for unspecified security spending, raising the increase to taxpayers to 3.3%. "We are at the stage now where merely meeting contractual increases and paying the bills can't be our only goal for the future," explained McMullin. "We need to move away from the 1% increases," she said as she presented her plan, which she calls fiscally responsible.

With little discussion, the board approved the budget. Board member Deb Marino said she 'completely supported' the budget, and asked the board to include more than \$5,000, the amount included in the budget, for additional security spending.

A \$15 million bond going before voters on March 20 includes \$800,000 to cover the costs of security enhancements at the four schools. An additional \$150,000 was approved by the board of finance for immediate security improvements at the schools. Schools Business Administrator Kevin McNabola told



Lynn McMullin

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Local Scouts Earn Scouting’s Highest Honor

Five Orange Boy Scouts Awarded Rank of Eagle Scout



From left to right: Frank Kachmar discussing his Eagle Scout project; Matt Kachmar speaking about his time in Scouting; Tim Brown receiving a proclamation from First Selectman Jim Zeoli on behalf of the town of Orange; Marc Cerami thanking those who helped him attain the rank of Eagle Scout; Mike Cerami shaking First Selectman Jim Zeoli’s hand after receiving his proclamation.

March 3rd was one of the most important days of five Orange residents’ lives, it was the day they were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America. Each of these Scouts were members of Troop 925, which is sponsored by the Turkey Hill School PTA.

The Scouts were: Tim Brown, Marc Cerami, Mike Cerami, Matt Kachmar, and Frank Kachmar.

The emcee of the ceremony was former Scoutmaster and Orange resident Richard Meisenheimer. Meisenheimer is also an Eagle Scout and explained that each of these young men worked hard for many years to attain the rank. In their many years of Scouting, each Scout had to earn at least 21 merit badges, work their way through seven ranks, and complete a service project that benefited the community.

Tim Brown, a senior at Amity High School, completed his leadership project at the Ewen Farm Preserve. He constructed a foot bridge and cleared brush to provide access to the property from Saint John’s Drive. Tim chose his brother, Bob, as his mentor. Bob is also an Eagle Scout.

Marc Cerami, a freshman at Saint John’s University (New York), completed his project with the Orange Country Fair Committee. He constructed additional security fencing and pegboard displays. In addition, he painted the existing pegboard displays along the perimeter of the Country Fair Display Hall at High Plains Community Center. Marc chose his brother, Nick, as his

mentor. Nick is also an Eagle Scout.

Mike Cerami, a freshman at the University of New Haven, also completed his project with the Orange Country Fair Committee. He created additional pegboard displays used to exhibit photos and art in the Country Fair Display Hall. Mike chose Richard Meisenheimer as his mentor. Richard is also an Eagle Scout.

Matt Kachmar, a freshman at Amity High School, completed his project with the Orange Country Fair Committee. Matt created a judging booth for the tractor pulling competitions. The booths enhanced the visual presence of the event. Matt chose his uncle Joe Koripsky as his mentor.

Frank Kachmar, a sophomore at Amity High School, also completed his project with the Orange Country Fair Committee. Frank’s project was to build a ticket booth for the Country Fair Committee that kept with the style of the atmosphere of the Fair. Frank chose his uncle Joe Koripsky as his mentor.

Each of these Scouts was presented with proclamations by First Selectman Jim Zeoli on behalf of the Town of Orange. Zeoli remarked how each of the projects enhanced the town and stated that Eagle Scout projects complete a great many projects in town. He said that he is looking forward to working with Eagle Scouts in the future, specifically mentioning that there are potential projects at the open space formerly owned by Hubbell Corporation and more projects at the Ewen Farm Preserve.



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The Race Brook School’s Student Council, led by teachers and co-advisors, JoAnne Escandon and Pam Galatioto organized the drive. The student council members worked cooperatively by preparing a hallway bulletin board, creating a notice to send home, and then collecting books, puzzles, games as well as much construction paper, markers, paints, etc. for the drive. The response was overwhelming, as the families of Race Brook School were so very generous donating over 1,000 books and many supplies to benefit the Jamie A. Hulley Childcare Center.

The center is named in memory of Jamie Hulley, a former student of Race Brook School. Jamie attended the school from 1987 to 1993. Throughout her young life, she was very much involved in the arts and had a profound impact on the lives of countless people. Jamie’s fund helps to provide the children at the center with enriching experiences in literature, art, music, and theatre. The students of Race Brook School hope their book donations will bring hours of reading pleasure to the children.

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STUDENT NEWS

Local Students Named to Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland

Baltimore, MD -- Loyola University Maryland has announced the members of its fall 2012 Dean's List. In order to qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 15 credits. The following Orange students have achieved this honor:

- Jennifer Bishop, a member of the class of 2015;
- Nina Waskiewicz, a member of the class of 2016.

Kasey Killeen Named to Dean's List at Villanova University

Villanova, PA -- Kasey Killeen, from Orange, Conn., was named to the Dean's List at Villanova University for the fall 2012 semester. Killeen is studying Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Villanova University Dean's List recipients are honored by their college's respective dean. To qualify, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5.

Cynthia Greenberg Makes Dean's Commendation List at Gettysburg College

Gettysburg, PA -- Gettysburg College students with a quality point average in the range of 3.300 to 3.599 for a semester's work are placed on the College's Deans' Commendation List. Cynthia Greenberg of Orange, has been placed on the Deans' Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2012 semester.

Beth Backer Makes Dean's List

Beth Backer was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Hofstra University in Hempstead, NY, where she is currently a freshman. She was also invited to join Hofstra's Honor College program, beginning this semester. Beth is the daughter of Bruce and Lois Backer of Orange. She was a 2012 graduate of the Amity Regional High School.

Local Student Named to President's List at Elon University

Ashley Mary Gherlone, daughter of Louis and Linda Gherlone of Orange, CT, has been named to the President's List for the 2012 fall semester at Elon University. The President's List includes students who had no grade below an A- in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Elon University is recognized as a national model for engaged learning with renowned programs in international study and community service. Elon emphasizes an excellent foundation in liberal arts and sciences along with nationally accredited professional programs in the schools of law, business, communications, education and health sciences.

Grace Von Rabenstien Studies Abroad at Champlain's Dublin, Ireland

Burlington, VT -- Grace Von Rabenstien, an Environmental Policy major is currently studying abroad at the Champlain College Campus in Dublin, Ireland. At Champlain's state-of-the-art Academic Center in Dublin, Von Rabenstien and other students have the opportunity to receive international perspective and prepare to be global professionals. Von Rabenstien, a Junior, will be studying in Ireland for the remainder of the spring semester. Local Champlain faculty and staff at the Dublin Campus provide guided immersion tours as well as encourage students to make their own travel opportunities. While abroad, students are also able to create strong friendships, share experiences and support each other in their explorations of place and self.

Lauralton Hall Announces its First Quarter Honor Rolls

Principal Ann Pratson of The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall has announced the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2012 – 2013 school year. High Honors students have achieved an average of at least 92 in all academic courses; Honors students have an average of at least 86 in all academic courses.

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Saddened and Disappointed at Choice for Theater Production

Two weeks ago, the Orange Interfaith Clergy Fellowship sponsored a community dialogue on violence in our culture. Concerned community members that participated in the discussion agreed that we do indeed live in a culture that is pervaded by violence and changes must be made. The deluge of images, movies, video games and yes even Broadway productions that contain, minimize or glorify violence and are served up to our children and families as entertainment speak volumes to who we are as a community. Violence, in its varied forms, takes a toll on our all of us. Research has shown that repeated exposure to violence leads to de-sensitization, hopelessness and an increase in acts of violence towards others. The pervasiveness of violence in our culture has sadly become the new normal. From a faith perspective, our greatest teachers have told us again and again that what we value, what we watch and what we take in transforms and changes us in either good or harmful ways.

In light of all the tragedy that we have experienced here in Connecticut as the result of violence, I was saddened and disappointed to learn that Annual Spring Musical theater production to be performed at Amity High School in April is Sweeney Todd. The musical based on the 1973 play Sweeney Todd, tells the story of Benjamin Barker, aka Sweeney Todd, who returns to London after 15 years spent at a penal colony as a result of bogus charges. When he finds out that his wife poisoned herself after being raped by the judge who sent him to the colony, he vows revenge on the judge and, later, the whole world. He teams up with a pie maker, Mrs. Lovett, and opens a barbershop in which he slits the throats of customers and has them baked into pies. I am dumbfounded to think our high school students were invited to perform a musical whose major themes are rape, revenge, murder and cannibalism, regardless of how many awards it has received or the great music it contains. While I am sure it is not the intent of the School Superintendent or members of the Board of Education to support this subject matter, might better judgment have been used in choosing a performance vehicle to showcase the talents of our students at Amity High School?

What messages are we sending to our children and youth when we as leaders tacitly support violence, innocuously cloaked in the form of a Tony award winning musical, as public entertainment? When are we as a community going to step up and say enough is enough and protect our kids from an entertainment industry that says anything goes as long as it makes money? As adults, educators, parents and faith community leaders we have a responsibility and a duty to protect our children and youth from those influences that can have a detrimental effect on their developing minds and moral compass. I enjoin all of us in the community of Orange, to stay informed, hold each other accountable for what is happening in our schools and make better choices in the educational and entertainment offerings we provide our children. Our children deserve better from us and I for one will no longer be silent.

The Rev. Ann Ritonia

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(“Goldblatt” continued from page 1)

state sends the message that we accept these underlying principles,” Goldblatt explained.

He made a motion to deny the request to hold the Jamboree in Orange unless the ban on gay scouts and gay and lesbian leaders was lifted prior to the date of the jamboree.

Amidon did not react to the statement and he declined invitations to speak with the press following the meeting however, selectmen of both parties voiced disappointment that Goldblatt had not discussed his position with them prior to the meeting as well as did Town Council Vincent Marino.

Retiring Democratic board Member Joe Blake was the first to speak: “I don’t disagree with your thought and direction. It’s a delicate subject that’s appearing more and more. I’m not sure we should penalize those looking to use our grounds, but notify the organization that the board took the issue into consideration while considering the request.”

Republican selectman Ralph Okenquist shared what was the consensus of the board: “It’s difficult to tell the scouts that they can’t come.”

First Selectman Jim Zeoli also stated that he wished he had known Goldblatt would be addressing the issue in advance of the meeting. Goldblatt told the Orange Town News that it would not have been appropriate for him to have alerted his colleagues prior to the meeting.

“This was an item on the Agenda for a board decision. It is not protocol for us to discuss our votes before the meeting. All discussion on the matter should be done in public and not behind closed doors. If others felt they needed more time, someone could have made a motion to table until the next month,” he said.

At the meeting, after each board member shared their similar views, Board Attorney Vincent Marino cautioned the board against denying access to town property by the Boy Scouts, saying, “We may all agree on the issue but the function of our body under the constitution is to afford citizens’ rights to town property.”

After what he called ‘seven minutes of smart phone research,’ Marino determined that the board would be in violation of the First Amendment of the Constitution if it denied the request based on the organization’s beliefs.

“You can’t deny the application based on their viewpoints,” Marino said.

Goldblatt did make a motion that the board deny the request. It failed in a five-to-one vote. A second motion was made to approve the application and it passed in a five-to-one vote with Goldblatt the sole naysayer. When asked if the decision could have been precedent-setting, Goldblatt said, “Absolutely. It has given many people (including the Boy Scouts of America, I believe) something to think about. And if they finally do reverse the ban, I would like to think that Orange, CT in a small way played a part!”

Goldblatt said, “This might have been precedent-setting and I would have welcomed it being challenged if that is what they did. Nonetheless, this issue has evolved over the years and certainly a few years back it wasn’t raised with the Boy Scouts, the Army or anyone else. But today it is and we need to look forward from this day on and how we feel about this issue which has become the civil rights issue of this century.”

The June 15 event, rather than being an overnight campout as in years past, will be a one-day event, drawing hundreds of Boy Scouts and their leaders from across the state.



State Senator Gayle Slossberg speaks with Milford Girl Scouts attending Girl Scout Advocacy Day at the state Capitol in Hartford.

Slossberg Hosts Scouts for Girl Scout Advocacy Day

State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg welcomed local Girl Scouts from Milford to the state Capitol Wednesday for Girl Scout Advocacy Day. Held annually in Hartford, the event recognizes the girl-empowerment organization for its leadership role on issues effecting girls and women in Connecticut, and helps raise awareness on these issues.

“Girl Scouting promotes the values and skills that help women constantly improve the world around them,” said Sen. Slossberg. “When these girls become our future leaders they will be able to point to their time as Girl Scouts as having motivated them to make a difference in their communities.”

Senator Slossberg is a member of Honorary Girl Scout Troop 210, created as a forum for women in the Senate and House to discuss issues such as physical and emotional health for girls and cyber safety. She fielded questions from local Girl Scouts on an array of topics including the legislative process and specific issues facing the state.

The girls included members of Troops 38369 and 38379 who attend Jonathan Law High School and Harborside Middle School, and members of Troop 30139 who attend Orchard Hills Elementary School.

VA Security Breach Exposes Personal Data

It came from a hotline tip: The Department of Veterans Affairs in one of the medical regions was transmitting personally identifiable information over unsecure lines. The VA Office of the Inspector General (VAOIG) investigated.

The allegation was that a certain Veterans Integrated Service Network, handling more than 400,000 veterans, was sending health record information around to the various outpatient clinics and medical centers over local, unencrypted Internet networks. Information included names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers and health data (even X-ray images) for not only veterans but their dependents.



by Freddy Groves

Those sending out the data ‘fessed up: It was a “common practice,” and they “typically” transferred the data that way. The excuse given was that the office of the techies was getting a system security waiver. Meaning that they accepted the risk that loss or theft of data was possible.

Wrong answer, said the OIG. Not only could the information be grabbed as it went down the line, but mischief-doers could grab the router information and travel back up the line and get into the system. From there it’s not much of a reach that much damage could be done, including a Denial of Service attack on the VA’s computers. Further, those security waivers are only for exceptional circumstances and must be signed by the heads of federal agencies.

The big problem is that there were both VA and federal requirements in place to ensure the security of information that was sent, and transmitting the way they have is a violation.

As with all VAOIG inspections, the department has the opportunity to respond to allegations and recommendations. The response was that they’re not transmitting over unsecure Internet connections, that they’re using a private network link.

But no, that link is not encrypted.

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2013 Strawberry Festival

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Planning for the 2013 Orange Strawberry Festival, sponsored by the Orange Congregational Church, is underway, and this year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever! The first bit of news is an exciting change of venue: our event has grown so much since we started that we will no longer fit on the Orange Town Green. We'll see you instead at the High Plains Community Center (town fairgrounds) on Orange Center Road on Saturday, June 8 from 9am-6pm (rain date: Sunday, June 9).

We're currently recruiting vendors, crafters, artists, etc. and we'd love to have you join us as an exhibitor! The Strawberry Festival has brought in about 3,000 guests in past years, and with this year's bigger location we're expecting even more. Local businesses can also purchase space in our popular program book.

Deadline for ad space buys: May 7, 2013
Deadline for vendor registration: May 15, 2013 (or, when all spaces are filled)
Download forms for ad buys and vendor registration directly from the Orange Congregational Church website (www.orangecongregationalchurch.org/strawberry-festival). Questions? Call the church office at 203-795-9749 or contact Susan Cassidy at ss_cassidy@yahoo.com.

Orange Foundation Scholarships

Bob Archambault, President of The Orange Foundation, announces that applications for 2013 student scholarships are now being accepted. Since its inception in 1974, the Orange Foundation has distributed \$379,825.00 in Scholarships.

The application for the scholarships can be downloaded from the Foundation website, orangefoundation.org or can be obtained at the Library or through guidance counselors. Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications early. The deadline for submission is April 15th. Applicants are asked to type information directly on the downloaded form. The Distribution Committee will review the applications and recipients will be notified in early June.

Scholarship support come from the following:

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The Orange Foundation also awards community grants from:

- Officer Robert F. Stankye Fund
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- The Olga Fund
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The Orange Foundation invites citizens who would like to donate funds to assist in this effort to serve the Orange community should contact Robert Archambault at 203-795-3716 or tarchambaults@optonline.net.



Pancakes for Parkinson's Fundraiser at Chip's

The 2nd Annual Pancakes for Parkinson's fundraising supper is set at Chip's Family Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange, on Tuesday, April 23, with four seatings for diners: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30 p.m. Price is \$10 each.

Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes including an iPad Mini, gourmet baskets, wine, and more. Proceeds will benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research to help find a cure for the millions suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Chip's is donating all the food for the mouth-watering meal which includes three pancakes, bacon or sausage, two eggs, and coffee or tea. Major sponsors of the event include Milford Bank, Ashcroft Inc., Rotary Club of Milford, McInnis Companies, Montano Coffee & Candy, David and Terry Rubin, ShopRite of Milford, and Wines and More.

Meal tickets may be pre-ordered or purchased at the door. Checks for tickets, sponsorship, and donations should be made out to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, a non-profit organization, and sent to Team Fox/Jody Culmone, 65 Peck Hill Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525. For more information, please call 203-387-4182 or email jvculmone@optonline.net.

Orange Lions Club 51st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Orange Lions Club is holding its 51st annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23 at the High Plains Community Center grounds in Orange. In case of inclement weather, a "rain or snow date" has been set for Saturday, March 30, at High Plains Community Center with the same procedures as scheduled on March 23. 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 four (4) age groups. This allows each child to have an equal opportunity to collect the thousands of chocolate eggs which the Lions Club will have to distribute. The four (4) age groups are: (1) Pre School through Kindergarten; (2) First Grade & Second Grade; (3) Third Grade & Fourth Grade; (4) Fifth Grade & Sixth Grade. Over 10,000 chocolate eggs will be distributed during the hunt. Prizes will be awarded to children in all age categories for finding specially marked eggs and there will be special prizes this year as well.

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.

Orange Lion Nick Bencivengo is the Chairman of this year's event. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to this event 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 Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the annual pizza party at the Orange Senior Center, a wine tasting fund raiser in January, and also "A Taste of Amity", which will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott this year for the first time, on Thursday, April 18. In addition, the Orange Lions make contributions to many community organizations; and for many years, the Lions have run a Community Grants Program for local groups who are seeking funds for a special reason. In particular, the Orange Lions Club has made many gifts to the Case Memorial Library over the years for the purchase of large print books and audio tapes for the sight impaired and the general public. The Orange Lions also fund two \$1,000 scholarships each year for students graduating from Amity High School.

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 for the sight-impaired, and to Camp Hemlocks for special needs 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. In the past two years, the Orange Lions also have held a very successful fund-raiser for the Wounded Warrior Project.

