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Tim James, Superintendent Orange Public Schools with (from left to right) Carly Sacco, Haley Forcier, Jamie Hashem, Dario Salati, Andrew Tudino and Nick Bencivengo.

Students Honored with "Superintendent's Award"

Six students from the Orange Elementary Schools were honored recently by receiving the Superintendent's Award. The South Central Area Superintendent's Association Awards Program provides area superintendents with the ability to recognize student's accomplishments based on academic, extra-curricular and community service criteria.

Award recipients were honored at the Students Awards Luncheon held at the Laurel View Country Club in Hamden on March 19.

Neighbors and School Helping Nine-Year Old Girl

By Richard Weizel - Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE - When Amy Esposito learned in February that her nine-year-old daughter Cailey's best friend Summer Burzynski had been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on the base of her spine it was like reliving a nightmare. Three years ago Esposito's ten-year-old nephew died after a battle with Leukemia. "My first reaction was, Oh no, not again, this can't be happening to another child so close to our fam-



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Turkey Hill School Principal Colleen Murray, second from right, poses with guests from Azerbaijan, representatives from Southern Connecticut State University and Student Council representatives.

Azerbaijani Educators Visit Turkey Hill School

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

A visit from educators in the Eastern bloc country of Azerbaijan taught Principal Colleen Murray and her students at Turkey Hill that the differences between people are not nearly as great as the miles that separate them.

The meeting was arranged by Southern Connecticut State University and the Center for Innovations in Education in Azerbaijan as a way to exchange

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ily,” said Esposito, who has lived on South Indian Hill Road, next-door to Summer’s parents, Suzanne and Scott Burzynski for the past decade.” I knew I needed to do something to help.”

With other friends and neighbors, Esposito quickly established a foundation in nine-year-old Summer’s name to provide financial support to help defray medical costs and offset other financial burdens for the family. Neighbors, led by Kristine Paradis, of Great Oak Road, have also organized a voluntary program to cook meals for the family every night, while students in Summer’s Race Brook Elementary School are donating and collecting money every day as part of the effort. Also, Summer’s former second-grade teacher is providing home tutoring so she doesn’t fall too far behind in her school work. Her fourth grade teacher, JoAnne Escandon, also does everything she can to keep summer involved with school, whether it is coming to the house and reading to her, educating classmates on her illness, or using Skype to keep her connected to the classroom.

Meanwhile, Summer, who had surgery in early February at Yale-New Haven Hospital to remove the tumor, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. Radiation treatments are also expected in her treatment plan. All of Summer’s chemotherapy treatments are in-patient and are expected to take approximately a year to complete. “It’s all been overwhelming since Summer became ill, but very comforting and uplifting to have our friends, neighbors, and the community come together to provide this kind of generosity and emotional support during a very tough time,” said Suzanne Burzynski.

She says she has been amazed by the outpouring of support from the community. “We are so grateful for all the help. It is times like these that bring out the best in people and we are truly blessed to have so many compassionate and caring people around us that want to help. “We know we have a long road ahead, but are confident Summer is receiving the best medical treatment and look forward to her full recovery.”

Burzynski said one of the hardest part right now is that her daughter has always been very active, loves climbing trees and the monkey bars, and participating in sports, such as in the town Park and Recreation Department’s basketball program. “Not to be able to do those kinds of things has been very hard on her.”

Burzynski said the onset of Summer’s illness was very sudden. “It started in late January with Summer complaining about back pain that wouldn’t go away, but we attributed that to her doing handstands and falling backwards,” she said. “When we took her to the doctor it was shocking to find out she had a tumor, and that she needed immediate surgery.”

Having to stay in the hospital or stay home and rest hasn’t been easy for her daughter, Burzynski, said. “Summer misses going to school and being with her friends -- just being a kid and doing kids’ things -- but when she is having a good day we get her connected with friends as much as possible,” Burzynski, said.

She said Summer’s illness has been hard on her other two children, Chase, 11, and Skylar, 6, who also both attend Race Brook School, but the community has reached out to them as well which is wonderful.

Esposito said kids at the school are also participating in the effort to raise money for the family, by starting a “Coins for Courage” program led by teacher JoAnne Escandon, to encourage students to bring in some spare change and put it in a jar to donate to the family. “I think it’s important that not only are the parents getting involved, but the children as well,” Esposito said. “It’s a good lesson for them to be learning about why it’s important to help people when they are in need or facing a crisis.”

Kristine Paradis, another neighbor whose nine-year-old daughter Jessica is in Summer’s class and also a best friend, has organized a community effort to cook meals for the family. “We’ve all known each other since we moved into the neighborhood and see the family all the time,” said Paradis. “My thought was here is a family that is always so giving, whether it’s leading Brownies and Girl Scouts or coaching a sports team. To think they have a child with a serious illness, we should do whatever we can to help,” Paradis said. The idea was that with everything else they are going through, a calendar could be set up for whoever is interested to cook a meal for them every night. “Right now we are booked up through the middle of April.”

Paradis said, “It is heartwarming to live in a town where people really care about each other and are willing to be so generous with their time and money in such a time of need.”

To make a donation to the “Summer Burzynski Foundation” send a check to Amy Esposito
650 South Indian Hill Road
Orange, CT 06477
Amye1030@optonline.net

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Kristine.paradis@snet.net

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information about American schools. Azerbaijan is a country that was once part of the Soviet Union. “The program leaders were interested in our student to teacher ratio, student achievement and curriculum development programs,” Murray said.

Turkey Hill students greeted the visitors by saying “hello” in the Azerbaijani language. The Azerbaijani flag was waving outside several classrooms and the country was highlighted on a large map of the world in the school’s foyer. “They brought stickers and flags from their country for our students and we gave them artwork, school pencils and wooden plaques of Turkey Hill School to bring home with them,” Murray said.

The educators were most interested in seeing the students in their learning environment. “We brought them into some typical classrooms, where the students were seated, listening to the teacher in the front of the room,” Murray said. “But they were particularly interested in the instances where the students were out of their seats in the classroom, actively engaged in their own learning.” Murray said her guests were surprised that Turkey Hill students and the children from their own country were so similar. “They thought our students were very well behaved and polite,” Murray said.

Murray did her research before the visit to familiarize herself with the Azerbaijani culture. “I had read that physical contact between males and females was frowned upon in their culture, so we greeted them with a nod of the head and smile”, she said. But several hours later, as the visit came to an end, the group was “hugging and crying,” making promises to stay connected. They are hoping to try video conferencing so the two schools can stay connected and possibly work on a joint school project.

“The visit couldn’t have been more successful and uplifting,” Murray said. “They invited us to come to their school next and that would be great.”

Democrats Division Widens as Local Party Committee “Shifts Left”

By Richard Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE - It took nearly 200 years before a Democrat, Robert C. Sousa, was elected the town’s first selectman in 1995. Some party moderates, including former Democratic Town Committee Chairman Joseph Lembo, who held the post 22 years before recently being ousted by Selectwoman Trish Pearson -- with the help of the so-called “liberal wing”, are wondering if a bitter division in the party will ensure another long period of Republican domination.

Fostering the latest divide is a battle between the liberal and moderate elements, with the liberals having now seized control by electing Pearson over the moderate Lembo, 28-18 in a Town Committee vote. That, say the moderates, will never fly in a moderate to conservative dominated small town where Democrats have only held the first selectman’s office for one decade (1995-2005).

Democratic moderates, such as Paul Tarbox, who as a virtually unknown candidate garnered 46 percent of the vote in challenging Zeoli in 2007, believe it will take at least a few years for the party to heal. “Joe (Lembo) did a great job as town committee chairman for more than two decades and

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May 7th	May 14th

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FROM OUR READERS

To The Editor:

On March 6, a pancake breakfast was held to benefit the Orange Community Services Community Assistance Fund. Over 200 people enjoyed this event and \$1,334 was raised.

A special thank you is owed to Chips Restaurant for the donation of pancake batter, Subway for bacon, syrup, and paper goods, and Stop & Shop for orange juice. Also, thanks to Bob Kleffman who chaired the event, members of the Senior Advisory Committee who volunteered, and the men and women in our community who cooked the delicious breakfast for families, neighbors, and friends to enjoy.

The Community Assistant Fund is used for emergency fuel assistance, our food pantry, and for other needs that cannot be filled through traditional social services programs. Community Services is fortunate to have such generous and committed sponsors and friends who contribute to the wellbeing of their neighbors through our department.

Very truly yours,

Carol Nardini, Director, Orange Community Services

Dear Editor:

I am taking part in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this year and will be part of a team for this event. This is the largest cancer fighting movement in the world with more than 230 Relays happening throughout New England this year.

Relay is a time of reflection, a time to celebrate survivorship, and a time to pledge to take some kind of action to fight a disease that roughly 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will be diagnosed with in their lifetimes. As a Relay participant, I am committed to raising as much money as I can to help ensure that the American Cancer Society continues to meet the demand for its programs and services for cancer patients and their caregivers. I am hoping that you find the cause as worthy as I do. If so, please take just a few minutes to make a donation on my personal web page at www.relayforlife.org/bowct. Then just click on Robo's Rooters to donate to my team.

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Robert Lettick

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Race Brook Students Show Off Artistic Talents

The cafeteria in the Racebrook Elementary School was transformed into an art gallery with all the pomp of an opening night show. Featured were grade school students turned masterpiece artists.

The art event began in January when they started creating their pieces. The students were encouraged to draw in any medium or style they loved, such as realistic drawings, cartoons, abstract, landscapes, and still life. Invitations were sent out to families and RSVP's were collected. Their work was matted and framed by Kids Art Fairs and parent and staff volunteers, and the cafeteria was decorated with balloons and colorful tablecloths for the showing. Stands were set on tables and the artwork was displayed and offered for sale to the zealous parents and families of the artists.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity for an evening art event so parents can be more involved with the school's art program," said art teacher Erin Garney. The program was organized by Ms. Garney, the PTA, and Kids Art Fairs district representatives. By the end of the evening, which included crafts and prize drawings, more than 140 masterpieces were sold, with a percentage of the proceeds to benefit the school's art program.

Sliby Makes Siena College Deans List

Alexa-Nicole Sliby, a Freshman student at Siena College in Loudonville, New York has been named to the Deans' List for the Fall 2009 semester. Alexa-Nicole is majoring in Biology. She is the daughter of Annemarie and Roger Sliby of Orange.

Mary L. Tracy School Centennial Gala Planned

By Ralph A. Nuzzo

If you are a past or present member of the Mary L. Tracy/Orange Center School community, I am sure that you have many fond thoughts and feelings about your experiences and relationships at this flagship school of Orange. As you may know, the school originally opened in 1910. It now is 100-years old. What a milestone! A dedicated committee has worked diligently over the past two years to plan celebratory activities. The culminating event will be a town-wide Centennial Gala at the Grassy Hill Country Club on Saturday, May 1, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m.



This Centennial Gala will provide the opportunity to see current friends and colleagues, to have a reunion with former friends and colleagues, and to share your experiences at Mary L. Tracy or Orange Center School. We are pleased that in attendance will be both former principal and superintendent John Kowal and former first selectman and superintendent Dorothy Berger.

Mary L. Tracy School was my first assignment when I joined the district in 1977. It now is an honor to be serving as its principal. We often hear that this school is a special place. The Centennial Gala will provide an enjoyable evening to share with others who feel the same way. If you have any photos or such, please bring them, as we will have a memorabilia display. I hope you can join us! Please RSVP by April 19, 2010. Call 203-891-8021 for tickets.

Kirwood Earns Dean's List Honors at Wesleyan

Zachary Kirwood, son of Roger and Lucia Bartiromo Kirwood, and member of Amity High School class of 2008, is a fall 2009 dean's list student at Wesleyan University, class of 2012, where he is majoring in American Studies. He is also an active member in the Planned Parenthood Association and Amnesty International. Zachary was awarded National Student Volunteer of the Year in March, 2009 by Planned Parenthood in Houston, TX by the president of the organization, Ceil Richards.