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The Women’s Republican Club of Orange will have a 2013 Spring Installation supper at the popular “Chips” restaurant in Orange on Sunday, April 28th at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, RSVP by April 21st. “A Taste of Tuscany” will include baked ziti, meatballs, salad, bread and butter, coffee or tea, and dessert (buffet style). Pat Zeoli will be honored for her superb volunteerism and constant effort for the Orange Republican Party. We will have our traditional door-prize event. Members, please bring along a prize if you so desire. Call Mary DeVito at 795-9382 with any questions.

Reservation checks should be sent to treasurer, Beth Michael, 388 Drummond Road. Members may include a separate \$5.00 check for dues payable to WRCO. Friends and guests are most welcome. Bon Appetit!

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By Dennis Marsh

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Special Event - United Girls Choir - United in Song

April 4 we will have a very special concert with the Shelton Allegra and Cantata divisions of the United Girls Choir. If you have ever seen them perform then you know how fabulous they are. Coffee and dessert provided by Maria Biondi of the OVNA and will be served at 5:30 and music begins at 6 pm. Tickets are \$5 pp and are available in advance from the Senior Center office.

Lunch & Learn

Thursday, April 11, from 11:30am to 1:00pm, the Orange TRIAD will present “Medicare Fraud” a program on what to look for. Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Dessert supplied by Lend a Hand health care. Call the center to register. All are welcome!

Senior Connections - A Fair to Remember

The Orange Chamber of Commerce’s Senior Connection Group will be hosting a FREE business fair for all seniors at the High Plains Community Center Gym from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on April 12. There will be 25 booths displaying local goods and services. There will be entertainment, lunch for the first 200 attendees, and a raffle.

Teen Tech Talk

We met last month and it was a hit so we are doing it again on April 15, 4:00pm in the Orange Senior Center Lounge. Ninth grade students from Amity High School will be available to help seniors with instruction on how to use an i-Phone or i-Pad. Oh, did I mention...it’s FREE! Call the Orange Senior Center (203) 891-4784 with your intentions to participate in this unique interactive opportunity.

Spring Cabaret

Spring Theme Cabaret will be April 24, with Judy Hall. Coffee and dessert provided by Mary-Ann White of Coldwell Banker and will be served at 5:30 and music begins at 6 pm. There will be a raffle! Tickets are \$5 pp and are available in advance at the Senior Center.

Pasta Festa

Join us on Friday, May 10 from 5 to 8 pm for the ninth annual Pasta Festa! We will again hold the supper in the beautiful hall at St. Barbara’s Greek Orthodox Church on 480 Racebrook Road. The pasta and meatballs will be

catered by Cusano’s. Members of the Board of Selectmen will be on hand to help serve the meal. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of this year’s Living Treasure Awards to three deserving Orange residents. Winners of the silent auction will go home with some great prizes donated by individuals and local businesses. Tables of 8 to 10 are available. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time; otherwise we cannot guarantee that you will be sitting together. Please let us know if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle. Tickets go on sale April 1 at \$20 per person.

4th Annual Peck Place Senior Prom

Peck Place School will once again be hosting a Senior Prom on Tuesday, May 14 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Last year we had a ton of fun! There will be a buffet style lunch and beverages. This is an actual prom with music and dancing. The attire is dressy, but you could wear whatever will make you comfortable. Oh, and the best part is it’s FREE! Just RSVP to the senior center so we can tell the school how many will be attending.

2013 TRIPS

Shades Of Ireland – September 15 – 24, 2013 (10 days, 13 meals). Travel the Ring of Kerry, one of the world’s most beautiful coastal routes, while experiencing old Ireland at its finest. You will visit Dublin, experience an Irish evening, visit Kilkenny - the home of Waterford Crystal, see Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone, enjoy a Jaunting Car Ride, travel along the Ring of Kerry, visit a farm in Killarney and experience the customs of a traditional Irish family, see the Cliffs of Moher, and stay overnight on the Cabra Castle grounds. A deposit is required to confirm your space. Cost is \$2,999pp, double occupancy. Deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

Reflections Of Italy – September 23—October 2, 2013 (10 days 14 meals). Revel in the magic of this famed destination as you set out on a comprehensive tour that features Rome, Venice and Florence. Explore Rome’s rich history, including a guided tour of the Coliseum. Visit one of Chianti’s treasured wineries complete with a stop at a Medieval Castle. Relish the charm of Venice amid its canals and architecture. Cost is \$3,899pp, double occupancy. Deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

New - Southern Italy & Sicily – September 26—October 7, 2013 (12 days 17 meals). Enjoy Southern Italy & Sicily on a comprehensive tour that features Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Catania, Mt. Etna, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Messina, Villa San Giovanni, Matera, Alberobello, Altamura, Pompeii, and Rome. Explore Italy & Sicily’s rich history. Visit the stunning Valley of the Temples’ ruins. Enjoy viewing the Greek Amphitheater, Corso Umberto and the bountiful Public Gardens, and so much more. Cost is \$3,849pp, double occupancy. Deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available. A passport is required.

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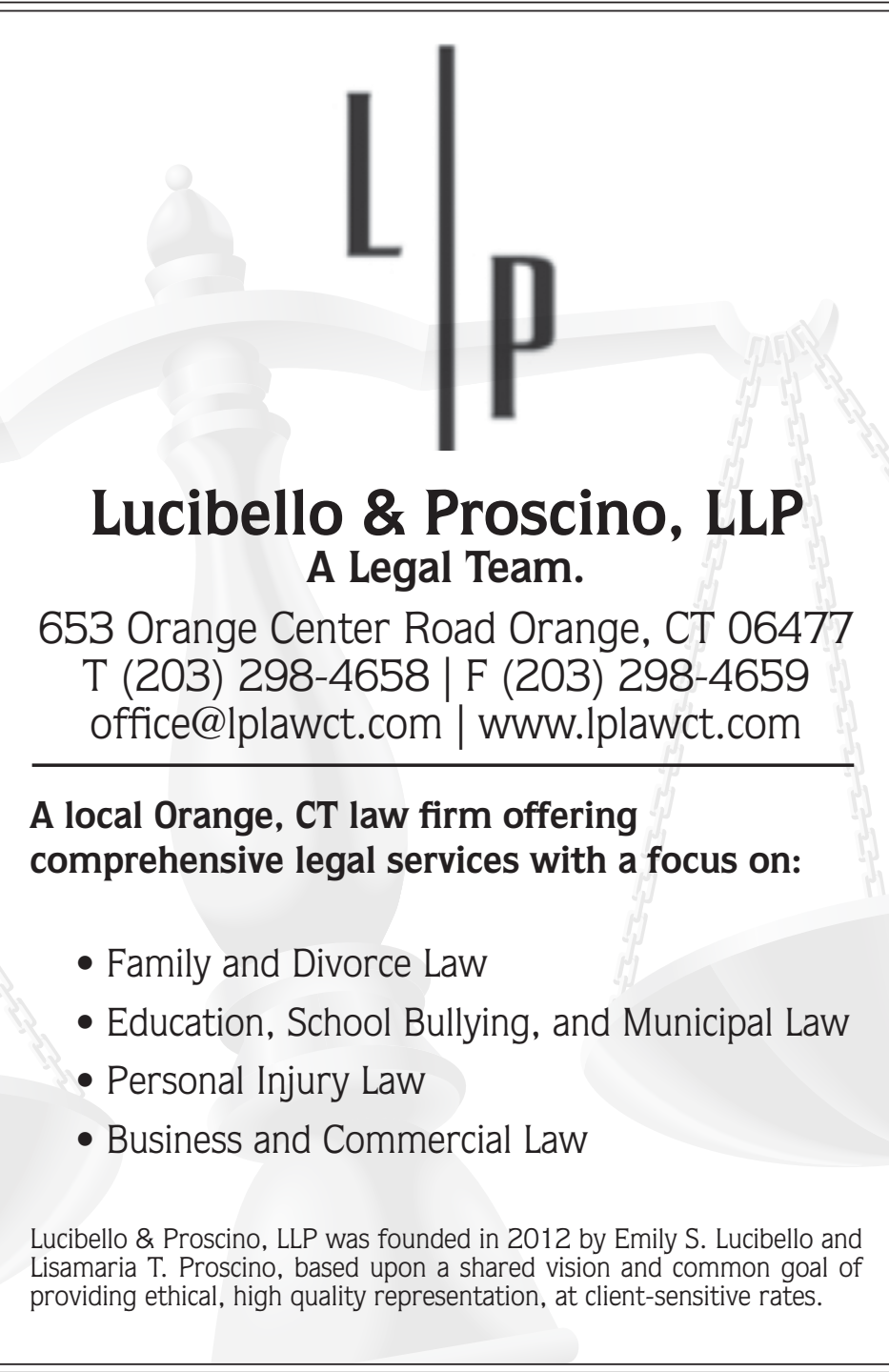


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TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

From the Desk of the Municipal Agent

By Denise Stein



As the Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent for the Elderly for the town of Orange, I was honored by an invitation I received to attend an information session regarding Home Haven. The amount of information I received was so exciting.

Home Haven is a way to assist people to stay in their homes and age in place. The idea started in Boston and has now spread. There are now three Home Haven villages in the Greater New Haven Area - East Rock, Westville and Amity (Orange, Bethany and Woodbridge). There is a nominal fee every year to belong but as a member you get so much back.

Through the organization there are a number of recreational activities like tours of local art museums, trips out of state, a book club with challenging discussions and lectures around the issue of aging and how to stay in YOUR home and not THE home. There is a network of friends that you will get to meet, volunteers to assist you with all kinds of needs, rides when you can't drive, connections to home health care agencies that will allow you to get the personal touch.

I wish I had more space to tell you more about the organization and the wonderful people I met. So what I would like you to do, when you get on your computer is to look them up at HomeHavenvillages.org or call them. The Executive Director is Bitsie Clark and the office number is 203.776.7378.

From the Youth Services Coordinator

By John Ulatowski



Youth Services Orange Artist Colony April Drawing class signup

Open to all Orange 7th and 8th grade students. The Artist Colony will consist of 12 students only. Space limited. Student lists will be determined by the order (date and time) in which email is received. Session content is different from last year. Students will receive professional instruction and all art materials. There is no cost to the parent. Drawing: April 15th Time: 9 am to 3 pm. Parents can email John Ulatowski, at julatowski@orange-ct.gov.

Intergenerational Tutoring has an 8th grade math opening

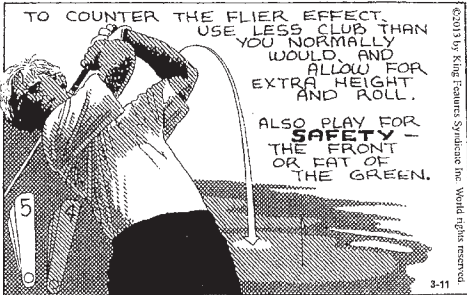
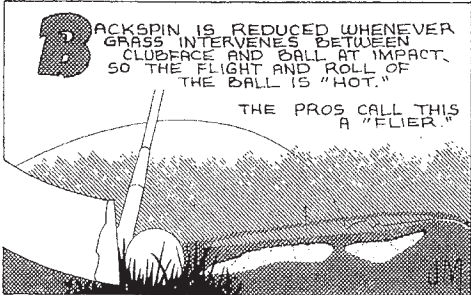
Our Intergenerational Tutoring program has an opening for an 8th grade student who needs tutoring assistance. Program takes place on Thursdays at Case Library. The opening is for the 4:15 to 5:00 session. Experienced math teacher is provided. There is no cost to the program. Student will be determined by the order (date/time) in which email is received. Interested parents should email John at julatowski@orange-ct.gov

Youth Photo Contest Announcement Notice

The Orange Arts & Culture Council is having a photography contest entitled "Picture This" that is open to all Orange residents in grades 4-12.

Prizes will be awarded in three age categories. Winning photos will be displayed in a July exhibit. Photo should represent people, places, or things in Orange; should be one 8x10 and unframed; may be color or black & white; should include a short description of the photo as well as name, address, phone number, school, and grade level on the back of the photo. Photo should be submitted to: OACC, PO Box 596, Orange Ct. 06477. All photos submitted become the property of OACC and will not be returned. For further information contact: Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133 or Judy Primavera at 203-795-1133.

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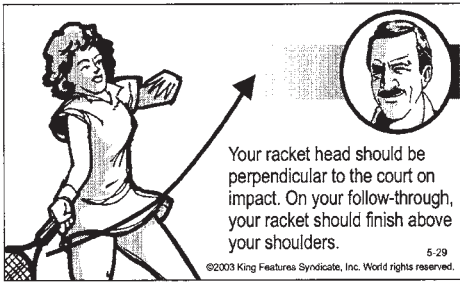
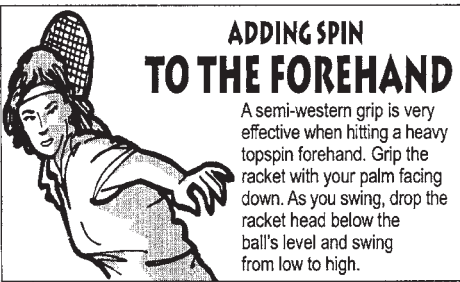
From the Office of Police Chief Robert Gagne



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- 2075 Calls for Service
 - 2 Robberies
 - 2 Burglaries (1 residential, 1 commercial)
- 113 Activated Burglar Alarms
- 17 Criminal Arrests
- 15 Shoplifting/Larcenies
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First Honors
7th Grade

Nicholas Abrams
Yusaf Ahmad
Abigail Allen
George Antonellis
Alexandra Ashworth
Amelia Bailey-Schetlin
Jack Balocca
Erin Barillier
Bridget Barnsley
Hailey Benedetto
Nitya Bhattarai
Isobel Browe
Catherine Brown
Roberta Buccilli
Lauren Canna
Sarah Cartier
Michelle Chimid
Brianna DiRienzo
Ulada Dubovik
Carsan Dziczkowski
Christina Emmerthal
Ann Foley
Ryan Ford
Shayna Goldblatt
Amanda Granados
Courtney Greifenberger
Jillian Gusciora
Hannah Hipona
Hannah Hutchison
Julia Itzler
Benjamin Kemp
Emily Kilian
Michaela Kraut
Sam Kruger
Vince Li
Arthur Lihar
Danielle London
Taylor Martin
Talia Mayerson
Leah Mongillo
David Nizzardo
Haegan O'Rourke
Maya Oestreicher
Jessica Paradis
Veronica Pisano
Caroline Rafferty
Hannah Rappaport
Jenna Shaffer
Christina Skeritt
Grace Vocalina
Maren Westgard

First Honors
8th Grade

Emily Bacal
William Butler
Nathan Carney
Yoon Sung Cho
Joshua Crow
Emily Cucurello
Matthew D'Onofrio
Paul DeBassio
Daniel DeFeo
Marissa Della-Giustina
Stefanie DelVecchio
Himay Dharani
Emily Drezek
Tommy Driscoll
Yuliya Faryna
Emma Gehr
Jethin Gowda
Hayley Grande
Jacob Hollander
Katia Howard
Daniel Jaques
Haya Jarad
Kathryn Kaligian
Kiersten Keating
David Kennedy
Zachary Kosa
Amy Ky
Kyle Marieb
Cassidy Marry
Kelsey McCormack
Molly McGuire
Jasmine Moon
Emily Mullins
Maya Mutalik
Sarah Nevolis
Jacob Okolo
Rohan Patel
Hugh Potter
Matthew Sabitsky
Katherine Schittina
Kiley Stackpole
Clare Staib-Kaufman
Jenna Thomas
Megan Tichy
Nicholas Yoo
Seungi Yu

Second Honors
7th Grade

Kayla Abreu
Khadija Ali
Sophie Anwar-Krumeich
Samuel Arnold
Stone Bragaw
Brian Carson
Christian Chadwick
David Chen
Ruby Ciskowski
Kevin Cox
Isabella Crasilli
Peter DeBassio
Carly DeMaio
Alaina Dwyer
Jocelyn Eagle
Clayton Fischman
Timothy Gnidula
Jenna Goldwitz
Michael Gulia
Brian Hackenjos
Ryan Hemstock
Michael Holloway
Tyler Holloway
Lena Howard
Alexandra Justo
Traci Kingston
Nicole Koshes
Bianca Longobardi
Justine Luo
Robert Lyngdal
Brooke Matyasovsky
McKenzie McDermott
Charles Moore
Adam Moscato
Mason Ortoleva
Riana Picagli
Brandon Pinto-Cook
Morgan Ramadon
Matthew Rothman
Sydney Sachs
Melissa Satonick
Joseph Schittina
Nevia Selmon
Emilia Steinbrick
Catherine Whitaker
Grace Whitman
Patrick Winkler

Second Honors
8th Grade

Zachary Bailey
Cassandra Bishop
Jeremy Cable
Chloe Capuano
Arianna Centore
Daniel Chodos
Brendan Corris
Charles Csejka
Sophia Cuzzo
Griffin Frobel
Jeffery Gallo
Bianca Gibbons-Morales
Victoria Gustafson
Justin Hawkins
Thomas Knudsen
Samara Koproski
Alina Lisowitch
Ethan Mason
Gia Mentillo
Taylor Nuzzo
Alessandro Pacelli
Kelsey Paier
Kaitlin Paradis
Angelina Racaniello
Audrey Regan
Max Scheps
Ray Tian
Nuala Tzovolos
Sakkarin Vilay
Mark Wezenski
Marissa Yanez
Garrett Yocher



Citizenship Award – 7th Grade

Abigail Allen
Sophie Anwar-Krumeich
Samuel Arnold
Alexandra Ashworth
Amelia Bailey-Schetlin
Jack Balocca
Erin Barillier
Bridget Barnsley
Hailey Benedetto
Nitya Bhattarai
Isobel Browe
Roberta Buccilli
Summer Burzynski
Lauren Canna
Sarah Cartier
Ruby Ciskowski
Isabella Crasilli
Peter DeBassio
Alexa DeGennaro
Carly DeMaio
Harley DeMatties
Brianna DiRienzo

Natalia Dobbs
Ulada Dubovik
Carsan Dziczkowski
Jocelyn Eagle
Christina Emmerthal
Ryan Ford
Haley Fusco
Timothy Gnidula
Michael Gulia
Jillian Gusciora
Brian Hackenjos
Hannah Hutchison
Hadiya Iftikhar
Julia Itzler
Alexandra Justo
Emily Killian
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Brooke Matyasovsky

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Jessica Paradis
Riana Picagli
Brandon Pinto-Cook
Ryan Sabo
Nicholas Saxa
Nevia Selmon
Jenna Shaffer
Christina Skeritt
Alexandria Smith
Jared W. Smith
Emilia Steinbrick
Grace Vocalina
Maren Westgard
Catherine Whitaker
Sunwoo Yoo

Citizenship Award – 8th Grade

Priya Aggarwal
Genevieve Angerame
Michael Anil
Joseph Antaya
Emily Bacal
Zachary Bailey
Kiley Bakis
Cassandra Bishop
Jeremy Cable
Karianne Canfield
Chloe Capuano
Nathan Carney
Micaela Casapulla
Arianna Centore
Yoon Sung Cho
Daniel Chodos
Jung Choi
Christian Cooper
Joshua Crow
Emily Cucurello
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Haya Jarad
Tyler Johnston
Kathryn Kaligian
Kiersten Keating
Priti Khire
Christine Knudsen
Daniel Koproski
Samara Koproski
Zachary Kosa
Amy Ky
Maggie Lasto
Megan Lasto
Amber Lebron
Alina Lisowitch
Kyle Marieb
Steven Mazzacco
Kelsey McCormack
Molly McGuire
Juliet Melotto
Gia Mentillo

Nicolina Messoro
Jasmine Moon
Caleb Moore
Emily Mullins
Philip Nam
Sarah Nevolis
Taylor Nuzzo
Alessandro Pacelli
Kelsey Paier
Kaitlyn Paradis
Rohan Patel
Selly Patel
Nisansa Perera
Matthew Perrotti
Hugh Potter
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Congratulations To All The Honor Roll Students!

Slossberg Supports Bill Extending Small Business Program

Noting the overwhelming support for the program from business owners, State Senator Gayle Slossberg (D-Orange, Milford, Woodbridge) voted with the Senate in passing a bill that will make funds available to support Connecticut small businesses through the Small Business Express (EXP) program. Senate Bill 801, "An Act Making Manufacturing Assistance Act Funds Available For The Small Business Express Program," allows state funds that had already been made available for manufacturing and related development to be re-directed to EXP. "This program has empowered our region's businesses with the capacity to grow their operations and create new jobs," said Sen. Slossberg. "Small businesses are the backbone of our state, and this program is helping them turn around our economy."



Gayle Slossberg

The bill authorizes an additional \$60 million in general obligation bonds for EXP, increasing its total bond authorization from \$100 million to \$160 million. It does this by taking portions of the bonds that had been previously authorized for different purposes under Connecticut's Manufacturing Assistance Act program (MAA) and giving them to EXP.

Created in 2011, EXP provides matching grants and deferrable or forgivable loans under a streamlined application process to Connecticut-based businesses with fewer than 100 employees and that meet other criteria. Grant and loan amounts range from \$10,000 to \$300,000, and eligible businesses can use the funds to acquire machinery and equipment, construct facilities or make leasehold improvements, cover moving expenses, or meet working capital needs.

As of January 25, EXP had distributed \$29.2 million to Connecticut companies to create or retain 7,011 jobs in the state, including jobs in manufacturing, retail, financial services, hospitality and tourism, construction and healthcare. Fifteen businesses in Milford, Orange, and West Haven have created 39 new jobs and retained more than 155 since participating in EXP.

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Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 and will be closed on Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday. Registration is highly recommended for all Library programs.

Events for Children

Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Spring Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Please pre-register. Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Mondays at 4 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This storytime session includes a craft.

Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer: “The Rain Puddle”

Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m. - Red Hen sees her reflection in a puddle and thinks it’s another hen that needs to be rescued. What happens when cow, sheep, pig, turkey, and horse see their reflections too? Learn how to act out this hilarious story with drama instructor Ingrid Schaeffer. A fun spring activity will follow the workshop. For children ages 5-10. Space is limited.

Spring Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. - Come in pajamas and bring your bear! For children ages 2-5.

Events for Teens

Book Chat Cafe

Tuesday, April 2, 2:15 p.m.: For teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center. See Mrs. Goss for more information!

Events for Adults

Oscar Film: Zero Dark Thirty

Monday, April 1, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 3, 1 p.m. (with subtitles) - For a decade, an elite team of intelligence and military operatives working in secret across the globe devoted themselves to a single goal: to find and eliminate Osama bin Laden.

Cookbook Club: Cookbook Discussion Group

Monday, April 8, 7 p.m. - Come to the cookbook club for great food and great discussion about the featured cookbook: Mastering the Art of French Cooking by Julia Child. Come ready to share your dish and your experiences with the group.

Genealogy Workshop

Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m. - Learn to research your family history with professional genealogist Greg Thompson. A new topic is covered each month.

Oscar Film: Les Miserables

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17, 1 p.m. (with subtitles) - In 19th century France, Jean Valjean, who for decades has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Francine’s daughter, Cosette. Registration begins March 25.

Working with Your Digital Camera

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m. - Visit with experienced photographers to answer your questions and show you how to get the most from your camera. Bring your camera, its manual, and up to 4 questions you have about your camera or photography in general. Space is limited. Presented by the Orange Imaging Club.

Oscar Film: Lincoln

Monday, April 22, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 24, 1 p.m. (with subtitles) - With the moral courage and fierce determination to succeed, Lincoln’s choices in his final months of Presidency will change the fate of generations to come. Registration begins April 1.

Book Case: Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. - Join Book Case leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda.

Cooking with John Bencivengo

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. - Join Chef John Bencivengo for delicious appetizers and salads. Registration begins April 10. \$5 per person food charge

payable upon registration.

Moxie: Voices and Swingin’ Rhythm

Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m. - A jazzy quartet with swingin’ music in the style of the Andrews sisters with choreography and costumes reminiscent of the 1940s. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Friends of the Library Great! Basement Book Sale

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Come for a giant sale of new and gently used books, magazines, DVDs, music, and more.

Yoga for Joy and Renewal

Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m. - A multi-level yoga class with Sue Neufeld, level 2 para yoga certified teacher. Bring a towel or mat.

Boomers and Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center How to Navigate the Ever Changing Landscape of Technology

Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m. - Abby Stokes, author of “Is This Thing On?” helps “digital immigrants” (those baby boomers and beyond not born with a keyboard and mouse in hand) understand what everyone is talking about from tablets to Facebook and how to decide what might work best for them.

Oscar Film: Django Unchained

Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 8, 1 p.m. (with subtitles) - With the help of German-born fugitive hunter Dr. King Shultz, Django, a freed slave, sets out to rescue his wife from Calvin Candie, a brutal Mississippi plantation owner. Registration begins April 15.

Oscar Film: Silver Linings Playbook

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 15, 1 p.m. (with subtitles) - After a stint in a mental institution, Pat moves back in with his parents and tries to reconcile with his ex when he meets a mysterious girl with problems of her own. Registration begins April 22.

Simply Country: Gardening with Judy Bowerman Condon

Saturday, May 18, 1 p.m. - Join Orange’s own Judy Bowerman Condon, author of the Simply Country gardening book series, for a discussion and signing of her newest book, Through the Garden Gate, which features the gardens of two Orange residents. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. Co-sponsored by the Orange Arts Council and the Orange Garden Club.

Join Miss Michelle for a new storytime for 3 to 5 year olds on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning April 3. Our 3 to 5 year old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and fingerplays and are followed by a special craft. Come have fun, meet new friends, and set your child on the path to lifelong learning!

Friends of the Library Scholarship

Graduating seniors who are Orange residents and are planning to attend college to major in Library Science, English (Elementary or Secondary), or Education are invited to apply for the \$1000 Lucy Scilia Scholarship. Applications can be downloaded from the Case Memorial Library website or picked up at the Library. Some school guidance counselors also have them. Deadline for submission of applications is April 30th. Completed applications should be sent to Friends of the Library, c/o Joan Stenner, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, CT 06477. Notification of the student receiving the award will be June 1st.

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library established the scholarship in memory of Lucy Scilia, a long-standing member of the Friends and also of the Orange Library Commission, who spent much of her life instilling the love of reading in children. A retired Children’s Librarian, she established the library in the former St. Peter’s School in New Haven, participated in the Adopt-A-Reader Program at Peck Place, and regularly read to preschoolers at Holy Infant Nursery School.

The Friends of the Case Memorial Library was founded in 1992 to support the town library by providing programs and activities that enrich the normal library program. The volunteers sort books donated throughout the year for the semi annual book sales that are the major fundraiser for the Friends which utilizes these funds for many activities and programs, such as the many museum passes available to residents at the Circulation Desk; adult and children’s programs, including musical and dramatic presentations, travelogues, story tellers, etc; Books for the Homebound (Contact Marvin Jamron 203-795-4444 to arrange); and this year, Books for Kindergartners -- every kindergartner receives a book from the Friends.



“ROOF” Project Providing Free Information on Foreclosures

By Laura Fantarella, Orange Town News Correspondent

Foreclosure rates in Orange and Woodbridge may be much less dramatic than in some neighboring towns, but a house under foreclosure in any neighborhood can lower property values and deteriorate communities. In an effort to help homeowners at risk, a collaboration of city agencies and services formed the ROOF Project, (Real Options for Overcoming Foreclosure in Connecticut), to help navigate the complicated foreclosure process. The South Central Regional Council of Governments, which includes representatives from Orange, Woodbridge and neighboring towns in New Haven County, is among the area agencies partnering to provide free information, counseling services and resources to help people stay in their homes.

“There are a lot of collection scams out there and often people don’t know where to turn,” according to ROOF program manager Karah Johnson. “We are the beginning of the funnel and we can educate homeowners and tenants of their rights and direct them to trustworthy services. We reach out to thousands of people, to give them the tools they need and refer them to other housing organizations.” Formed in 2008 when housing foreclosures skyrocketed, the program was expected to dissolve after three years. “Clearly it’s lasted a lot longer and our partners are dedicated to keeping the project going as long as it’s needed,” Johnson said. “We estimate that we are at about the halfway mark of the foreclosure crisis, we expect it will last another few years.” Since the project began in 2008, 183 Orange families entered foreclosure and 25 lost their homes. In Woodbridge, 132 families filed foreclosure proceedings and 28 lost their homes. In New Haven County, 16,992 homes were at risk of foreclosure and 4,245 families lost their homes. In 2011, 12 Woodbridge homeowners entered into foreclosure and by 2012 the total increased to 33. In Orange, three homes were at risk of foreclosure in 2011 and seven in 2012. While success is hard to track, Johnson estimates that the ROOF project has helped about 80 percent of its clients remain in their homes.

It takes a village to keep families and communities safe from the ill effects of foreclosure and among those groups and agencies providing financial and resources are: Yale University, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, First City Fund Corp, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, NeighborWorks America, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the City of New Haven, including its public school system, Board of Aldermen, Mayor’s Office and Livable City Initiative; the United Way of Greater New Haven, United Illuminating, Neighborhood Management teams, DataHaven, Homes Saved by Faith, Community Mediation, Workforce Alliance, the Connecticut and New Haven Bar Association, Economic Development Corporation of New Haven, partnering banks, contractors and developers, Webster Bank and Wiggin and Dana law firm.

The next free foreclosure prevention clinic to educate homeowners about the foreclosure process and offer guidance to the free resources that are available will be held at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. March 26 at Meriden City Hall and April 16 at the West Haven City Hall. For more information, contact the ROOF project at 203-789-8690, www.theroofproject.org; or email Karah@gnhclf.org.

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From Your State Representative

By Paul Davis



Rep. Davis to Join M.O.R.E. Commission

State Representative Paul Davis (D-Milford/Orange/West Haven) is joining the recently resurrected M.O.R.E. (Municipal Opportunities & Regional Efficiencies) commission announced by Speaker of the House Brendan Sharkey (D-Hamden). The bipartisan panel is charged with helping cities and towns reduce their costs and increase efficiencies and encourage regional cooperation. Originally a creation of House Democrats, the new commission will include House and Senate members of both political parties as well as local officials. M.O.R.E. will undertake its mission with four working groups: Municipal Tax Authority, Education Budget, Regional Entities, and Mandates. Rep. Davis will serve on the Board of Education Functions Working Group. “I am pleased that Speaker Sharkey has resurrected the commission and that I will be working with members on the Board of Education Functions Working Group,” Rep. Davis said. “We all understand the critical responsibility that Boards of Education have in our communities. Our cities and towns are facing serious budget challenges these days and by working together we can deliver education and government programs more efficiently to our taxpayers.” Rep. Davis is a Deputy Majority Leader and serves on the Education, Environment, Energy and Technology and Legislative Management Committees.



Montessori Schools of Connecticut Readies for National Celebration

The membership of Montessori Schools of Connecticut (MSC) will join more than 5,000 public and independent Montessori schools across the nation and around the world, for the week long observance and celebration of Montessori Education Week, February 27 through March 2. MSC, whose membership includes public magnet and independent--not for profit, as well as proprietary--Montessori schools, was formed in 1984 to protect and promote the practice of Montessori principles across the state. MSC schools create child centered environments where children can follow their natural drive and curiosity to learn and explore while developing capability, initiative, interpersonal skills, academic strength, emotional literacy, and a strong sense of self. Dr. Maria Montessori, the first woman to graduate as a doctor of medicine in Italy, opened her first “Casa dei Bambini” over 106 years ago, for approximately 50 children ages three through six in the poverty ridden area of San Lorenzo in Rome. Her approach, still practiced today in authentic Montessori schools, is based on observations of the child’s natural tendency to explore and learn. During her life of study and research, Dr. Montessori designed curriculum, created and modified hands-on teaching materials and furniture, and prepared environments specifically responsive to the child’s stage of development. Having lived through two World Wars, Dr. Montessori’s vision for education was one of peace. She said “Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.” She saw the child as “the hope and the promise of mankind” and her work in educating for peace earned her six Nobel Peace nominations . Dr. Montessori’s keen insights into human development continue to be confirmed by current day research into teaching methods and brain-based learning. Studies directed by researchers such as neuroscientists, Drs. Adele Diamond and Steven Hughes, and psychologist Angeline S. Lillard dispel the concepts of education based on a common standard and approach. Montessori’s work continues to be prominently placed for nationwide consideration in educational reform with evidence to serve and prepare children for the needs and challenges of the 21st century. While not all Montessori schools closely follow Dr. Montessori’s principals--the Montessori Method was never patented--MSC member schools are affiliated with one of the two key Montessori organizations: American Montessori Society (AMS) or Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). MSC schools with elementary programs are accredited by the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) or by The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Both organizations are recognized by the Connecticut Department of Education as accrediting agencies for the state. Montessori programs serving only children six years old and younger are licensed through the Department of Public Health. With the increased popularity and number of Montessori schools around the country and the world serving children aged 6 months to high school age the MSC community celebrates generations of Montessori students eager to make a difference and a contribution to our communities and our world. Interested parents, professional educators, and college students are encouraged to contact their local Montessori school in Connecticut for more information and to observe Montessori in action.





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Mrs. Stephens' 7th grade team X math class, at Amity Middle School in Orange, celebrated Pi Day on March 14th (3.14), with a team day of a variety of activities. The top three winners in our annual Pi reciting contest were, from left to right, Hannah Rappaport, (2nd) Isobel Browe (1st) and Mike Flora (3rd). Together they memorized over 159 numbers of Pi.



Peck Place School recently hosted its annual Father/Daughter Dance which is an event open to all grade levels. Everyone enjoyed a fun filled evening which included music that was provided by Boppers DJ Entertainment. This event was very well attended.



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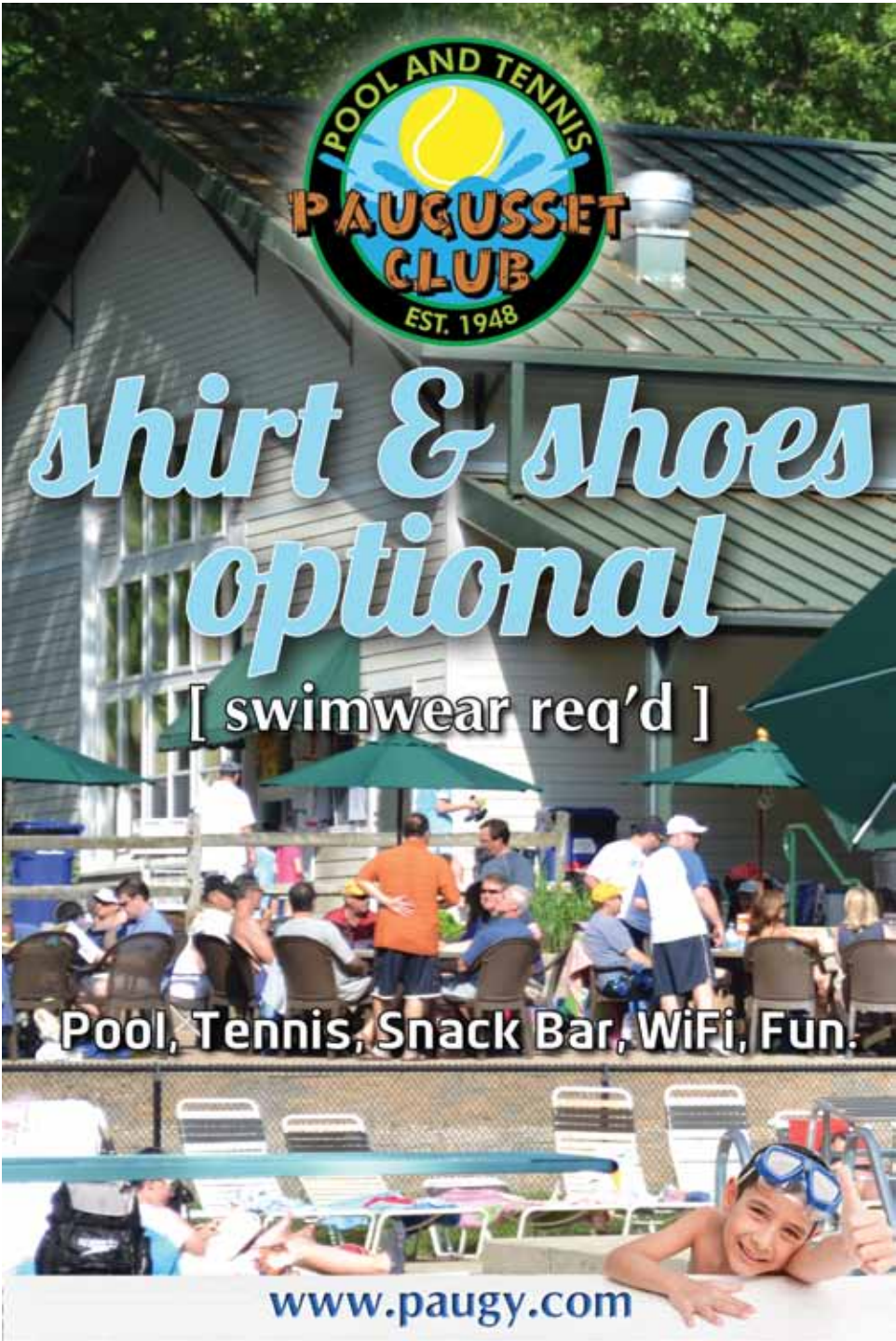


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Q: I am so happy that my favorite reality/competition show, “**Dancing With the Stars**,” is back. But why hasn’t my favorite dancer, **Maksim Chmerkovskiy**, returned? -- Hannah Y., via e-mail

A: Right after the season 16 cast was announced last month, the 33-year-old ballroom pro released a statement explaining his absence this season: “I just want to set the record straight to all of my amazing fans that I will, unfortunately, not be returning for this season of ‘Dancing with the Stars.’ I’ve been a pro dancer on the show for about seven years now and am eager to explore other opportunities that have been made possible because of ‘Dancing with the Stars.’ I’m going to take this time to dive into producing and acting, while fulfilling my sponsorship obligations.”