Marist College Announces Dean's List

The following students have been named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Fall 2009 semester: Stephanie L. Barrett, Class of 2010, majoring in Communications/Radio/TV/Film; Kara A. Lightowler, Class of 2012, majoring in Psychology; Alyssa K. Saunders, Class of 2013, majoring in Undecided; Lisa E. Steele, Class of 2011, majoring in Biology; and Alyssa M. Vallie, Class of 2011, majoring in Business Administration/Emphasis: Marketing.

1st Annual "Race Brook's Rockin'" Road Race

The Race Brook School PTA has scheduled its 1st Annual Race Brook's Rockin' Road Race, a 5K run/walk and Kids' Fun Run. Race Day is Saturday, May 1, 2010. This race will take place at Race Brook Elementary School in Orange, CT. The Kids' Fun Run begins at 9AM and the 5K at 10AM. The event promises to be fun for the entire family and will focus primarily on enhancing fitness equipment and activities at Race Brook School.

The race course will be USATF certified, and prizes will be awarded to the first male and female finisher in each age group. The one mile Kids' Fun Run will take place on the track behind the school, and all kids will receive a ribbon to acknowledge their participation.

All participants will be entered into the post race raffle, and there will be some great prizes: \$100 gift certificates to Tengda and Dicks's, gift baskets, Guitar Hero (just to name a few). Live music and great post race food will also be offered.

Anyone who is interested in running can visit the event page on the Race Brook School website: <http://www.oess.org/rbs/page.php?pid=448> or can send us an email at RaceBrook5K@gmail.com.

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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. Next meeting is April 20th.

Ballroom Dance Cardio Classes, Wednesdays 9:00-10:00am, Saturdays 10:00-11:00am, and Sundays 11:00am-12:00noon; Let's Dance in Rhythm, Branford Theatre Building, 19 South Main Street, 2nd floor, Branford. No partner needed, classes \$12/pp. For more information, call (203)481-1333 or visit www.letsdancebranford.com.

Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild, monthly meeting to share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems, and generally have a great time crocheting! Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Saturdays 10am - 1pm, on April 3, May 8, June 5, July 17, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4. For more information, visit www.HotsCrochet-Guild.yolasite.com.

Chip's Restaurant Fundraiser for Marrakech, Inc., Tuesday, April 6, 2010, 5pm-9pm, 321 Boston Post Road, \$10/pp, no reservations required. For more information, call Lindsay Foster at (203) 389-2970, Ext. 1060 or Jay Korman at (203) 389-2970, Ext. 1030.

Unit 127 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting, Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 1:15pm, Post Home. For more information, contact President Mary Jewell.

Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinic, Thursday, April 8, 2010, 1:00 to 2:00pm, 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library. No appointment necessary.

South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Watershed Fund Scholarships, applications due Friday, April 9, 2010 and can be downloaded at www.thewatershedfund.org for students pursuing a career in environmental studies and live in the SCCRWA district.

Orange Historical Society Presents Donna Dufresne as Prudence Crandall, Connecticut State Heroine, Saturday, April 10, 2010, Light Lunch at 1:00, Performance at 2:30pm, Orange Congregational Church Community Room, Orange Center Road, \$20/pp, reservations required. Send checks to POB 784, Orange, CT 06477. For more information or to make a donation, contact Phyllis Gwatkin at 795-4549 or Priscilla Searles at 397-1465.

Garden Club of Orange April Meeting, Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:00pm, Case Memorial Library. For more information, see article this issue or visit www.orangetown.gov/gardenclub.html or call Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195.

Orange Country Fair CT Association of Fairs Scholarships, applications due April 15, 2010, available at Amity Senior H.S., Case Memorial Library and Orange Town Hall. Two \$1,000 scholarships available to students pursuing studies in agriculture, home economics or a related field. For more information, contact Marianne Bauer at 203-795-6489.

Laurel Estates Assisted Living Spring Fling Party, Friday, April 16, 2010, 2:00pm, 245 Indian River Road, cocktails and live entertainment with Laura Warfield; free to the public. For more information, call Briana Benn at 203-795-3117.

Literacy Center of Milford 2nd Annual Book & Author Brunch, Sunday, April 18, 2010, 11:30am-3:30pm, Milford Yacht Club, presents John Eleftheriades, Lisa Sanders, and Lauren Willig. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Phyllis Gwatkin at 203-795-4549.

Laurel Estates Assisted Living Elder Law Seminar, "Powers of Attorney and Conservatorship", Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 245 Indian River Road, free to the public. For more information, call Briana Benn at 203-795-3117.

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By Joanne Byrne

Pasta Festa!

Join us on Friday, May 14 from 5 to 8 pm for the sixth annual Pasta Festa! We will hold the supper in the beautiful, new hall of St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church on 480 Racebrook Road. Cusano's Catering will again prepare the meal. Members of the Board of Selectmen will help the Target volunteers serve the meal. Strolling musicians will entertain and the highlight of the evening will be the presentation of this year's Living Treasure Awards to three deserving Orange residents. We will again have our balloon raffle with 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. Local businesses are invited to donate a prize for the raffle. Tickets go on sale April 1 at \$20 per person.

Looking for Volunteers for the New Handyman Skills Bank Program

One of this year's Senior Leadership teams is establishing a "Handyman/Skills Bank" of volunteers that would be able to address some simple home repairs for residents who cannot do these things themselves. Volunteers need not be a professional tradesman, but someone who could help with common household problems or chores. To volunteer or for more information, please call Dennis Marsh, Senior Outreach Worker at 203-891-4788.