A representative for the show went on to explain why Maksim -- as well as **Anna Trebunskaya**, **Chelsie Hightower** and **Louis van Amstel** -- wouldn’t be returning: “We frequently rotate the professional dancers, so it is not unusual for them to rest a cycle. As we consider who will be matched up each season, there are a lot of factors that dictate which couples make the best pairings. We appreciate each of our dancers’ dedication to the show, so this is a very difficult decision.”

Q: I really loved **Jane Seymour**’s raunchy turn as BJ’s mom on Fox’s “**Ben and Kate**.” Now that the show has unfortunately been canceled, will we see Jane on anything else soon? I sure do hope so! -- Harold W., Roanoke, Va.

A: The gorgeous and talented Brit has signed on to co-star in a yet-untitled pilot for NBC. The show revolves around a character named Karey, “the clean-nosed black sheep in a family of petty thieves, drug addicts and narcissists.” Jane will play Dotty, Karey’s mother, who’s described as “self-centered, the-



Kirstie Alley

atrical and often inappropriate.”

Q: Kirstie Alley: Where is she, and what has she been doing? -- George G., Hanover, Wash.

A: Since wowing her fans during two separate runs on “Dancing With the Stars,” Kirstie is taking that momentum to TV Land, where she’ll star in a new sitcom, “**Kirstie’s New Show**,” beginning this fall. According to the network, the show “revolves around Madison ‘Maddie’ Banks (played by Kirstie), a renowned Broadway star who finds her life turned upside down when Arlo, the son she gave up at birth, suddenly appears hoping to connect after his adoptive parents have died.” The show co-stars Kirstie’s fellow “Cheers” alumnus, Rhea Perlman.

Q: I have been hearing for a while about a new **Aaron Eckhart** movie called “**Erased**.” It is supposed to be in theaters, but I can’t find it anywhere. --Danni R., via e-mail

A: The action thriller was released in Europe at the end of 2012, and will finally be making its way to American theaters come May 10. However, you can see it beginning April 5 on Video on Demand if you can’t wait until May.

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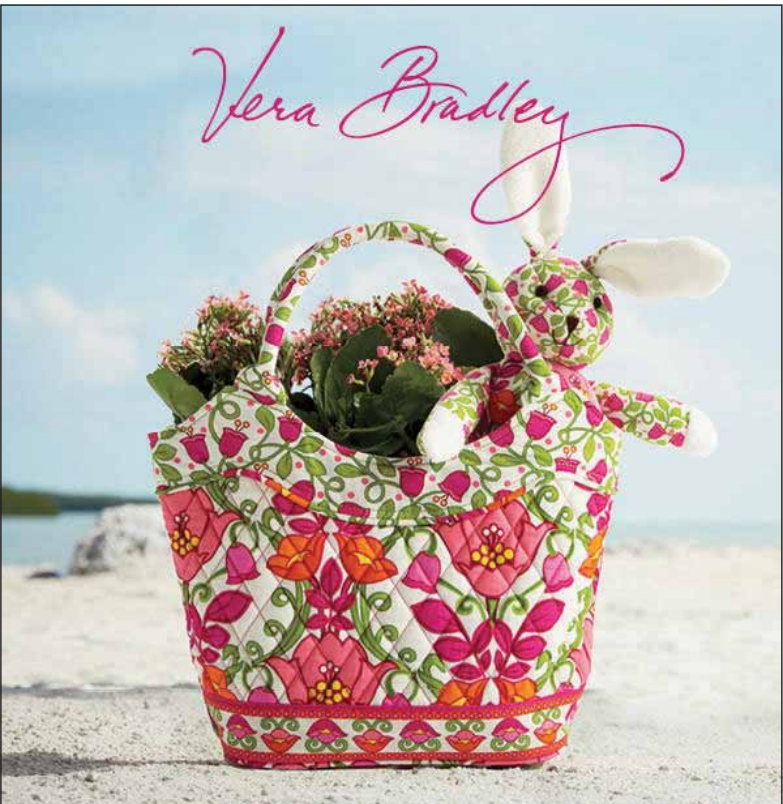
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Peck Place School also recently hosted its annual Mother/Son Bowling Night that was held at Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling in West Haven. This event was also open to all grade levels and was very well attended. Pictured is a group of bowlers clearly having a good time at this event.



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

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By Susan Noonan



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If you want to get a group into a lively discussion bring up the restaurant business. We all love to offer critiques and opinions of our favorite haunts. The New Haven county area is home to an incredible range of cultural food. We are very fortunate to have an opportunity to experience well prepared authentic cuisine from around the world.

Which brings me to Ola Restaurant in Orange. In the past when I told anyone outside of the area that I lived in Orange they inevitably mentioned Stew Leonard's or The Christmas Tree Shop. Now when I mention Orange all the buzz is Ola Restaurant. This special Latin inspired restaurant is definitely the talk of the town (or should I say more like the tri-state area). I can't tell you how many people (including many high profile ones) have said that Ola is by far their favorite restaurant.



Brothers Melvin and Wagner Lopez along with their lovely spouses, Andrea & Cherry, opened Ola in July of 2007. After almost six years here in Orange with little advertising, but a lot of word of mouth, incredible reviews including the New York Times, Ola's business is booming! So much so that they are opening another OLA in Bridgeport next month. This speaks volumes for the success of their restaurant business, especially given our current economy. The Lopez family is originally from Guatemala and they are committed to making your dining experience unforgettable, focusing on quality and presentation. Their many years in the restaurant business are definitely reflected in the impeccable service, outstanding made to order food, along with pleasing ambiance. "Ola" means waves in the ocean, so the brothers focused on a tropical theme. A perfect place to escape! The interior is decorated in a contemporary Latin style featuring pastels, rich blues, bright oranges borrowed from the city of Antigua, Guatemala's capital city from the mid-16th to late 18th centuries. The colorful artwork displayed throughout the restaurant includes paintings by the brothers and their talented mother, Zoila. They call the environment "smart casual" and it includes linen tablecloths and napkins along with soft lighting and warm Latin music that creates a very pleasing atmosphere for dining. Ola serves "Nuevo Latino Cuisine" which is described as a splashy, exuberant, culinary form of celebrating the heritage and Latin spirit. If this is a new dining adventure for you, Melvin, Wagner and their well-trained staff will carefully explain the menu and attentively guide you through the entire meal. Ola features a "Mojito Classic" that is the famous Cuban drink with light rum, fresh mint leaves, lime juice, garnished with sugar cane. They also make their own red & white sangria using both Chilean & Spanish wine.

The menu has evolved over the past five years and has only gotten better. By far, one of my favorite items on the menu is Ola's Guacamole. Presented on the table using the authentic muddling tool "Molcajete" and featuring ripened Avocado, chopped red onions, diced tomatoes, cilantro, lime juice, served with garlic plantain, beets infused-malanga and lemon-cayenne yucca chips. Ola's most popular dishes include PARGO, red snapper, soft corn tortilla, black bean puree, sweet plantain chutney with truffle balsamic sauce. CHURRASCO, a Strip Steak with lime horseradish, parsley chimichurri, grilled rosemary & thyme red onions. CANA, sugar cane-dark rum caramelized Wild Salmon with baby spinach, shitake mushrooms, sweet plantain, quinoa warm salad, ginger-lemon grass, & albarino sauce. All menu items at Ola are cooked to order with only the freshest ingredients and very creative use of spices. The desserts are made on premise (by the Lopez sisters) in addition to a nice selection of "Ola Sorbets and Coffee Drinks". The reasonably priced wine list offers predominantly Spanish, Chilean and Argentine. Ola's presentation of the food is truly phenomenal. Melvin told me that many of the customers take photos of their dishes when the waitstaff presents them at the table. You really have to experience it! Ola has a great Happy Hour Tuesday- Sunday 4p-6p offering reduced prices for drinks and appetizers.

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Final notes: Ola gives back to the community by hosting a wide range of fundraisers including the American Cancer Society, Aids Project, Guatemala Healing Hands Foundation, Towers Senior Services, etc. Melvin said in his own words "We are grateful to be able to be a part of the community and giving back is our way of saying thank you for letting us do what we enjoy most, which is making people happy thru an exceptional culinary experience". I have been writing about restaurants for quite a few years and have never met a family and staff that are so passionate, dedicated, and committed to outstanding customer service. This is why so many people say that Ola is definitely their favorite restaurant! The Lopez family is a true success story and they should be very proud of their accomplishments! Remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant email susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.

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Seth Russell never expected a much-needed summer break from his teaching job in a North Philadelphia middle



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school would lead to a career change that was a lot less stressful and way more fun. While Russell was relaxing at the Jersey shore with a few of his college buddies, he wistfully watched a middle-aged man selling hot dogs from a simple cart to a steady stream of hungry beach-goers. After two and a half years teaching seventh grade English in chaotic classrooms, selling hot dogs in the sunshine against a backdrop of crashing waves and bikini clad boardwalk strollers, looked pretty appealing to the 20 something Russell. “I was watching him thinking I could do that and I could do it better. And I’d have a lot of fun,” Russell said. As visions of hot dogs topped with gooey, tasty toppings played in his head, so did a loose business plan. Recalling the days he’d spent as a student at George Washington University working a part-time job delivering late night food to partying undergraduates, an idea took root. “I wanted to use that hot dog cart to target a late night, young crowd,” he said. “If you’re out at a club or partying, there are not a lot of options for late night food.”

The idea also appealed to college buddy Harry Stormes and the two pooled their savings and raised enough money from family and friends to buy a small cart and Dapper Dog was born in May 2010. “Say what you want about hot dogs, but they are really delicious and fun!” Russell said. After extensive taste tests, Russell hit on a winning recipe, featuring a quality, quarter pound dog served on a fluffy Italian roll under a variety of fresh ingredients. While most vendors had grey-looking dogs swimming in dirty water, Dapper Dogs were grilled with choices of toppings like chili; mac and cheese; asparagus and provolone; pepperoni with marinara sauce and the Philly-inspired pulled pork with roasted long hots. “Neither of us were particularly good at cooking or had any experience, but we didn’t set out to prove how good we could cook,” Russell said. “We just decided we would be the ones that did it re-



Seth Russell

ally well using better ingredients and serving a better product.” They found a prime location in the late night club mecca known as the Liberties along Second Street and set up shop on just Friday and Saturday nights. Charging \$5 for one of the gourmet dogs and \$3 for a generous side of fries, Russell said confidently, “For the money and convenience you can’t make a better hot dog than what I sell. If anyone has a complaint about the price, they stop complaining as soon as they taste it.”

The concept was an immediate success, even winning them a prestigious “Best of Philly” in Philadelphia Magazine and a shout out in Esquire Magazine their first year in business. Over the past three years the business has grown steadily, and they were able to purchase a mobile truck that has “transformed the business”. Now able to serve about 500 customers, they’ve been able to expand into music and concert venues and catering private events like weddings and parties – they’ve even started drawing regular paychecks and were able to hire a few part-time employees. One day soon they hope Dapper Dan will have a real “bricks and mortar” storefront to call home.

Russell admits he and his partner are learning how to be entrepreneurs while on the job. His undergraduate degree in English didn’t exactly prepare him on how to navigate town permits and zoning regulations or how to calculate food costs. “I’m a slow learner and I make a lot of mistakes, but I try to tap into lawyers, accountants, and businesspeople to get an education,” Russell said. “I always wanted to do something for myself, but I never really envisioned myself in food business.” As for the mouth-watering comfort food that used to be his own nightcap after a night out on the town, “I don’t eat as many as I used to, can’t enjoy them as much because now it’s business, it kind of takes the fun out of it,” he said.



ORANGE RESIDENTS!

Help me make this column a success.

Send me your suggestions – if you think you may make an interesting subject, or someone you know should be featured, let me know.

Please include your name and contact information and the name and contact information of your subject.

Send all submissions to Laura Fantarella at
laura@orangenews.com.



Amity Girl Scouts from Troop 60095 show off T shirts emblazoned with the original Orange town seal, which is the Coat of Arms of William of Orange, at International Thinking Day. William III was King of England, Scotland, and Ireland, benefactor of the Connecticut Colony and namesake of the town of Orange. The striking T shirts are available from the Orange Historical Society (www.orangehistory.org).



The above photo was taken from a recent children's event held at the Case Memorial Library where Magician Bryan Flint made one of the children levitate!

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Maureen Boian, Julie Davis and Laura Griest, members of Orange Community Women, in front of VideoLab with the troop collection box.

Shower Our Soldiers with Love in April

Orange Community Women (OCW) collected town-wide donations at VideoLab twice last year with great success.

Paying it forward, OCW and VideoLab would like to thank the town's people for their donations which made this possible. And, we decided to do it again for the month of April. Donations can be dropped off at VideoLab/Davis Gallery, 200 Post Road, Orange in the decorated collection box daily from 10:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm. Orange Community Women will package the items and forward them to deployed soldiers overseas.

Please include only small, light-weight personal care items for men and women, no food items. Items in need are (but not limited to): lip balm, sun block SPF 30 + , hand & foot cream and body lotion, Gold Bond powder, liquid hand soap (preferably sanitizing), emery boards, nail files, tweezers, facial cleansing pads, large baby wipes, Kleenex packets, Q-tips, Lotrimin, Tinactin, black and white tube athletic socks, mole skin & blister packs, gel insoles for boots, toilet paper, dental floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors (especially Mach III), panty-liners, shower shoes (flip flops), pens, stationary, postcards & greeting cards to send to their families, journals, crossword puzzle books, and word game books. International phone cards, i-tune cards, and donations for postage will also be accepted. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have the name and address of a deployed soldier who would like to receive a care package, please leave that information at VideoLab as well. No guarantees, but we will ship as the supply allows.

To learn more about Orange Community Women, contact Cheri McNabola (203) 795-8032. To learn more about VideoLab/Davis Gallery, contact Ron Davis (203) 799-7017.



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HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

It's Been Two Years...

It doesn't seem possible to me that I wrote an article about Easter in 2011 but 'tis true. I feel the need to pass on the history of Easter until another time when the information has faded from our memories and I can recreate the mysteries of Easter and all of its traditions. To that end....what can I share with you now? The Orange Historical Society maintains a research center, named for one of our most prestigious historians, Mary R. Woodruff and it is in the archives of OHS that I found a most interesting prospectus of the Orange Copper Mining Company, yes folks there was copper "in them there hills".

The capital stock was \$50,000 in 1856, offering 2,000 shares at \$25.00 each. The mineral region extended north of New Haven into Woodbridge and revealed many points where sulphate of copper could be found on the surface with other combinations of copper. These locations were worked to some extent by individuals of New Haven, soon after the settlement in 1638. The vein belonged to the Orange Copper Mining Company situated on the Derby Turnpike, three miles from the center of New Haven.

The area was pointed out to Yale students in 1807 during a geological seminar and when the vein was being worked, it was entirely filled with the accumulation of soil and rubbish from more than a half century but removing the debris revealed lead, silver and copper. The excavation was more than three feet deep with a length of thirteen or more feet; however, the owner of the property refused to lease or sell the land nor did he work the area himself. It lay dormant for fifty more years.

In a report by chemist James R Chilton, it was noted that a sample was found to yield sixty-two per cent lead, which in turn yielded the "equivalent of 14 ounces of silver to the ton of 2000 pounds". By 1856, at Yale College, a specimen of galena "yielded metallic silver at the rate of 16.72 ounces to the ton of metallic lead". Further study by Professor Silliman found, in 1854, that the galena would yield 15.36 ounces of silver to the ton.

The prospectus was obviously geared toward the public's financial support with an extensive statement by James G. Percival who entered Yale at the age of 16 graduating at the head of his class at the age of 20. His career was medicine but he taught chemistry at West Point for a brief time in 1824. What is interesting to note about Mr. Percival is that after leaving West Point, he spent several years assisting Noah Webster in editing his American Dictionary of English Language.

After numerous comparisons of the geological content of the mine, he concluded that the specimens taken warranted the working of the vein and that experience in other such areas throughout the south would encourage a sinking to a depth of two or three hundred feet, a far cry from the depth of the mine at that time. He concluded that traces of copper ore were found at this site.

The property of the company consisted of mining leases for about 34 acres from Timothy Beers, MD of New Haven dated the 16th of October, 1852 and in 1853 to Nelson H. Gaston in trust and assigned to the Orange Copper Mining Company recorded in the town of Orange. The company expended nearly fifteen hundred dollars in mining operations, tools and a building with four hundred shares of Capital Stock to be sold for use in continuing the operation. In Mary Woodruff's History of Orange, she made mention of similar mineral deposits at the "three mile gate on the Milford Turnpike" which was a toll station on what is now the Post Road, located three miles from New Haven. What is interesting about her 1949 entry was the mention of the New York Mining Company.

A more publicized copper mine is located in East Granby known as the Simsbury Mine. The presence of copper ore was noted in 1705 becoming one of the first commercial mines in the British Colonies. Not being a moneymaking venture, the mine was closed in the 1750's. The tunnels that were left behind became Connecticut's first prison in 1773. It was decided by the General Assembly to confine serious criminals; burglars, horse thieves, counterfeiters and



forgers in a working environment in lieu of the whipping post and other "infamous" punishments of the day.

The first prisoner, John Hinson, arrived at New Gate Prison on December 22, 1773 having been found guilty of burglary but as heard in the ballad of New Gate Walk-away by Connecticut State Troubadour, Mike Kachuba, * John Hinson escaped, undetected after only 18 days in his underground prison. It is thought that a lady friend aided his escape but the fact that there weren't any guards on duty at night certainly played a part in his ultimate disappearance.

During the Revolutionary War, political prisoners were held there with women first committed in 1824 but considered inhumane and costly, the prison was closed in 1827. Unlike the Orange Copper Mining Company, citizens listed on the tax list of 1706 were allowed to participate in the mining venture with 64 of them becoming proprietors of the mine. One tenth of the profits were used for pious purposes, two-thirds of that for a schoolmaster for the town and one-third to support the school that would become Yale.

Old New Gate Prison was made a National Historic Landmark in 1927 and is now owned and operated by the State of Connecticut. At this time, the museum is closed for renovations and it is anticipated to be open in May of 2014.