Bingo Sponsor of the Month

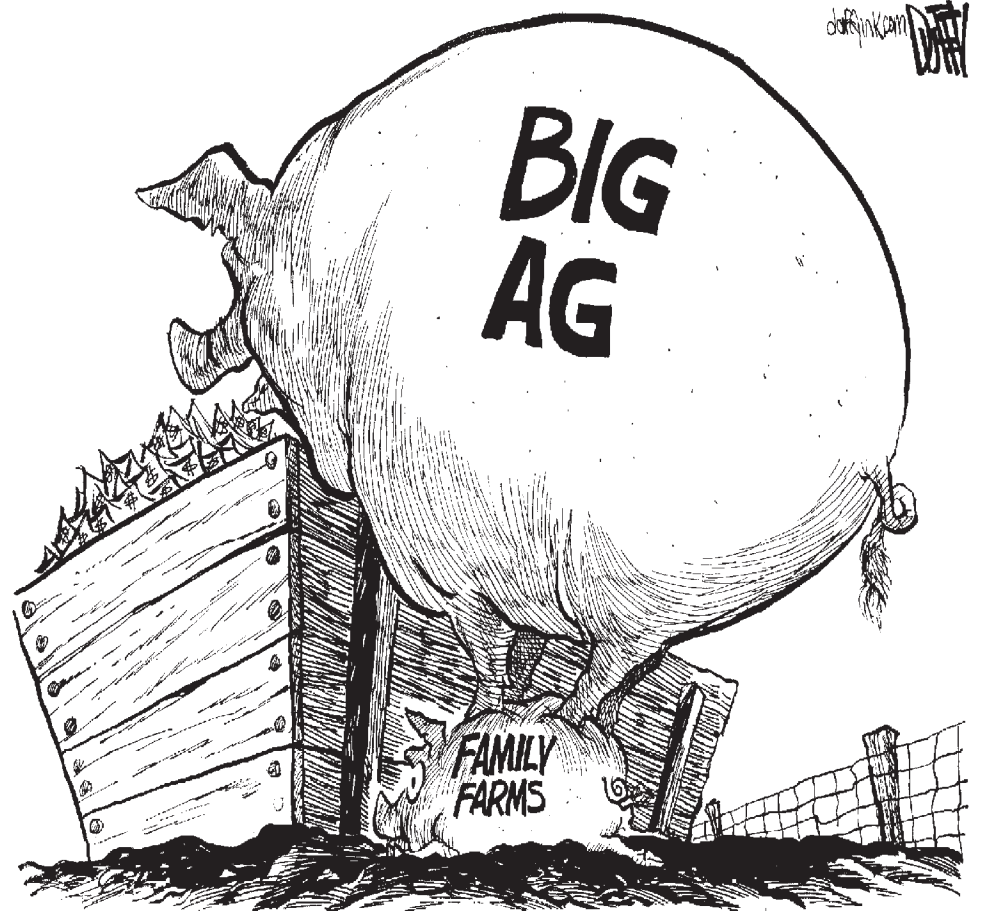
Paisan's Brick Oven Pizza on 1595 Boston Post Road is the Bingo Sponsor of the Month on April 22. Come at 1 pm to play bingo, have a special refreshment and door prize, and have a great time!

Men's Club

Attorney James Fischer will speak at this month's Men's Club on Thursday, April 8 at 10:30 in the senior lounge. Attorney James Fischer is experienced in Elder Law and will speak on Protecting Your Assets and other issues. Bring your questions. Coffee and pastries will be served. This meeting is also open to women.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

The April movie, "Amelia" starring Hillary Swank and Richard Gere will be shown in the senior lounge on Friday, April 9 at 1 pm. This is the story of the life of legendary American pilot Amelia Earhart who disappeared while flying over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 in an attempt to make a flight around the world. Popcorn and soda is served. The movie is less than 2 hours. Call to let us know you are coming.



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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Garden Club of Orange Holds April Meeting

The Garden Club of Orange's April meeting will be held at the Case Memorial Library at 7 PM on April 13. Gregory J. Bugbee, of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's Department of Soil and Water, will give an overview of soil testing and fertilization. And for once, here's a test you don't need to study for--bring a soil sample for testing. The sample should be approximately 1-2 cups of dry soil in a sealable plastic bag, labeled with your name and address. The sample should include several small samples from the same area mixed together and dug with a plastic spoon or shovel. Results of the test will be sent to you in about two weeks. Club members will also be exhibiting "First of Spring" designs, which will be creative horizontal line-mass designs. Refreshments will be served.

If you would like to learn more about the Garden Club of Orange, please visit its website at www.orangect.gov/gardenclub.html or call membership Chairperson Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 127 Holds April Meeting

President Mary Jewell of the Orange Unit 127 American Legion Auxiliary would like all members to know that the next Auxiliary meeting will be held on April 7th. The meeting will take place at the Post Home at 1:15pm. This is a very important meeting and all are asked to plan on attending. Wishing all a Happy Easter and Passover!



Orangewood members on committee (left to right): Rose Bradley, Chairman; Mary DeVito, Veronica Hendrick, Dolores Nastri, Gloria Iaccarino, and Marion Hoffman.

Orangewood Delivers Easter Baskets

The Orangewood Women's Club recently completed its traditional Easter project of decorative baskets of candy and small gifts. This year, 26 baskets were delivered to the WHEAT program in West Haven. WHEAT then distributed the baskets to children of selected families.

Orange Lions To Make Community Grants

The Orange Lions Club is pleased to announce that it will provide a limited number of mini-grants to eligible community organizations and/or individuals in 2010. "The program is intended to provide funds to worthy causes and activities in the town of Orange that might not otherwise be funded", announced Orange Lions Club President Frederick Turner. He continued, "While we continue to provide funds to Lions blindness prevention programs, aid for the blind, and eye research, which are long-time Lions Club priorities, we feel strongly that it is important to allocate funds to local projects as well." Turner emphasized that this funding is in addition to two \$1,000 college scholarships which the Orange Lions Club has awarded to Amity High School graduates from Orange for many years, in conjunction with the Orange Scholarship Fund. In addition, the Orange Lions continue to provide such community activities as the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt, and Seniors' Pizza Party. The Orange Lions also collect used eyeglasses for restoration and distribution to needy people all over the world. Drop boxes for used eyeglasses are located in the Case Memorial Library and the High Plains Community Center lobby. The Orange Lions also conduct eye screenings for glaucoma and other eye diseases which has been done at the Orange Senior Health Fair in recent years. The Orange Lions also co-sponsor, in conjunction with the Milford Lions Club, a Leos youth group at the Foundation High School for special needs youths.