* A CD It Happened in Connecticut containing a series of ballads of historical Connecticut heroes and villains has been available from former CT Troubadour, Mike Kachuba. Email orangehistorical@yahoo.com for current information.



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Cohen and Wolf Cinco de Miles Road Race

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The mission of the ASRC is to provide, through its many programs, the most recent information and research to help parents and professionals understand the barriers and challenges people with ASD face on a daily basis. The ASRC Center is committed to raising public awareness about autism spectrum disorders and devoted to empowering families and lessening their isolation. They are the leader in the state dedicated to training, advocacy, integrated recreational programs, sibling support, adult support and much more. The ASRC is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization in Connecticut that serves individuals with autism spectrum disorders, their family members, and the professionals who work with them.

Founded in 1962, the mission of the Orange Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership in promoting a favorable business climate for our members. The Chamber is dedicated to being a proponent for the business community through education, interaction and support.

Participants of the race can register at Active.com. Fees are \$25.00 in advance \$30.00 day of event. Registration closes on Friday, April 26, 2013 at 11:59 PM PST. For more information, call 203.795.3328 or e-mail Info@orangetchamber.com.



Orange Historical Society to Present Program on Amelia Earhart

The Orange Historical Society will hold its annual Taste of the Past event featuring Karen A. Tracy presenting a first-person portrayal on Amelia Earhart, “Amelia Earhart Lives”. The Spring Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 1 to 3:30 pm at the Orange Congregational Church Community Room, located on Orange Center Road. A light lunch of homemade soups, breads and desserts will be served at 1:00. The performance will begin at 2:30. The event also includes a silent auction of gift baskets and gift certificates.



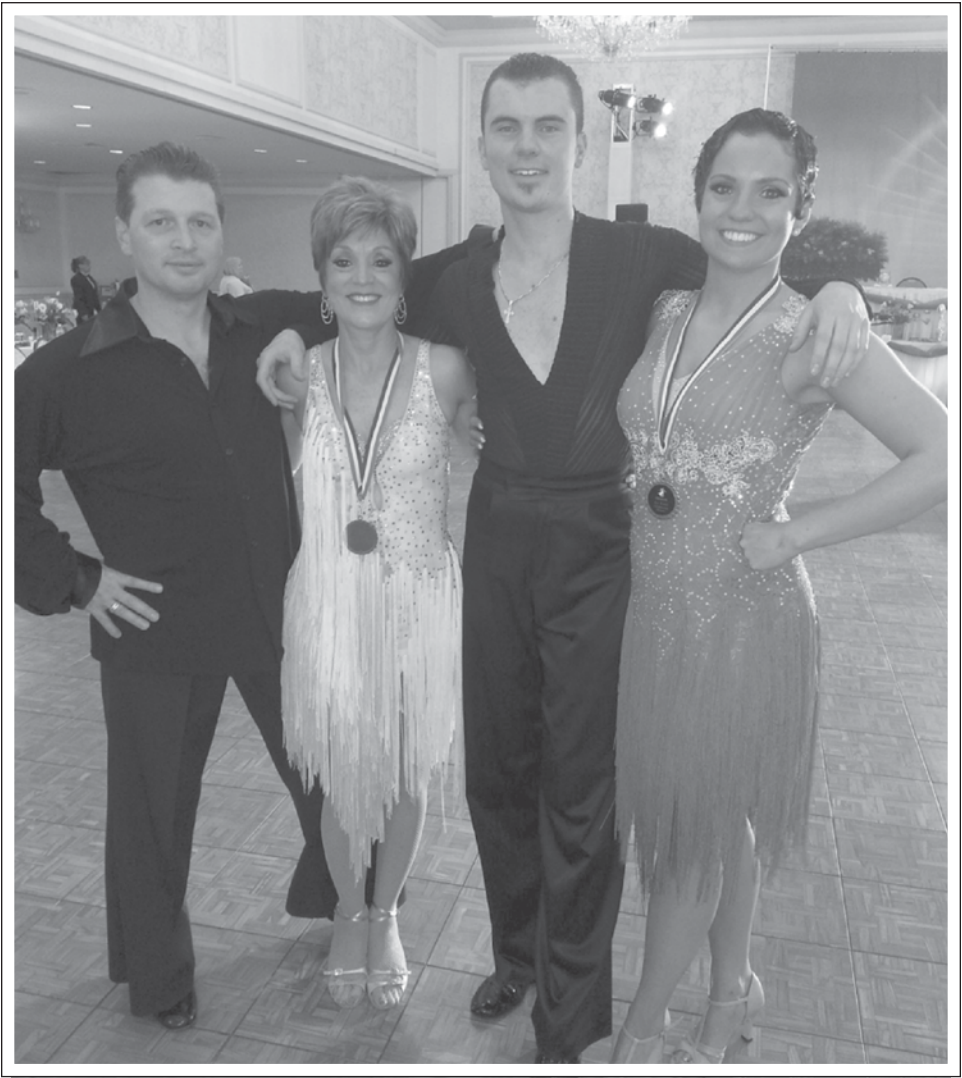
Amela Earhart

Tracy’s program traces Earhart’s life beginning at age six and continues until her last flight into legend. “The famous aviator was able to maintain her focus on the goals in spite of society’s attitude toward women, setting a course though a ‘man’s world’”, said Tracy. Known as ‘Lady Lindy’, Earhart was lost at sea on July 2, 1937.

Vice president and regional manager for the Newtown Savings Bank, Tracy has been acting since seventh grade, when Bob Newhart coaxed her into doing The Driving Instructor, for a talent show. She has also appeared in the New York Off-Broadway production of Grandma Sylvia’s Funeral. Tracy’s second one-woman show is Mark Twain’s Maid.

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, chairman of Taste of the Past, at 203-795-4549. If you would prefer to bring a raffle item, 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 two years the event was sold out. Make it a family affair. Children, as well as adults, will enjoy the performance.



Fred Astaire Orange Takes First Place

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What's In Your Bond Basket?

By Roberta L Nestor

When we think of diversification and investments, there are no truer words of wisdom than the expression, “don’t put all of your eggs in one basket”.While most commonly associated with investing, this expression holds true whether you are putting a hundred percent of your efforts, resources or money into just one thing or idea.The theory extends itself to many real life experiences; like bringing \$100 to the casino and letting it all ride on red or taking out 100 % of your liquid savings to buy real estate, even committing all of your free time to just one cause.

When investing, buying different asset classes such as stocks, bonds or cash and putting them in one basket would be considered diversification. However, over the past 5 years, investors have taken out over \$500 billion

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from US equity investments and dumped nearly a trillion dollars into taxable bond investments.It is no surprise that we are seeing more “bond baskets” then diversified baskets.A basket full of bonds in itself can be extremely diversified and can include corporate bonds, government bonds, convertible bonds, high yield bonds,emerging market bonds and municipal bonds, just to name a few. However, regardless of how many different types of bonds you have in your basket, they all share the same risks.One is the risk of default and the other is interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk happens to be on the forefront for bond holders.When interest rates go up, the value of bonds goes down.Here is an example:

Let’s say you own an individual bond that is paying 5 % for the next 20 years.Whether you own it or I own it, that bond will pay 5 % until it matures. If you hold the bond until maturity you will get your principal.If you sell it before it matures, you could receive more or less than your original principal depending on interest rates at the time.If you sold the bond when interest rates are lower than 5 % (like they are now), I would want your 5 % bond since the current market will only offer me 2 % .Actually, I would pay you more for that bond (a premium) because of the higher yield.It works the reverse if interest rates are higher when you sell.If you wanted to sell your 5 % bond in a market that was offering 10 % - I wouldn’t want your bond because I could get a higher rate.Selling bonds in a higher interest rate environment could mean taking a loss.Bondholders should be focusing on interest rate risk.Interest rates are at a historic low and have been for several years.It is not a question of if interest rates go up; it is more of a question of when.We haven’t seen high interest rates in a very long time.In December, 1980 the US prime rate hit a record high of 21.50 % and it wasn’t until 1985 that we started to see single digit lending rates.Our current prime rate is 3.25 % ; however, the target rate for federal funds remains at a historic low of 0 to one quarter of one percent (.25).This translates into 33 years of declining interest rates!A great ride for bondholders who benefit from decreasing rates.

Since we haven’t been in a rising interest rate environment since the 1940’s (the last secular bear market for bonds) it is hard to say how various types of bonds will hold up when rates go up.The bond market is somewhat peculiar; it has the ability to price in future events before they actually happen; meaning bond prices may decline before interest rates go up.I wrote about the “Bond Bubble” just about a year ago (Orange Town News 04/20/2012) and I will close with the same thought.

A word of caution, don’t panic if you own bonds.Talk to your financial professional.Not all bond investments are equal.Understand what you own and how it may be affected if there is a rise in interest rates.Remember why you are investing in bonds in the first place and the importance of not having all of your eggs in one basket.

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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Services

- Sunday mornings: 9:00 am, Monday mornings: 7:30 am,
- Thursday mornings: 7:30 am
- Friday evenings: 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat--refreshments.
- Saturday mornings: 9:30 am



Congregation Or Shalom

Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Week Schedule

- March 24 ~ Palm Sunday: Worship and Eucharist—8 am, 10:00 am
- March 27 ~ Wednesday: Tenebre—7 p.m. a service of Darkness and Light
- March 28 ~ Maundy Thursday: Dinner, Table Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Prayer—6 pm
- March 29 ~ Good Friday: Interactive Stations of the Cross 12-3 pm, Veneration of the Cross 7pm
- March 30 ~ Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil—8 pm
- March 31 ~ Easter Sunday: Worship and Eucharist, 8 am, Breakfast, 9am- All are welcome, Worship and Eucharist 10:00 a.m. and Easter Egg hunt following the 10 am service.



Church of the Good Shepherd

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Easter Service Schedule

Our Lady of Sorrows Traditional Catholic Church on 378 Spring Street, Orange will be conducting Easter services as follows:
Holy Thursday (3/28) 6:00pm;
Good Friday (3/29) 6:00pm;
Holy Saturday 12:00am midnight (pre-mass service @ 11:30); and
Easter Sunday 9:00am, 6:00pm.



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Orange Congregational Church Calendar of Services

All are welcome to join us in celebration of this Easter Season!

Lenten Services

If you are looking for some tranquil moments during this year's Lenten season, please join us at the Orange Congregational Church for three mid-week Taize services. We'll start with a simple soup supper in the John Ho Dining Room (an optional \$5 donation is suggested), followed by the Taize service in the Chapel. The service includes meditation, songs and prayers. Dates: March 6th, 13th and 20th (Wednesday nights).

6:15 PM – Soup Supper; 7:00 PM –Taize Service

Holy Week Services

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday
8:00 AM (Chapel) ; 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 28 – Service Of Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday; 7:30 PM (S)

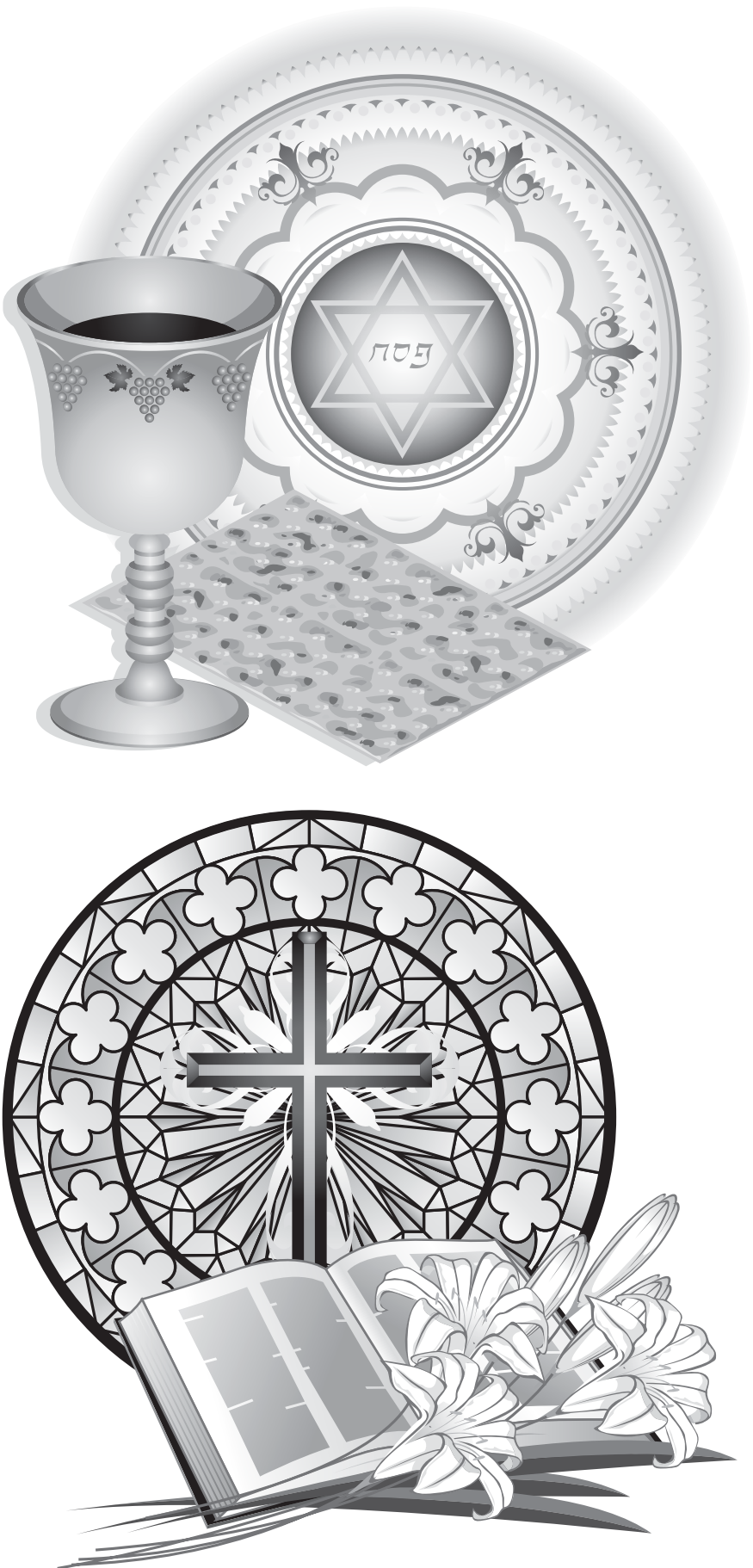
Friday, March 29 – Good Friday Services
Last Words Of Christ Read By Area Clergy; 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM (S)

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday
6:00 AM Sunrise Service - Hannah's Hill; 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM (S)

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Orange Congregational Church



HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



“Multiple Perspectives on Holiness” at Temple Emanuel

On Sunday, March 10, members of the Orange Clergy Association presented a panel discussion entitled “Multiple Perspectives on Holiness” hosted by Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven. Participating clergy included Rev. Suzanne Wagner and Rev. Lee Ireland of the Orange Congregational Church; Rev. Ann Ritonio of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus of Congregation Or Shalom, Father Gene Charman of Holy Infant Church, Rev. Peter Orfanakos of St. Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, Pastor Timothy Boerger of Zion Lutheran Evangelical Church, and Rabbi Michael Farbman of Temple Emanuel.

Each participant presented his or her faith’s traditional concept of holiness to the audience of about 100 congregants from many of the houses of worship in Orange. By the end of the evening it was clear that our similarities outweigh our differences.

The potluck dinner that preceded the discussion was organized by Beth Lambert from the Orange Congregational Church, Sandy Bremer from the Church of the Good Shepherd, Debbie Farber from Congregation Or Shalom, Nancy Becque and Pat McCorkle from Holy Infant Church, and Barb Berkowitz and Barbara Goldhamer from Temple Emanuel.

The Orange Clergy Association sponsors at least two interfaith events each year. Information about these events is available on the websites of the participating houses of worship. For more information about Temple Emanuel, please call 203-397-3000 or go to www.templemanuel-gnh.org.

Rabbi Meir Azari to Speak at Temple Emanuel

On Sunday, April 7 at 10:15 am, Rabbi Meir Azari, executive director of Beit Daniel, a congregation in Tel Aviv affiliated with the Israel Movement of Progressive Judaism (IMPJ), will speak at Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven. Rabbi Azari’s talk is titled “New Horizons: New Civil Society in Israel.”

Rabbi Azari received his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College in the United States. Born in Haifa, he attended the Leo Baeck High School and was active in the IMPJ youth movement. He served in the Israeli navy and holds a BA from Haifa University and an MA from Hebrew University.

This discussion about the balance between tradition and modernity in Israeli society is free and open to the public. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Ave. in Orange. For more information about this program and others at Temple Emanuel, please call 203-397-3000 or go to www.templemanuel-gnh.org.

Holy Infant Woman’s Guild “Second Time Around” Sale

Holy Infant Women’s Guild Spring Second Time Around Sale will be held on Saturday, April 13th, in the school gym, 450 Racebrook Road, from 9 am to 2 pm. To reserve a table, call Marilyn at (203)795-9078. Tables are \$20 for members and \$25 for non members.





Orange Lions Club
Presents the 51st Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY MARCH 23RD

High Plains Fairgrounds
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Orange, CT

Start Time: 12:30pm

Easter Bunny Arrives 12:30 PM
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AGE GROUPS

Pre School - K
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ACTIVITIES

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Face Painting

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Easter Egg Hunt

Join us at Maplewood at Orange for our annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 30th
11am



Local children and their parents are invited to join us for festive treats, live bunny cuddles and of course, a good old-fashioned egg hunt!

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Maplewood at Orange, is located at 245 Indian River Road in Orange, across from the Christmas Tree Shops.



(“Spending” continued from page 1)

the board that there is \$128,000 in building accounts that ‘could be freed up for that’. Marino asked the board to raise the budgeted amount to \$100,000.

Board vice chairman Jody Dietch said she did not disagree that additional funds will be needed for security improvements, adding, “I do have issue with adding \$100,000 without knowing what it’s for. One hundred thousand is a bit of a leap.” The board unanimously approved the additional \$100,000 and the superintendent’s budget, which is next considered by the town’s Board of Finance.

The biggest increase in the Administration portion of the budget was the addition of four new-part time school security monitors for \$52,128. Overall, the administration costs, which include salaries for the superintendent and business manager, increase 16.4 % to \$566,288. Under a contractual agreement, McMullin’s salary increases 2.5 % to \$143,500. Schools Business Administrator Kevn McNabola receives no raise to his \$88,779 salary.