Turner has appointed Mark DeFeo of Orange to chair the community mini-grants program this year. DeFeo stated that blank applications for the community mini-grants program are now available at the High Plains Community Center in the Community Services Department, at the Peoples United Bank branch on Orange Center Road, and also at the Case Memorial Library. He stated, "In addition to our ongoing commitment to fund anti-blindness programs and provide aid to those with sight problems, the Orange Lions feel that it is crucial to continue to use some of our fund-raising resources for local community-based projects and activities. We have an outstanding review committee which will enable us to make fair and appropriate decisions regarding all allocations." Completed applications are due no later than April 16, 2010. All Orange non-profit clubs and related non-profit organizations, individual Orange residents, and Orange government entities, are eligible to apply. The recipients of Orange Lions mini-grants will be announced by the Orange Lions Club in early May.

Orange Garden Club to Celebrate 80th Anniversary

In celebration of the Garden Club's 80th Anniversary, past members, their families and friends are invited to a special luncheon on June 8 at Grassy Hill Country Club. The luncheon will include a slide show highlighting not just the history of the Club, but in many ways the history of 20th Century Orange. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$30/per person. Please contact Nettie Bartocetti, Club President at 203-795-3692 for further information. If you would like to learn more about the Garden Club, please visit their website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html>

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

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The Orange Clean Energy Task Force, commissioned by the Town of Orange, wants you to know that you can save money on your monthly electricity bills and support clean energy at the same time. Just go to http://www.ctenergyinfo.com/dpuc_energy_efficiency_programs.htm and click on "UI residential customers" link and then click on "choose an electric supplier"; you can save 5 to 10%.



Then go to <http://orangecleanenergy.wikispaces.com/Sign-Up> and sign up for the clean energy option. With this option, UI is required to offset the amount of energy you use with clean energy offset purchases. The savings from your alternative provider will pay for the clean energy option, so you can do something good for the environment and save money!

Also, for every 100 people who sign up for the energy offsets, the Town of Orange will get a free 1KW solar array. We are working on our second – the first will be installed in Amity High School this year for Bethany, Woodbridge and Orange. Solar arrays generate free energy to help the town save money so it can stretch your tax dollars. Bethany and Woodbridge have already earned 20 free solar arrays. Bethany alone is saving over \$3000 a year! Go Green Orange!

The Orange Clean Energy Task Force was launched in 2005 by the Board of Selectmen to help the town switch to acquiring 20 percent of its energy from clean sources by 2010.

Need Help with Spring Clean Up and More...?

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, washing windows/cars, cleaning attics/basements, snow shoveling, painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper...and more. The Job Bank has been a program that has been very successful over the years in meeting residents' specific employment needs. The program provides residents with a Job Bank student/parent connection to assist with a successful jobs match. For further information, residents can call John at 203-891-4785 at the Community Services office at High Plains Community Center between 8:30-4:30 Mon- Fri.

The March-April Youth Services newsletter is now online! To access the newsletter: go to the Town web; click Community Services; click Youth Services; click the YS newsletter link to the left of page. The newsletter features photos and important information on Youth Services activities and programs such as Art Colony, Student Spotlight, Middle School dances, Tutoring, Job Bank, opportunities for students to contribute their ideas and more. The Youth Informer is looking for submissions from students. Did you write a poem or essay, take a super photograph (maybe one of your pet?), do a drawing, voice an opinion on an issue of importance, talk about your hero, describe the best moment in your life, do a movie review...? If you can offer any of these to Youth Informer we could possibly use it in coming editions.

Department of Public Works Public Service Announcement

The Regional Water Authority has announced upcoming work in the Town of Orange at the following locations:



1. Indian River Road - Marsh Hill Road to Heron Drive
2. Hunting Hill Place - Hunting Hill Road to end of pipe
3. Wheeler's Farms Road - Town Line to a point 190 feet south of Hawkins Drive.

The work is necessary to improve water quality, upgrade hydrants and replace aging pipe.

OVNA Healthline

The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinics will be held at its office at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library. Thursday, April 8, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, and held on Monday, April 26, from 1:00 to 2:00. No appointment is necessary.

If you are having problems with your blood pressure or your Doctor would like more frequent monitoring; this is a chance each month to get your blood pressure checked. Also this an excellent opportunity to get more information and teaching from the VNA nurses on various health issues. The Orange VNA is licensed by the State of Connecticut, certified by Medicare and Accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP).

From the Desk of the Municipal Agent *By Dennis Marsh*

Scam Alert

I first reported on this telephone scam in the summer of 2008. However, it is still going around and Orange seems to be a favorite target. Imagine receiving a poor connection call from your grandson or granddaughter at the Canadian Border. Many senior residents in Orange have. The "grandchild" comes on the phone to tell you that they have been on a trip with some friends and have been detained at the Canadian border and they need money. An attorney or border agent says your grandchild has been arrested (or some other story) and they need to pay a fine. Unfortunately, they have no more money and they need your help or they will not be released. The authority figure gives you an address where you can wire the money and they may even tell you where the nearest Western Union is to you. They will also tell you not to tell you grandchild's parents because your grandchild is afraid what their parents would do. They say this to keep you from calling other family members and finding out the story is a scam.

The scammer usually asks the senior for somewhere around \$3,500.00. If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, call the Orange Police Department at (203) 891-2130.

What was later learned from the authorities was that this is a classic scam. The scammers obtain information from an internet search or as in one case from an obituary notice that was recently published. If you have any questions or concerns if something is a scam, please feel free to call Dennis Marsh, Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent for Orange Community Services at (203) 891-4787.

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Orange Republican Women to Hold Spring Luncheon

The Orange Republican Women's Club will hold a spring luncheon on May 1st at the Grassy Hill Country Club on Clark Lane. Cocktails will begin at 12:00 noon to be followed by a complete luncheon.

The speaker will be Ginny Reinhard of the Orange Historical Society. Ginny will speak on "Orange Women That Have Made a Difference". There will be door prizes to enjoy. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

Please contact Patricia Zeoli at 203-795-9679.

Pancake Dinner to Benefit Marrakech, Inc.

On Tuesday, April 6 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Chip's Restaurant (321 Boston Post Road) will be holding a pancake dinner to benefit Marrakech, Inc., a non profit organization serving children and adults with disabilities. Chip's Restaurant is generously donating all the proceeds collected that evening to Marrakech, Inc.