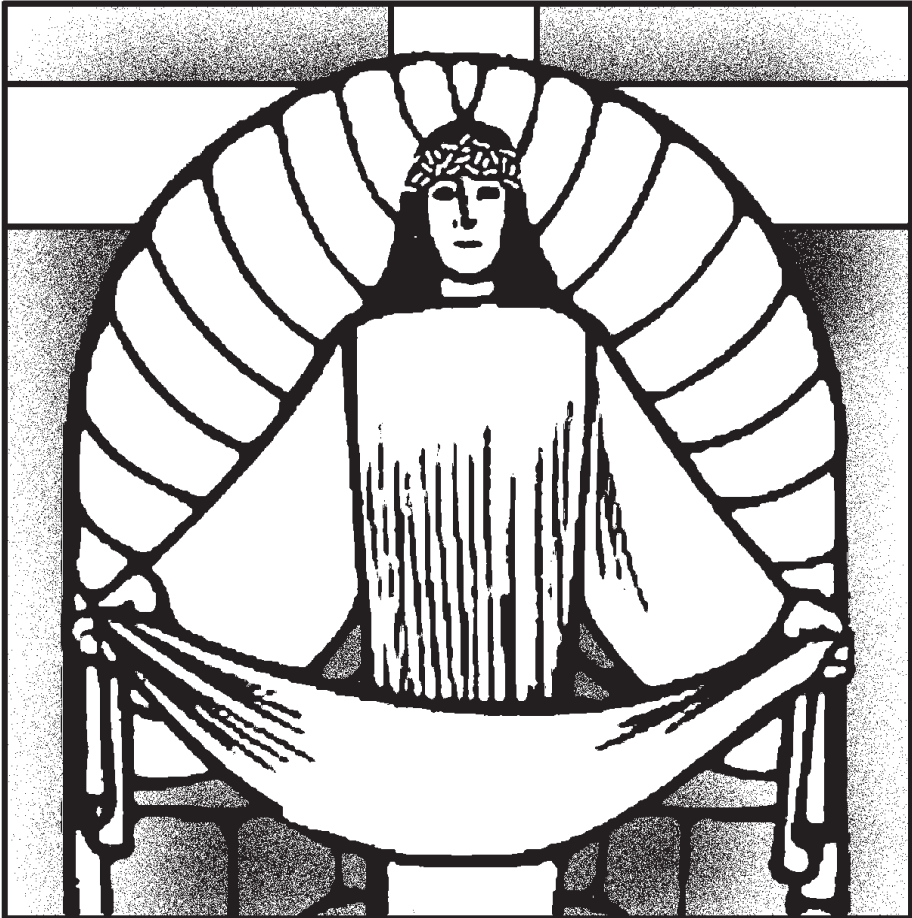
The Curriculum Development portion of the budget drops 3.4 % to \$337,293. Curriculum costs decrease by \$59,477 due to the implementation of the Language Arts Common Core without purchasing a new curriculum.

Two full-time teacher positions will be eliminated at Race Brook School and Peck Place School. The elimination will increase class sizes to an average of 18-20 students per classroom. The elimination results in a savings of roughly \$120,000 including salaries and associated costs. A \$65,175 reduction was also found in a change in substitute teacher scheduling, as a change in curriculum writing and professional development models resulted in fewer subs. A full-time instrumental music teacher added \$48,257 to the budget. Instructional salaries, the largest portion of the budget rise less than 1 % to \$6.4 million. Insurance, compensation and health insurance costs grow district-wide 3.7 % to \$3.5 million. Principal salaries increase 1 % under a contractual increase.

The budget for technology will grow 25 % from \$270,127 to \$338,695 and includes a new student tracking/teacher reporting program. The Special Education budget will grow 2.8 % to \$3.3 million. Most of the increase is seen in the student services and teacher costs in addition to the purchase of new technology, textbooks and transportation.

The school district anticipates spending around \$47,000 less on heat next year as Race Brook and Turkey Hill have switched from oil to gas heat. The budget increase, according to McMullin, ranks 58th of 75 proposed budgets in the state. She said the average adopted increase of the 51 districts who have already adopted budgets is 3.7 %.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

Brandy and Cognac Labeling Questioned



Q. There are many things that are confusing about the liquor business. One of the most confusing things I find is the labeling of brandies and Cognac. What do all those letters mean? Are they supposed to designate a quality standard or an aging standard or a regional identification standard? To the layman it is confusing. I've asked several liquor store folks about it and they just shake their heads and don't seem to have any answers; perhaps you could help me as you seem to know about these things. TM-Orange

A. The various qualities of Cognacs are indicated by stars: one, two, or three in ascending quality. Wine people are superstitious. One of their firmest beliefs is that comet years produce fine wines. The legend is that in the comet year of 1811, when a superb brandy was produced, one of the shippers decided to designate the brandy of that year with a star, an equally excellent brandy was produced in the following year and this he designated the brandy of that year with a star, an equally excellent brandy was produced in the following year and this he designated by two stars. Fortunately he stopped when he reached five stars. Hennessy claims to have originated the system. Each house blends its brandies for uniformity of quality, which is maintained year in and year out. The standards are represented by the stars, which vary with different houses, but since 1975 French law has decreed that a three star Cognac, the youngest blend on the market, must have spent at least 2½ years in wood. Most Cognacs average 3 to 5 years. In order to enter the United States, Cognacs must be at least 2½ years old. No age statements are permitted on the labels of Cognacs brought into the United States, so beware of so called vintage Cognacs you may see in your travels.

Letters to indicate quality sometimes identify better quality brandies. The letters, oddly enough, represent not French words but English, because of the English market. They represent the following: C-means Cognac; E-means Extra or Especial; F- means Fine; O-means Old; P-means Pale; S-means Superior; V-means Very; and X -means Extra.

These words used to appear on the label at the discretion of the producer. Since 1955 certain combinations of letters have had age significance. For instance, the letters VO or VSOP not only mean Very Old or Very Superior Old Pale, respectively; but they also mean, as does the word Reserve, wood at least 4½ years. In reality VSOP Cognacs usually aged to 10 years.

Since Cognac by and large is a business of brands, many houses have abandoned the stars and letter and identify their various qualities either by the distinct origin. Some other words producers use to describe their best Cognacs are now also regulated by French law. Extra, Napoleon, and Viette Reserve require that the Cognac has been in cask for a minimum of 6½ years. The romantic nonsense about the 80s and 104 year old so called Napoleon brandies and Vielle Reserve require that Cognac has been in cask for a minimum of 6½ years. The romantic nonsense about the 80 and 104 year old so called Napoleon brandies is nothing but a ploy for the unknowing buyers.

Cognac improves in wood for roughly 50 to 55 years. The cost of aging the brandy for this length of time is very high, as the losses through evaporation and the risk of aging too long are considerable and make the ultimate selling price excessive. Once the Cognac is bottled it neither varies nor improves. A Cognac bottled in 1910 will taste exactly the same today as it did the day it was bottled, Yet the question naturally arises: What is the best age for Cognac? It is at its best between the ages or 25 to 40 years.

Cognacs should be examined with the nose before actually being tasted. The best way is to put one's nose on the rim of the glass, not too deeply into the glass. The alcohol is quite strong for the nose. For this reason, many prefer small or chimney glasses or tulips to larger than one is capable of holding and warming in one hand, but the one-once pony or cordial glass should be avoided. When evaluating Cognacs, a few drops on the tongue are all that is necessary. Good Cognacs should be light. Since distilled spirits do not change once they are bottled, old bottles mean nothing. Large magnum bottles should be avoided, since once the Cognac is started, it may remain partly full for a long time. Both evaporation and oxidation will make the Cognac deteriorate. While a bottle of Cognac need not be consumed at one sitting; ideally, it should not be left open for more than six months.

A good test of a fine Cognac is to smell a glass that has had some Cognac poured into it. Hours after it has been consumed, the glass should retain its delicious aroma. A cognac with ginger ale is a good drink! Best Buy of the Month: Westford Hill Distillers Kirch Cherry Brandy \$17.99 200ml bottle. Connecticut's own premier distillery distills a variety of eau-du-vies.. This Kirsch brandy it is aromatic and delicious. It can be enjoyed in a variety of ways: on ice cream, in coffee, or savored as a digestive.

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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Death Notices



Margaret M. Howland

Margaret M. Howland, 96, of Orange, CT passed away peacefully on February 20, 2013. Born on August 15, 1916, she was the daughter of the late Harold J. and Margaret Fuller Manchester. She was the wife of the late William M. Howland. She worked for many years as a service representative for SNET in the West Haven office. She also spent many years as a substitute teacher at Amity High School. She is predeceased by her brother, Harold J. Manchester, Jr. She is survived by her son Kenneth and his wife Mary and many dear friends. Margaret's proudest accomplishment was graduation from Wheaton College, Class of 1937 as a French Major, BA. While there, Margaret was a member of the Wheaton College Synchronized Swim Team, the Tritons. A long-time, dedicated volunteer for Wheaton, Margaret served the College in many roles: Member of the Alumni Board of Directors, 1988-1991; Club Coordinator, 1988-1990; Class President, for over 10 years, 1996-2007 and Wheaton Fund Chair from 2000-2007. Margaret was awarded the Alumnae Achievement Board Award in 1992. This award is presented to an alumna or alumnus who has made a significant contribution to two of three of the following categories: community, career or volunteer service to Wheaton. Margaret had a great amount of love and pride that she shared with her Wheaton classmates and the administration over decades. Margaret has been a devoted graduate of Wheaton in good times and in challenging times. She was exceptionally forward in her thinking and was a true Wheaton gem.



Margaret M.
Howland

Margaret's dedication to Community arose early in her life. Margaret was one of the first recipients of Orange's Living Treasure Awards in 2006. She was chosen for this Award for many reasons. She was devoted to the Orange Scholarship Fund for 17 years. She was a volunteer at the Orange Library since her retirement from SNET. Margaret was a member of the Orange Historical Society. As president of the Milford/Orange American Association of University Women, Margaret helped to provide financial assistance to students. Margaret was also active in the Orange Republican Club, served as Deputy Registrar of Voters for 20 years and was a member of the Community Services Committee on Aging.

She traveled throughout the United States and Europe sharing her experiences with family and friends. Her happy spot was a little cottage on Cape Cod where she and 3 friends spent summer days swimming in the pond, shopping at antique stores, and playing Scrabble and bridge on the porch. The family would like to thank the dedicated staff of West Haven Apple Rehab and the angels from Hospice who helped to make mom comfortable in her last days.

Arrangements were provided by Beecher & Bennett-Taylor, 410 Campbell Avenue, West Haven. A Memorial Service took place on March 1st. For any wishing to make a donation in Margaret's name, donations may be made to The Orange Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477 OR Wheaton College, 26 East Main Street, Norton, MA 02766. To send a condolence, please see obituary@www.beecherandbennett.com.

Keddis Saad

Keddis Saad, 87, of 334 Smith Farm Road, Orange, died Tuesday morning on March 5, 2013 at the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain after a long illness. He was the beloved husband of the late Fardous Nasserallah. Mr. Saad was born in Cairo, Egypt on November 4, 1925, a son of the late Boutros Saad and the late Atra Gazman. He came to the United States in 1984, and resided in Milford, and later Orange. While in Egypt, Mr. Saad worked as a technical engineer. He was a member of the Virgin Mary Archangel Michael Coptic Church. He is survived by his three sons, Malak (Amani) Boutros of Orange, Wadie (Manal) Boutros and Youssef (Afaf) Boutros of Milford, two daughters, Victoria Boutros of Cairo, and Yvonne (Farid Shehata) of Milford.



Keddis Saad

A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 7 at the Virgin Mary Archangel Michael Coptic Church, 87 Benham St., Hamden. The Washington Memorial Funeral Home, 4 Washington Avenue, North Haven was entrusted with the arrangements.

Alice Marion (Schwartz) Lewis

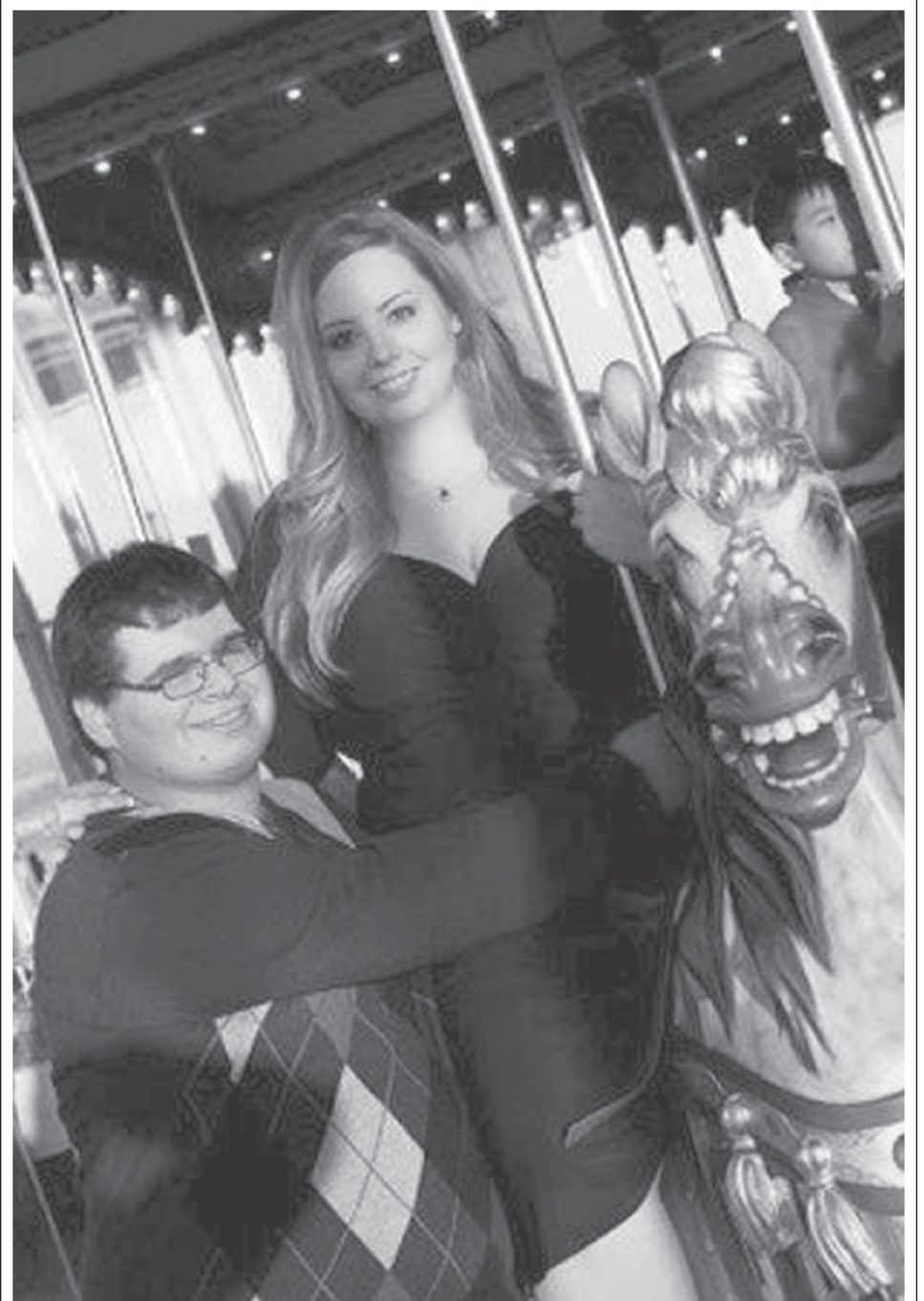
Alice Marion (nee Schwartz) of Downingtown, PA, formerly of Sarah Circle, Orange, CT died February 7, 2013. She was the wife of the late Morris, Mother of Mara Beth (Kenneth Pomerantz), Paul Lewis and Robert (Lisa Piccirillo) Lewis. Grandmother of Ian and Marissa Pomerantz, Chloe and Talia Lewis.

Alice was born on March 29, 1920 in Philadelphia, PA. She was the seventh child of eight born to Marion and Samuel Schwartz. Her father passed away when she was 4 and she was raised by her mother with the help of her older siblings. She was admitted to High School for Girls in Philadelphia and graduated in 1938. Although she excelled in her studies, especially French language and literature, she was not able to go to college and went to secretarial school. She married Morris Lewis in 1946 and relocated to the New Haven area where he began a dental practice.

She eventually went to college while raising three children and graduated with a BA in French education. Alice tutored children with emotional difficulties, was a substitute teacher and worked at Yale University until her retirement. After retirement she again went to school and took courses on nutrition, art, music and psychology, sometimes with her husband Morris. She enjoyed music, theatre, reading, drawing, dancing and playing bridge. She was interred at Har Jehuda Cemetery, Upper Darby, Pa. near her mother.

Contributions to her memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. www.levine-funeral.com.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Heffron/Drenzek Announce Engagement

Ronald and Judith Drenzek of Orange are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Allen Drenzek, to Rian Heffron, daughter of Mr. Richard Heffron and the late Mrs. Cathy Heffron of Stamford, CT.

Allen is a line service technician at a local airport. He also works as a free lance computer technician. He received his Certification as a Professional IT Technician from Comp TIA. Rian received a Bachelor of Science in History, Secondary Education, and Psychology from Southern Connecticut State University. She is currently the Education Program Manager at Inspirica and teaches Adult Basic Education at Stamford's Adult Learning Center. The couple will wed September 2013 at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist in Stamford, CT.

DEATH NOTICES

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

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Trap Falls Kennel Club Dog Training Classes, AKC Puppy STAR - targeting dogs under 12 months old in focusing and obedience; Canine Good Citizen (CGC) Prep Class; Family Manners Class - beginning and intermediate/advanced. All classes are held in Shelton at Pawz for Wellness. Call 203-450-9485 or email: tfkctraining@gmail.com for more information.

Turkey Hill School Drama Club Presents “Beauty and The Beast”, Friday, March 22, 2013, 7:00pm and Saturday, March 23, 2013, 6:00pm, Turkey Hill School Gymnasium. Tickets can be purchased at the box office before each performance or in person at Turkey Hill School before the show.

Dance in Rhythm Open Dance Party, Saturday, March 23, 2013, 7:00-10:00pm, \$10/Admission, 19 South Main Street, Branford, 2nd Floor, have an enjoyable evening of dancing, fantastic music and light refreshments. For more information and changes due to weather conditions, call 203-481-1333 or www.danceinrhythm.com.

Milford Camera Club Meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 7:00pm, 5th Competition of the Season “Storefronts”, Margret Egan Center, Room 139, 35 Matthew Street, Milford, free and open to the public. For more information email www.milfordcameraclub.org or call Rich Medica (203) 258-6143 or email rmedica@fairfield.edu.

79th Annual Juried Art Show @ Milford Public Library, April 1-29, 2013, Artist Reception Saturday, April 13, 2013, 11:00AM-1:00pm, Presentation of awards at 12:00pm, 57 New Haven Avenue, Milford, during regular library hours, presented by Bridgeport Art League. Artists from Milford, Trumbull, Shelton, Stratford, Monroe and New Haven County as well as Bridgeport are represented in all mediums. Light refreshments served - All are welcome to attend.

Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild, Saturdays, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7, 2013; 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, visit <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, Email HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

West Haven High School Class Of 1977’s 35th Reunion, Saturday, April 6, 2013, 7:00-11:00pm, Country House, 990 Foxon Road, East Haven. For more information and to register, go to www.whhsclassof1977.com or contact Betsey Pesapane at pez0559@yahoo.com or (203) 764-7561.

Artistic Dance Raising the Barre Workshop & Competition, Sunday, April 14, 2013, 9:00am-4:00pm, Stratford Theater, 2422 Main Street, Strat-

ford, one day event for dancers aged 8-12, to find the magic of dance, learn the Clara Variation from the Nutcracker Ballet, base price/\$95. For more details, go to artisticdanceinc.com or contact Linda Giancaspro, 917-757-1371, artictidanceinc@gmail.com.

Free Head & Neck Cancer Screenings, week of April 14-20, 2013, Yale New Haven Hospital, York Street Campus, April 19, 2013, 9:00am-3:00pm, and Yale New Haven Hospital, Saint Raphael Campus at Father McGivney Cancer Center, April 11, 2013, 4:30-6:30pm. For more details about specific location dates and times, go to www.ohancaw.com.

Holy Infant Women’s Guild Spring Second Time Around Sale, Saturday, April 13, 2013, 9:00am-2:00pm, Holy Infant Church School Gym, 450 Racebrook Road. To reserve a table, call Marilyn at 203-795-9078; tables \$20/ members, \$25/non-members.

Women’s Republican Club of Orange Spring Installation Supper, Sunday, April 28, 2013, 5:00pm, Chip’s Restaurant, \$20/pp, RSVP by April 21, 2013, baked ziti, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, coffee or tea, and dessert, door prize, Questions? Call Mary DeVito at 203-795-9382. Reservation checks to Treasurer Beth Michael, 388 Drummond Road. Friends and guests welcome.

Cohen and Wolf Cinco de Miles Road Race, Sunday, May 5, 2013, 8:30am, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, dri-fit tee shirts to first 400 runners to register, register at Active.com, \$25.00/advance, \$30.00/day of event. Registration closes on Friday, April 26, 2013 @ 11:59 PM PST. For more information, call 203.795.3328 or e-mail Info@orangectchamber.com.

Special Investigator from Connecticut’s Department of Consumer Protection - A special investigator from Connecticut’s Department of Consumer Protection will speak to the Milford Woman’s Club on how to reduce identity theft on Monday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. She will discuss cyber crime and computer security and will cover what to do if one’s identity is stolen. The program will take place at the Golden Hill Health Care Center, 2028 Bridgeport Avenue. It is free and open to the public. For parking information, call, 203-874-5570.


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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

- 1. Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) Nicholas Hoult, Stanley Tucci
- 2. Identity Thief (R) Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy
- 3. 21 & Over (R) Miles Teller, Justin Chon
- 4. The Last Exorcism Part II (PG-13) Ashley Bell, Julia Garner
- 5. Snitch (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, Susan Sarandon
- 6. Escape from Planet Earth (PG-13) animated
- 7. Safe Haven (PG-13) Julianne Hough, Josh Duhamel
- 8. Silver Linings Playbook (R) Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence
- 9. A Good Day to Die Hard (R) Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney
- 10. Dark Skies (PG-13) Keri Russell, Jake Brennan

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

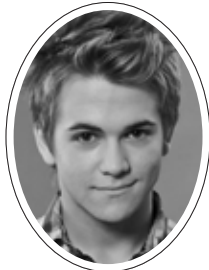
- 1. Flight (R) Denzel Washington
- 2. Here Comes the Boom (PG) Kevin James
- 3. Taken 2 (PG-13) Liam Neeson
- 4. Hotel Transylvania (PG) Adam Sandler
- 5. Alex Cross (PG-13) Tyler Perry
- 6. Seven Psychopaths (R) Colin Ferrell
- 7. Ted (R) Mark Wahlberg
- 8. Pitch Perfect (PG-13) Anna Kendrick
- 9. Paranormal Activity 4 (R) Stephen Dunham
- 10. The Bourne Legacy (PG-13) Jeremy Renner



Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Baauer "Harlem Shake"
- 2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz "Thrift Shop"
- 3. Bruno Mars "When I Was Your Man"
- 4. Taylor Swift "I Knew You Were Trouble"
- 5. will.i.am & Britney Spears "Scream & Shout"
- 6. Drake "Started From the Bottom"
- 7. Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko "Stay"
- 8. Justin Timberlake feat. Jay Z "Suit & Tie"
- 9. Bruno Mars "Locked Out of Heaven"
- 10. Lil Wayne feat. Drake & Future "Love Me"



Hunter Hayes

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Blake Shelton "Sure Be Cool If You Did"
- 2. Hunter Hayes "Wanted"
- 3. The Band Perry "Better Dig Two"
- 4. Tim McGraw "One of Those Nights"
- 5. Carrie Underwood "Two Black Cadillacs"
- 6. Little Big Town "Tornado"
- 7. Florida Georgia Line "Cruise"
- 8. Gary Allen "Every Storm (Runs Out of Rain)"
- 9. Lady Antebellum "Downtown"
- 10. Hunter Hayes "Somebody's Heartbreak"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Tahar Rahim in "Day of the Falcon"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of March 25, 2013.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Parental Guidance" (PG) -- Grandpa Artie (Billy Crystal) and Grandma Diane (Bette Midler) agree to babysit their three grandchildren. The kids' parents, (Marisa Tomei, Tom Everett Scott) are oh-so busy, yet manage to coddle the kids too much. It's up to the grandparents to restore common sense and family warmth to the household. If you thought all of the old family sitcom humor was used up by "Full House," "Cheaper by the Dozen" and all their ilk ... you were right. There are only scraps of humor left for "Parental Guidance" to nibble on. It's a predictable, cloying mess. All of the touchy-feely group-hug stuff is shoehorned into the end of the movie like a last-minute confession for all of the stale bits and toilet jokes that make up the rest of the film.

"Killing Them Softly" (R) -- A couple of small-time crooks rob a poker game full of crime bosses. Their little mistake does not go unpunished. The robbed mobsters call in Jackie (Brad Pitt), a ruthless killer with a surprising self-awareness, to right some wrongs and make everything all better. Witty and gritty dialog gets tossed around in between bouts of vicious violence. Pitt doesn't disappoint. He plays a tough guy who's too cool to act tough. In a world of takers, losers, smart guys and victims, Jackie knows just where he fits in. If anything, the dialog and seedy-underbelly setting get too self-aware. The movie has a lot to say about capitalism and the American Dream. If you want a thriller with a charismatic lead, you can't miss this one.

"A Royal Affair" (R) -- King Christian VII of Denmark was a difficult man to be around. In a world of pretty costumes, elaborate events and decadent lifestyles sits pretty Queen Caroline Mathilda. Along comes Johann Struensee, a brilliant, charming physician who represents the reason and enlightenment of a new age. Of course, a love triangle forms. Mixed in with all of this are some well-crafted political drama. Add in the 18th-century costumes, sets and delicate direction -- and you're looking at a rent-worthy foreign-language period piece.

"Day of the Falcon" (R) -- In the Middle East, two rival warlords finally agree to end a long, bloody war. Emir Nuad (Antonio Banderas) takes in two sons from his rival, Sultan Amar (Mark Strong.) Unfortunately for everyone, it's the 1920s, and oil is discovered in what the two men agreed would be neutral territory. When one tries to profit, the peace is broken and the younger generation must face the consequences of their fathers' war. It's a fun film to watch, but some vital element is missing -- an otherwise interesting tale fails to make an emotional impact.

- 1. Name the group that released "Give a Little Bit" on an album titled "Even in the Quietest Moments ..."
- 2. Which Al Green song is used in the musical score for the television show Nip/Tuck?
- 3. Who released "Could've Been," and when?
- 4. Which group had a modest U.S. hit with "So Much in Love"?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "But without him, how would Hitler have condemned them at Dachau? Without him Caesar would have stood alone."



1. Supertramp, in 1977. The song was re-released in 1992 for a television. 2. "Tired of Being Alone," released in 1969. 3. "Tiffany," in 1987. "The Flip Side was 'The Heart of Love.'" Tiffany was 17 years old when her first album came out. 4. The Tymes, in 1963. Their "Ms. Grace" topped the U.K. charts in 1975, and remains a perennial favorite among the Carolina beach dance music crowd. 5. "Universal Soldier," written and recorded by Buffy Sainte-Marie. The war protest song didn't catch on until recorded by Donovan in 1965. Others of the anti-war genre are P.F. Sloan's "Eve of Destruction," performed by Barry McGuire, and Phil Ochs' "Draft Dodger Rag," both in 1965.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

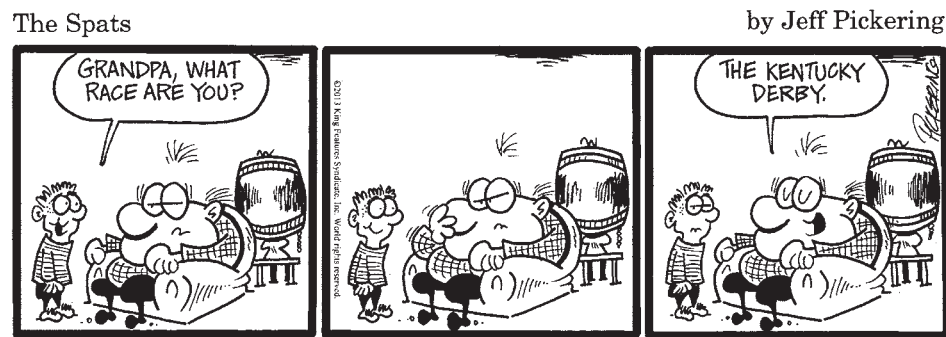
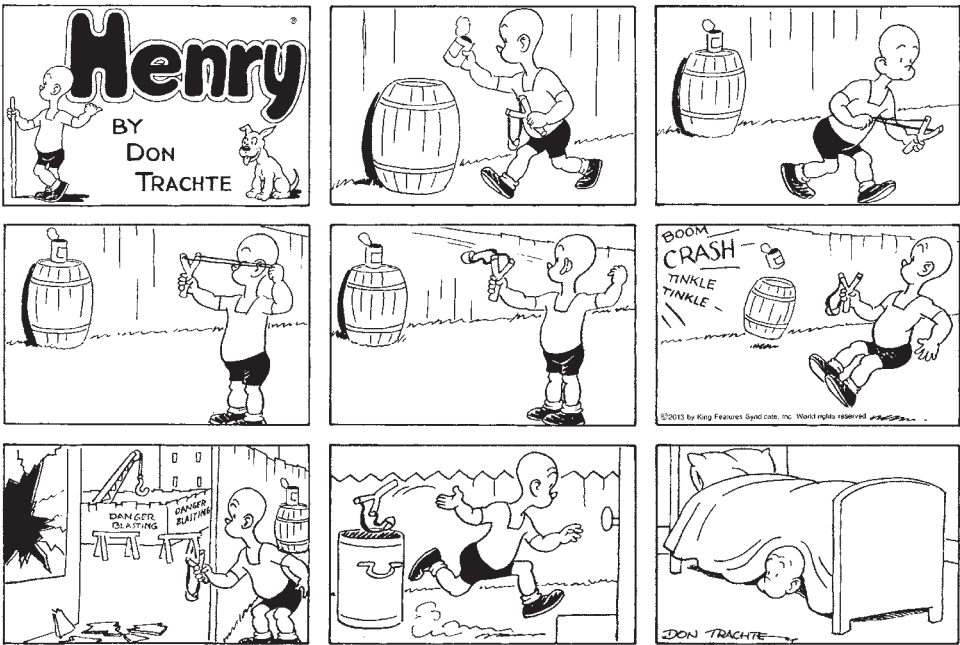
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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COMICS / CROSSWORD / HOLLYWOOD



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11 Color quality

13 Beyond control

19 Frogs' hangout

20 Witnessed

21 Proper partner?

22 "Beetle Bailey" dog

23 Carpenter or Black

25 Crazy

26 Threesome

27 Japanese wrestling

29 Study all night

31 Kreskin's claim

33 Diacritical

34 Scents

36 Snare or tom-tom

37 Pack down tightly

38 Shades

39 Sea eagles

40 Show off your muscles

43 Eggs

44 Lingerie item

45 Midafternoon, on a sundial

46 Some small batteries

HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Sharon Gless

HOLLYWOOD -- Some final words about the Oscars. Oscar night has become a feeding frenzy, literally. You have to be ready to walk the red carpet by 3 p.m. Celebrities walk the endless carpet from 30 minutes to an hour. By the time the press people have covered the red carpet and head to the pressroom, they've been inside a hurricane for about two and a half hours.

Behind the scenes, winners and presenters are paraded through rooms filled with press, often missing the show itself. Then, once the show ends some four hours later, you have to cover the parties.

Most winners, presenters and stars stop by the official Oscar ball, in The Dolby Theatre complex, and then race off to either Elton John's party, which raises millions for AIDS, or the Vanity Fair party, which is small and very exclusive. George Clooney, Ben Affleck and Jane Fonda skipped those parties in favor of a private one of their own at Craig's, the hot new West Hollywood in-spot where Clooney often goes.

This year, I passed on that craziness to attend Norby Walters' Oscar viewing party, Night of 100 Stars, at the Beverly Hills Hotel. I arrived at 3:30 p.m. and spent the first 45 minutes with Terry Moore (best remembered for "Mighty Joe Young") at the cocktail party. Terry told me how she proved she was once married to billionaire Howard Hughes: "Howard knew people wouldn't believe we were secretly married once, so he made recordings, in his own voice, in which he referred to me as his wife." Those recordings were worth millions to her when she won her lawsuit against his family.

I sat next to Sharon Gless, origi-

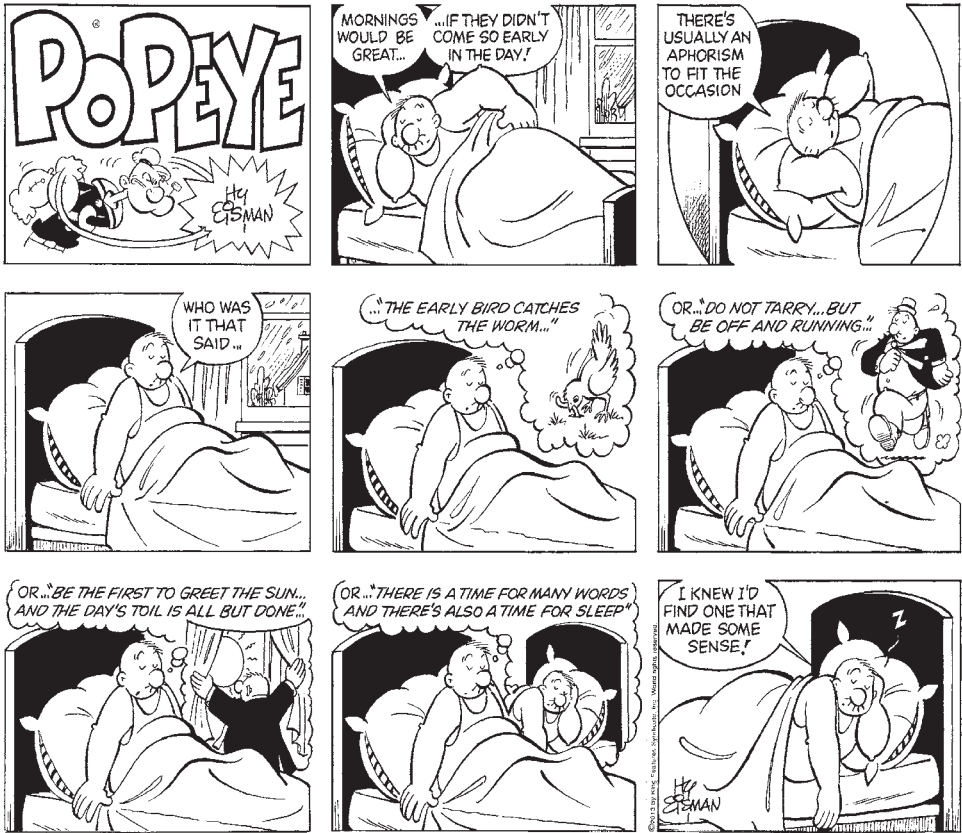
nally of "Cagney & Lacey" (1982-1988), who is now starting season seven as Madeline Western, Jeffrey Donovan's mother on "Burn Notice." She was lamenting having to cut her hair again to start work.

Ran into Patrick Warburton, whom I met when he first started acting. He might have to stop playing Jeff Bingham on "Rules of Engagement" to star in the new CBS show "Jacked Up."

Years ago, I became friends with a neighbor, Adrian Paul, who became a regular on the "Dynasty" spin-off "The Colbys." He later starred in 117 episodes of "Highlander" and 22 episodes of "Tracker." Adrian told me, "It was all a lot easier back then, so much has changed in the industry."

My big moment of the night came when Eric Roberts (brother of Julia Roberts), an Oscar nominee for "Runaway Train," asked me who designed my tuxedo. I told him it was by Emanuel Ungaro, and then said, "Hey, that was supposed to be my line!"

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By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Selecting the Right Puppy or Dog for You and Your Family

A dog's breed and temperament, combined with your lifestyle and personality, all play an important role in determining what kind of dog is the best fit for you. For instance, a slight or shy person could find a large-breed dog—especially one that is boisterous or hyperactive—difficult to control. On the other hand, a timid, little dog may not be a suitable match for an adventuresome, outgoing, or loud person.

So with all the choices available, how do you go about selecting the right dog for you?

Deciding Between a Puppy and a Full-Grown Dog

If you are considering adopting a dog, first determine whether you want a puppy or an adult dog. Adopting a puppy has certain advantages—you will be able to choose one with the best temperament for you and ensure it gets a proper education before behavioral problems or bad habits develop. But puppies bring added responsibilities, too. During the first few months, a puppy requires more of your time than an older dog.

- Puppies should not be left alone for extended periods of time.
- They need to be fed several times a day, constantly monitored, and handled with care.
 - Owners must fill the void created when they take a puppy away from its mother and littermates.
 - Attention is required to properly house-train the puppy.
 - Other training is required with goals suitable for the puppy's age. (Training goals will change as the puppy matures.)

If you do not have the time required for a puppy, consider adopting a full-grown dog that has already gone through the puppy stage.