Marrakech, Inc., based in Woodbridge, provides a wide range of human services to over 1,700 children & adults throughout Connecticut. Founded in 1971, Marrakech established the first halfway house in Connecticut for women with mental retardation. They have continued developing programs and services which are located throughout the State of Connecticut encompassing support to people with a wide range of disabilities, families with complex needs, youth who are at risk, and people without disabilities who are economically disadvantaged.

The cost per person for the dinner will be \$10. Reservations are not required.

For more information, please call Lindsay Foster at (203) 389-2970, Ext. 1060 or Jay Korman at (203) 389-2970, Ext. 1030.

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Amity Regional High School 40th Reunion

Plans are underway for the classes of 1969, 1970 and 1971 to celebrate their 40th High School Reunion on Labor Day weekend, 2010.

On Friday, September 3rd, a cocktail party will be held at the Holiday Inn in North Haven, CT. This will be followed by a picnic on Saturday, September 4th at the 3 Saints Park in Bethany, CT, according to organizer Linda Testa, class of 1970.

Times and prices will be announced in May, so for now, now please save the date and tell your classmates! All interested classmates are asked to forward their names and addresses to Linda at jlg52873@gmail.com as soon as possible. She is putting together a database for the invitations. Contact Laura "Peach" Reid at peach@fishmartinc.com for more information.



Bridges to Celebrate 10th Annual Photo Contest

In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month May 2010, Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc. will celebrate its 10th Annual Photo Contest sponsored by Milford Photo and NewAlliance Bank.

Winners will be announced at a reception at NewAlliance Bank on May 5, 2010. The subject of all entries must be "...Music, Music, Music". Entries need to be submitted to Milford Photo between April 22 to 24. Entry forms, with complete details, are available at Milford Photo, NewAlliance Bank on the Milford Green, and at Bridges' Reception Desk.

Bridges provides a comprehensive range of outpatient mental health, addiction, community support and home based services for children, families and adults residing in Milford, Orange, West Haven and their surrounding communities.

Orange Lions Club Hosts Taste of Amity

The Orange Lions Club will host its 10th annual Taste of Amity on Thursday, May 20, 2010. The fundraiser will raise monies for blindness aid and prevention and will be held in the gymnasium of the Holy Infant Church on Racebrook Rd. in Orange from 5:30-8:30. There will be a variety of foods and wine from local establishments to sample and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$25.00 each in advance and can be obtained from any Orange Lions Club Member, by calling 203 996-0989 or 203 988-6534, or by sending your check made out to Orange Lions Charities, P.O. Box 824, Orange, Ct. 06477.



Habitat for Humanity Concert Gearing Up for its Fourth Year

Woodbridge - Amanda Kaletsky, a local singer/songwriter, and the opening act for Coldplay in August 2008, will perform in the fourth annual concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven. Doors open at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15th for a silent auction and raffle; the concert will begin at 7 p.m. at Amity High School in Woodbridge. Channel 8's Jocelyn Maminta will host the event. Other performances will include the Amity Middle School - Bethany cast of Beauty and the Beast and the Greater New Haven Combined Choir. Businesses are invited to donate to the silent auction. Tickets are \$12 for adults, and \$8 for students and children. Experienced singers are invited to join the Combined Choir under Kaletsky's choral direction for this special performance. To join the choir, or to order tickets, email amitycaresconcert@gmail.com.

The event is co-sponsored by two local Habitat for Humanity groups: Amity Cares, a group of volunteers from Woodbridge, Orange, Bethany, and Westville, and the Sleeping Giant Build, a group of volunteers from Hamden and North Haven. Both groups partner with Greater New Haven Habitat for Humanity and have built several homes in New Haven. The Sleeping Giant Build is currently raising money for its next build, scheduled to begin this fall. For more information, please visit www.sleepinggiantbuild.org.

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Case Memorial Library - 176 Tyler City Road - Orange, CT 06477 - 203-891-2170 Reach us on the web at www.casememoriallibrary.org

Children's Department Spring Story Hour Schedule:

Sessions for age 2 are held on Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m.

Sessions for ages 3-5 (which include a craft activity) are held on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. and Thursdays, from 10:30-11:30 p.m.

The Secret World of Bubbles

Wednesday, April 14, 3 p.m.: Keith Michael Johnson, who has been featured on the Discovery Channel, brings us this interactive program exploring bubble-art sculptures through science. From huge wobbly bubbles (bigger than your bathtub) to smaller intricate bubble sculptures that eventually rise up to the ceiling, this program is all about what lies at the heart of art: finding exciting new ways to explore and appreciate things we see everyday but never truly notice. Please pre-register. Ages 5 and up.

Children's Film: "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"

Friday, April 16, 1 p.m.: A Golden Globe-nominated film. Rated PG. 90 minutes. Bring a light snack. Juice will be provided. All ages.

Downloadable Library

The Case Memorial Library is pleased to offer downloadable audiobooks and e-books through Overdrive. This digital collection includes a wide variety of choices to suit all tastes including bestsellers, fiction, non-fiction, and language learning. The audiobooks are digitally protected and patrons may download them to their PC, Mac, or portable device, such as the iPod. E-books, the digital media equivalent of a printed book, may be downloaded and viewed on a PC, Mac, or e-reader. They are accessible using your Case Memorial Library card number from home or in the library by visiting www.casememoriallibrary.org. Browse the collection by clicking on the "Download Audio Book" button at the bottom of our home page or search for a specific title in the catalog. Feel free to ask a librarian if you'd like assistance.

Social Security Information Session

Monday, April 5, 7 p.m.: Come and discover everything you wanted to

know about Social Security, but were afraid to ask. This informational session will be presented by Maria Grice. Please pre-register.

April Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.: April's selection for the library's book discussion is *The Weight of Silence* by Heather Gudenkauf. Librarian Toby Zabinski will moderate the discussion. Please inquire about copies of the book at the circulation desk. Please pre-register.

Volunteering: Choosing Your Own Style for Fun and Fulfillment

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.: Kate Cosgrove, Coordinator of the 50+ Transition Center at the New Haven Library and David Miller, life coach and trainer for 2Young2Retire, present an interactive workshop exploring the whys of volunteering, opportunities available, and the rewards of this valuable experience. Sponsored by the Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services. Please pre-register.

Authors in the Library: Chandra Prasad

Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.: Chandra Prasad, a Hamden resident, Yale graduate, and author of several books, will speak about her latest novel *Breathe the Sky*, a novel based on the life of Amelia Earhart. This event is an extension of a film screening of the movie "Amelia" at the Orange Senior Center on April 9. Sponsored by the Case Memorial Library and the Orange Senior Center. Please pre-register.

Art in the Library

An elementary school art exhibit featuring the works of the children of Orange will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of April. A reception in their honor will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 5-7 p.m.

Programs at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, 203-891-2170, are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested in person or by phone. Reach us on our website: www.casememoriallibrary.org. Sign up for library happenings via the e-newsletter form available in the library or online. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday, 10-8, Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4.

"Life, Language, and the Pursuit of Happiness"

Ernest Hemingway will visit the Case Memorial Library – in spirit – on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

Richard Clark, who will portray the 20th century literary giant, has portrayed various literary and cultural figures over the last 15 years. In a play he co-wrote entitled "Life, Language, and the Pursuit of Happiness," Clark brings the story of Hemingway alive, allowing viewers a chance to relive with Ernest those days from World War I through the inauguration of JFK.

Clark has spent over 30 years in New England regional theatre, New York theatre, and television. He is a graduate of Clark University and has studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art, The Actor's Connection, and the Actor's Loft in New York. His "Keeping History Alive" series bring the life and work of such figures as Mark Twain, Clarence Darrow, John Barrymore, Andrew Carnegie, and William Shakespeare to life.

Ernest Hemingway, who has often been referred to as the greatest writer since Shakespeare, is the author of such classics as *The Old Man and the Sea*, *The Sun Also Rises*, and *For Whom the Bell Tolls*. Known for his straightforward prose, his spare dialogue, and his predilection for understatement, his personal life was equally alluring.

Reservations may be made in person at the Case Memorial Library or by calling 203-891-2170.

Welcome Fellow Crocheters

The Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild, a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA), is a non-profit group of enthusiastic crocheters in the southwest area (New Haven County) of Connecticut. We meet monthly to share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems, and generally have a great time crocheting! Please visit our website for information at: www.HotsCrochetGuild.yolasite.com. We meet at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Saturdays 10am - 1pm, on these dates for 2010 only: April 3, May 8, June 5, July 17, August 7, September 11, October 2, November 6, December 4.



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Our members are all moms like you who are looking to meet other moms while enjoying many of the area attractions.

For more information about the MOMS Club of Orange or to find out how to become a member, please contact:
Susan - Membership Vice President at 795-9800 or email momsfororange@hotmail.com

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

Wines for the New Season



Spring is coming and it is time to try some new wines for the new season. The super Tuscan is a great place to start and the starting super Tuscan is a wine called Monte Antico Tucana.

What I like about this wine is that it has the nice Italian Sangiovese floral characteristics with the support of the Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. It has fruit, acid, structure, mouth feel and for a wine in this price point, it is a great introducer to wines of this style in a higher price. The blend is 85% Sangiovese, 10% Merlot, with 5% Cabernet sauvignon. The Alcohol is 12.5% and the color is a deep ruby red. It has aromas of cherry, prune, rose, with some oak and a little chocolate on the end. The flavors are a deep raspberry, blackberry, some cherry. It is a full-bodied wine with a crisp acidity and it has a nice long finish. Great wine with pasta specialties like lasagna, raviolis, and various upscale pasta dishes. It is a dry wine with nice suede tannins that induce you to come back for more as all the wonderful Tuscan wines have a tendency to do!



A great white wine for the change of seasons is Red Diamond Chardonnay. Red Diamond is a relatively new winery with great blends and great prices. This wine shows the wines of the state of Washington at their finest. This is a fruit front wine with great apple, pear and melon flavors with a bit of oak. It has a great fruity finish with a nice acid balance and lots and lots of wonderful floral flavors. This wine has great mouth feel and at this price, around \$8-9 is a super bargain! Great quality at a great price! Try some of these great wines. You will be glad you did!

I am teaching some great wine classes at Gateway Community College this spring and I would love to see you there. Wines from the heart of Africa has been quite popular. Give them a call!

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

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Kick Butt Boot Camp

by Mary Schwartz, CPT

Spring is here! The long, cold, snowy winter is finally behind us. Over the next couple of weeks, as the weather begins to get warmer, we will be forced to peel off the layers of clothing that we have been hiding under all winter and expose what is underneath! Is your body ready to make its debut? Have you slacked off over the winter and gained a few extra pounds? If so, do not worry. There is still plenty of time to get in shape before summer, but you have to start now! The time has come to pull out your workout clothes, dust off your running sneakers and get to work!

So, there you are, all decked out in your new workout clothes. You even sprang for a new pair of sneakers. You are looking good; feeling motivated and you are actually excited to begin. Now what? You have to decide what type of exercise you are going to do. Should you head out for a walk? Take your bike for a spin around the block? Go to the gym and lift some weights? You could, but I have a better idea. How about enrolling in my upcoming, outdoor boot camp?

Not exactly sure what a boot camp is? Well, let me explain. Although most boot camps are similar, no two boot camps are the same. My kick butt boot camp is a fun, high-energy outdoor group exercise class that will leave you feeling, invigorated, powerful and strong. **Each class is made up of a series of circuits consisting of strength training, cardio and abs! I have designed twelve kick butt, fat-burning workouts that are guaranteed to whip your butt into shape fast!**

I'm not going to lie to you, this boot camp is tough. Let's face it; we have a lot to accomplish in a short period of time, so we have to make the most out of each workout. There will be push-ups, squats, lunges, pull-ups, crunches and of course, running. I will also use a variety of training modalities like dumb bells, resistance bands, kettle bells and medicine balls to increase the intensity of the workout and add variety and fun to each class.

You will be sweating, your heart will be pounding, and you may even find it hard to catch your breath at times. But, if you are willing to work hard and commit to the process, you will emerge fitter, stronger and yes, a few pounds lighter.