- Usually an older dog will be housebroken and less likely to chew anything and everything within reach.
- More advanced training can begin immediately.
- As a newcomer to your family, however, even older dogs require attention and understanding while they become oriented to a new environment.

Before adopting an older dog, learn as much as you can about its background, such as details of its diet so you can be sure any change in diet will not be abrupt. If adopting a dog from another home, ask for a favorite item, such as a toy, a blanket, or a pillow that the dog can take with him. This will help in the transition.

Understanding the Importance of Temperament

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

There are a variety of temperaments in dogs, and some dogs can have a combination of temperament traits, but generally speaking, dogs have four basic temperament types:

1. Nervous – This bottom-of-the-pack dog requires more effort and perseverance on your part to train. An older, nervous dog can act in a variety of ways around strangers. It might bark but then back off or circle while barking and growling. Another nervous type might settle down when the stranger is seated but bark and possibly try to attack when the visitor gets up to leave. Its fear of strangers makes a nervous dog a challenge to train.
2. Timid – Also a bottom-of-the-pack dog, a timid dog will hold its ears back, squirm, put its tail between its legs, or roll onto its back. You can easily

train this type of dog once it recognizes you as its leader.

3. Dominant – This top-of-the-pack dog requires owners to demonstrate their own dominance through a consistent and committed effort to train the dog, no matter how long it takes. When around strangers, this dog stands its ground and, under some circumstances, attacks. It will not relinquish its leadership position easily and, if you move too quickly with training, it might bite you. With professional help and a lot of determination, even the most dominant dogs can be trained.
4. Middle of the Pack – This dog is easy to train because it wants to please its owners out of respect for them as the leaders of the pack. Usually friendly toward strangers and not aggressive toward other dogs, this type of dog is delightful to own.

Spotting a Puppy's Temperament

Even if the puppy is very young, you can tell its temperament. Within the litter, watch how the puppies run and play to determine where each puppy stands in the litter's pecking order. More dominant puppies act bossy by standing over the other littermates. Less dominant puppies act submissive by rolling over or lowering their heads.

Then, observe the individual puppy you are considering adopting when it's alone with you. A well-adjusted puppy will follow you freely when you lead it. Then drop a soft glove or cloth near the puppy and watch its reaction:

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

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

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

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

Finally, lift and hold the puppy in your arms. A pup that settles in and sits still is far more acceptable than one that wriggles and tries to escape.

Choosing the Best Breed for Your Personality

In addition to recognizing an individual dog's temperament, you would do well to investigate the breed that best suits your needs. Listed here are some of the most popular breeds and, based on our experience with hundreds of thousands of dogs worldwide, how their personalities and characteristics might match the requirements of different types of owners. While some breeds do have tendencies toward a certain temperament, keep in mind that this is not absolute. Use the information as a guide, but we recommend you make your final decision based on background information and observation.

Just like people, dogs come in all shapes, sizes, and temperaments. A dog's breed and temperament, combined with your lifestyle and personality all play an important role in determining what kind of dog is best for you. Do a bit of research first, then visit your local shelter. There is a dog with the perfect temperament for everyone.

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ARTS & LEISURE



The Memory Project

Elizabeth Smolinski, a teacher at Amity High School, runs a chapter of “The Memory Project” at Amity High School. For the past five years, Amity High School students have created portraits for orphaned children through the non-profit organization “The Memory Project”. In the past, Amity has created portraits for children in South American and Asian countries. This year, Amity sent a record 21 portraits to Rwanda, which is in Eastern Africa.

Last fall, the organization sent photos of the orphaned children to Amity, from which 19 students and 2 faculty members created portraits in a variety of media, including acrylic paint, chalk pastels, and digital images. Each unique portrait was packaged in a protective plastic sleeve and labeled with the name and photo of the artist. The portraits will be hand-delivered to the kids by Memory Project staff members on March 30th. Roughly a month later, the artists will receive photos and videos of the children receiving their portraits. Recently, the videos have also included traditional songs and dances performed by the children, so Amity’s artists are very excited about what they might get to see this year!

Each year that Amity has participated in The Memory Project, the required fees have been generously donated by the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation. Though the number of portraits created has quadrupled over the past four years, the foundation has continued to support Amity’s efforts. The Memory Project is a way for Amity to reach out and make a difference for children whose lives are vastly different from their own. “I can’t think of a more meaningful way for our students to share their artistic talents,” said Elizabeth Smolinski, the teacher who runs The Memory Project at Amity, with the assistance of studio art teacher Brian Flinn. “Every year, the portraits get more and more beautiful. We can’t wait to see the photos of the kids in Rwanda receiving their portraits. It’s a feeling that can’t be matched.”

For more information about The Memory Project or the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation, visit these websites: www.memoryproject.org and www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org.



Turkey Hill School Drama Club Presents Beauty and the Beast

A cast of 114 Turkey Hill Students invite the public to be their guest for the Turkey Hill School Drama Club’s production of Beauty and The Beast on Friday, March 22nd and Saturday, March 23rd. The show follows the basic story line of the original Beauty and The Beast, however, the production team had to get a little creative to support so many actors. The cast includes students from grades first through sixth, who all have speaking parts. There are also 20 more students behind the scenes producing props, music and setting up the stage.

“We added a few extra characters you won’t see anywhere else,” says Deborah Sansone, show producer. “Our first and second graders are castle guards who narrate the story. There are also speaking wolves who try to capture anyone who travels through the woods, with little success. Sansone also says that the group brought back two characters eliminated from Disney’s original production including; Oxford the Book and Cambridge the Globe.

The show is directed by all parent volunteers including: Tiffany Beesley, Carly Costanzo, Lauren Clark, Sandy Pelliccia, Krista O’Rourke, Cindy Visnic, Tracey Papelo, Donna Ricciardi, Diane DalleAve, Tracey McDermott, Laurie Dougherty, Phyllis Kraut, Cindy Jossick, Zoi Maniatis, Alicia Dwyer, Jennifer Hayes, Monika Gagnon and Deborah Gregory. Assistant show producers include; Ginger Sherrick and Jacki Hutchison. This year the THS Drama Club was joined by eleven junior directors, all seventh graders 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.

Beauty and The Beast will take place at Turkey Hill School in the gymnasium on Friday, March 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. 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.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Amity Track & Field Competes at New England’s

Three individual Amity track and field athletes and one relay team qualified for the New England Track & Field Championships held at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletics Center in Boston on March 2. Katharine Simon finished third in the shot put (38-7.75), Zoie Reed (16-5.5) claimed 14th in the long jump and Mike Vitale took 23rd in the shot put (44-4.75) while the Spartans boys’ 4x200 meter team was 14th (1:34.67). Benjamin Feola, Sean Beaulieu, Joshua Timpko and James Bonvicini ran the four legs.

Spartans Boys Basketball Falls in First Round of States

The Amity boys’ basketball team rallied back from 22 points down midway through the third quarter to within three with 1:58 to go, but the 14th-seeded Spartans couldn’t quite finish the comeback as 19th-seeded Xavier beat them 66-57 in the first round CIAC Class LL state tournament on March 4. After falling behind 43-21 with five minutes left in the third quarter, Nick Bottone scored on consecutive drives to help pull Amity within 48-36 entering the fourth quarter. Spartans’ leading scorer Zac Campbell—who had just six points in the first three quarters—made a 3-pointer, went 3-for-3 at the foul line and hit a jumper to cut the deficit to 55-43 midway through the fourth quarter.

Campbell received help from Ben Levine, Matt Lettick and Sebastian DeMauro as an 11-0 Spartans jaunt brought them as close as 55-52 with 1:58 to go. But Xavier’s Elijah Pemberton made two free throws and a three-point play to push the Falcons’ cushion to 60-52 with 1:44 left. Campbell’s fourth 3-pointer of the game and a Gardner Broderick jumper in the waning seconds weren’t enough as Amity couldn’t quite complete the comeback. Xavier outscored the Spartans 14-4 in the first quarter and 23-13 in the second to build a 37-17 halftime lead.

Amity Girls Basketball Loses to East Hartford in LL Opener

The 15th-ranked Lady Spartans fell to 18th-ranked East Hartford 46-41 in the first round of the CIAC Class LL state tournament on February 26. Chloe Brinton led Amity with 14 points and five rebounds, but the Lady Spartans were unable to overcome 18 turnovers. Brinton scored the first points of the game on a layup 2:37 into regulation as the Hornets missed their first nine shots. She had two more buckets in the opening frame, but East Hartford rallied to a 10-8 lead at the end of the period.

The two teams battled back-and-forth in the second quarter before Rachel Nevolis made a jumper to give the Lady Spartans a 21-19 lead at halftime behind 44.4 percent shooting. A Brinton 3-pointer to open the second half gave Amity its largest lead of the night at 24-19, but the Hornets, who shot just 32 percent in the first half, took over from there. An 11-5 run gave East Hartford a 30-29 edge with 3:56 to go in the third quarter. After Janae Graham hit a 3-pointer to put Amity ahead a 33-32 with 49 seconds left in the frame, the Hornets scored to take a 34-33 lead into the final frame — an advantage they would not relinquish.

The Lady Spartans went scoreless for nearly three minutes and had a chance late as back-to-back baskets from Graham and Brinton brought them within 42-41 with just under one minute left. Brinton couldn’t convert a layup and the Hornets went 6-for-6 at the foul line to close it out.

Amity Ice Hockey Drops D-II State Tournament Opener

The Amity ice hockey team enjoyed its first regular season after dropping to the Division-II level, going 13-7 overall and drawing the No. 1 seed in the CIAC D-II state tournament. But after scoring the first goal against 17th-seeded Newtown on March 5, the Spartans slipped up and ultimately fell 2-1.

The Spartans controlled the puck for most of the first period, but could only beat Newtown goaltender Patrick Mcloughlin once despite outshooting the Nighthawks 15-2 in the frame. Mcloughlin stoned Dane Simone twice and turned away an Adam Shea one-timer with 6:19 left in the period, before Simone cleaned up a rebound to give Amity a 1-0 lead.

The Spartans held momentum in the second period, but Mcloughlin continued to turn them away. Arguably his most impressive save came when he snared a John Uscilla wrister from point-blank with 3:13 left in the period. Finally, Newtown got on the board when Evan Isaacs beat Spartans goalie Nick Nuzzolo from the point with less than one second to go before intermission. Hayden Savoia scored on a 3:34 into the third period to provide the Nighthawks’ go-ahead tally. Nuzzolo finished with 15 saves while Mcloughlin totaled 30. The Spartans finished with a 31-17 shot advantage.



This year’s team: L to R: Standing: coach Dave Kennedy, Michael McGurrin, Quentin Pitter, Joey Schittina, Michael Bier, Anthony Esposito, Michael Ficaro, Griffin Tirollo, coach Mike Nusdeo. Front: Sean Nusdeo, Robert Jaques, Marc Chodos, Ryan Kennedy, Jack Ballocca, Drew DeDomenico, Clayton Coassin. (coach John Jaques not pictured)

Kennedys Help Keep Cooperstown Dreams Alive

By Stephen Bailey – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Kennedys are doing everything they can to ensure that an Orange Little League baseball tradition continues. Orange has been sending a 12-year old team to the weekly Cooperstown Dreams Park tournaments for a long time. But it’s not easy. When the entrance fee is \$850 per person, sending the full roster of 14 players and three coaches can add up. \$14,450: That is the total Stephanie Kennedy and her husband Dave, manager of this year’s CT Crushers, are shooting for in their fundraising efforts. “It’s about playing baseball, enjoying baseball and enjoying their friends,” Stephanie Kennedy said. “It’s more than just going there to win.”

The players on this year’s Crushers team are Jack Ballocca, Michael Bier, Clayton Coassin, Marc Chodos, Drew DeDomenico, Anthony Esposito, Michael Ficaro, Robert Jaques, Ryan Kennedy, Michael McGurrin, Peter Minore, Sean Nusdeo, Quentin Pitter, Gunnar Poulimas, Joey Schittina, and Griffin Tirollo. On their trip, they’ll visit the National Baseball Hall of Fame, exchanging experiences and collectable pins with players from around the country also competing in that week’s tournament. The Crushers’ team photo and record will also be displayed in the American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame as part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

That is why the Kennedys are so motivated to generate the funds, which go toward paying travel expenses, sportswear and a team banner. The first fundraiser to benefit the team, composed primarily of 12-under players from the district team, is at the Joker’s Wild Comedy Club, 232 Wooster Street in New Haven, on April 7 at 7 p.m. The Kennedys invite you to come for a night of laughs, as well as a raffle with prizes including a flat screen television. Tickets are \$20 per person and half of the proceeds will go directly to the Crushers. “It’s really generous of them,” Stephanie said. “It’s nice to give people something different that they might not normally do.”

Dave Kennedy, who also went as a coach two years ago, looks back on the time spent in the barracks — where all the coaches and players stay during the trip — as his favorite memory. “Great baseball in a beautiful facility, and seeing the kids grow up a little after spending a week together away from their families,” Dave said. Said Stephanie: “For me, it was the family bonding time, getting to know the families better, the baseball tradition, and as my husband said, seeing the kids grow up a little as their time in little league comes to an end.”

The night at Joker’s Wild Comedy Club is just the first in a series of fundraisers. The Crushers are also selling advertising space in their team program, will be collecting donations at the Stop & Shop on Bull Hill Lane in Orange on April 27 and will be parking cars for the 4th of July fireworks at High Plains Community Center. “That’s been really good in the past,” Stephanie said. “We’re hoping it is this year too.”

Kennedy said an additional tag sale was planned earlier in the year, but was cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy. Stephanie also said that the Crushers are looking for a major sponsor. She said that the sponsor could place signage on their team banner that will be showcased at the opening and closing ceremonies of the tournament.

After all the fundraising is done, the fun can begin and the lasting memories created. “It’s a coveted spot to get on this team because there’s only so many kids they can take,” Stephanie said. “Somebody’s heart is broken every year that gets cut from the teams, but my husband this year said, ‘I’m going to take all the kids that were on the 11 district team. I’m not cutting anybody because it’s really about the experience.’”



Orange Community Nursery School welcomes Mrs. Danielle Hoddinott to their teaching staff! Mrs. Hoddinott is a state-certified elementary school teacher and taught for years before having children of her own. She is an experienced and trusted tutor for young children enhancing their reading, writing and math skills. OCNS preschool is very excited to have her join the team of wonderful teachers already in place.

ARTS & LEISURE



Holly Johnson to Display Art Works

The Watermark at 3030 Park is pleased to announce that student artwork from nearby Sacred Heart University’s (SHU) Department of Art & Design is currently on display at the retirement community’s art gallery. Fourteen students will exhibit their work now through Thursday, April 11, including Holly Johnson of Orange. “The opportunity for our young artists to exhibit their art off-campus has been an exciting experience for both the students and the Department of Art & Design,” said Professor Nathan Lewis, Assistant Professor of Art at SHU. “We are thankful for the continued relationship with The Watermark at 3030 Park, whose support has helped create a great atmosphere for our exhibit this year.”

This is the third time that student artists from SHU have displayed at The Watermark at 3030 Park. In 2010 and 2011, the community partnered with SHU for similar exhibits. The Watermark at 3030 Park’s art gallery is open to the public Monday through Saturday 8am-8pm and Sunday from 8am-5pm. For more information, please call The Watermark at 3030 Park at 203-373-6288.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The bold Bovine could find a new opportunity too intriguing to be ignored. But don't charge into it. Go slowly so you see how things develop as you get more involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might try to soften your stand on that important issue. A little more flexibility actually could get you what you're looking for. A new friend enters the picture midweek.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your inner voice is on the mark when it advises you to tackle that family problem now! The sooner you're able to come to terms with it, the better it will be for everyone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone reveals important news about a long-time associate. But before you decide how to deal with this information, make sure it's reliable, and not simply self-serving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some intensive soul-searching early in the week can help you reach a decision by week's end that should please both you and the other person involved.

Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The possibility of a career change is intriguing. Learn more about what it can offer and what it cannot. Weigh everything carefully. And ask questions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Work is your priority this week as you try to make up for lost time. Expect help from someone who cares about you. Things take a welcome turn by the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A health problem causes some anxiety early in the week. But prompt medical attention soon eases everyone's concerns. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) As much as you might resent it, a changing situation could require you to adjust your plans accordingly. The good news: An associate agrees to cooperate.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) That old problem is finally resolved, just in time for you to take on a new work-related project. This one could be the super door-opener you've been looking for.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The early part of the week presents some difficult hurdles. But once you get over them, you can start to focus on matters that are more important to you.

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Pet Charities



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DEAR FRANK: If the calls and letters are annoying, you should be able to contact the charity and ask it to take you off its mailing list. Check one of the mailers for a phone number or email address specifically for this type of request.

It's likely that whatever charity you give to will begin sending you regular mail, at the very least, since that is an effective method of reminding supporters to donate again. It's sort of an occupational hazard. There certainly are other ways to contribute to causes that help animals. Some people have more time than money, or feel that just throwing money at a charity isn't enough.

Helping out at pet shelters is one of the first options people think of, but each shelter has different rules about volunteers. Most will not allow new volunteers to work directly with shelter animals, for safety reasons. However, they do try to put volunteers into other supportive roles, and some offer periodic training sessions to initiate new volunteers into their programs. (Volunteers often are needed to help with fundraisers -- perhaps annoying to some, but direct funding is important.)

Your first step is to look up local pet charities, shelters or clinics, and contact each to find out if it has volunteer programs. The local newspaper, your municipality's website, or the yellow or white pages are among resources available to find these programs.

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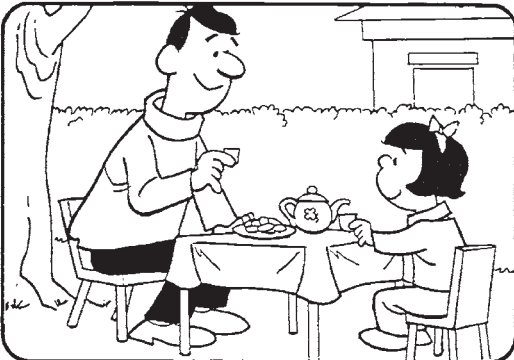
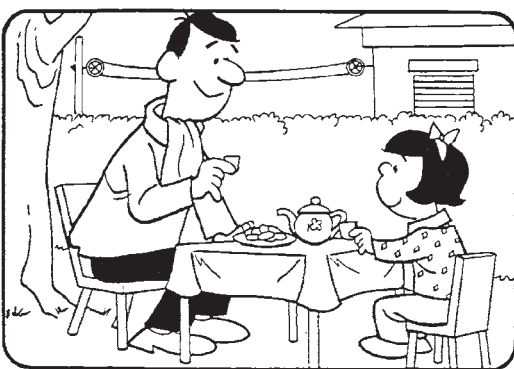
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