The next kick butt boot camp will begin on Tuesday, April 6th and will run through Thursday, May 13th. It will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 6:00 a.m. at Eisenhower Park in Milford. Space is limited, so call now to reserve your spot!

For more information, or to suggest a topic for a future article, please contact me at (203) 824-3913 or e-mail me at mary@workoutwithmary.com.

Mary Schwartz is a Certified Personal Trainer and owner of Mary Schwartz Personal Training located in Orange, CT.



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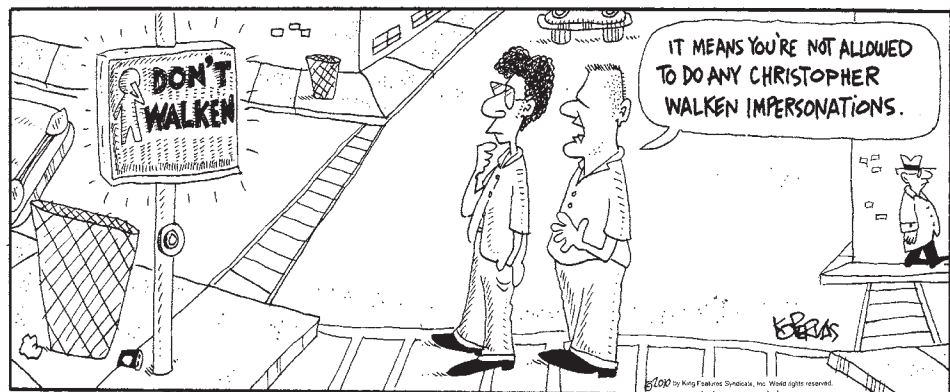
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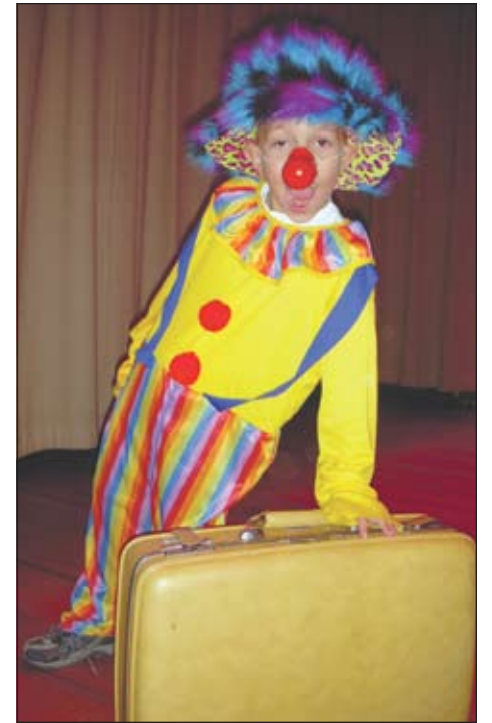
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The students from Peck Place School received trophies and ribbons at the annual Reflections Reception held at the school on March 10, 2010. There were 180 entries in the state wide PTA sponsored contest. Each participant also received a free ice cream cone from Dip Top Ice Cream Shop in Orange.



Turkey Hill School Talent Show Gains Popularity

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Singers, dancers, musicians and magicians were among the entertainers who recently charmed the crowd at Turkey Hill School's annual Talent Show. The extravaganza is a highly anticipated event at the school, according to Kara Justo, a THS parent who helped coordinate the show. "The kids really look forward to it," she said. "Students can perform anything they like to do. They get a chance to show off their hobbies or what they've learned in their afterschool lessons. And they have no fear!"

The exuberance was evident as the kids cheered for their friends and applauded the acts. "They really get excited to see their friends on stage and they love to support each other," Justo said. Justo expects reality television shows like "American Idol" and "America's Got Talent" may explain the increased popularity of the talent show. This year 47 students performed in 30 acts, the largest show ever.

Second-grader Emily Berkely shimmied and swayed to music while keeping her hula hoops suspended in mid air from her neck to her hips. The talent is a hobby of hers and she spends every day afterschool practicing. "It's hard to get the timing down when I use two hoops, but I'll keep trying!" she said.

Budding comedian Alex Drezek did a pantomime routine complete with a suitcase full of tricks like oversized scissors and glasses, a fake nose and an umbrella. It was his first year performing in the show but the seven year old appeared confident as he pretended to walk a tightrope laid out across the stage. "I wasn't nervous at all," he said. "I took some books out of the library to get ideas for my routine and rented this costume from a store." Oh, and mom helped a lot.

Among the many acts of aspiring dancers, Ananya Amirthalingam, Mounisha Anumolu and Swetha Tadepalli stood out when they performed a traditional Indian dance to the popular Hindi song, "Jai Ho." In spectacular authentic costumes, the third-graders had a well choreographed routine that they've practiced for several months. The girls are seasoned performers and said they are used to dancing for an audience. "We dance at Indian festivals and shows," Tadepalli said. They agreed their favorite part of being on stage is the "lights" and having "everyone looking at us."

The evening was a true school affair with teachers and school principal surprising the audience with a comedy routine and students working as stage hands.



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Jaclyn Smith

Q: Jaclyn Smith is one of my favorite actresses -- she is the epitome of beauty and class. Can you tell me what she has been up to lately? -- Georgia F., Chattanooga, Tenn.

A: While I agree that Jaclyn, 66, is the epitome of beauty and class, she also is the epitome of BUSY! On the acting front, she recently completed a guest-starring stint on **"Law and Order: SVU."** She's also very much involved with her Jaclyn Smith Collection of clothing and home goods for K-Mart. Most recently, she has teamed up with Jose Eber and Paula Young to develop a line of wigs, extensions and hairpieces called Style by Jaclyn Smith (paulayoung.com/style-by-jaclyn-smith).

Jaclyn also is involved with a film called **"1 a Minute,"** a docudrama that focuses on breast-cancer awareness. "Enlightening women everywhere is so important," says Jaclyn, who successfully battled breast cancer in 2002. "You need a mammogram every year, and you can't base it on price analysis. If I hadn't had mine, my diagnosis and my prognosis could have been quite different."

Q: I was just wondering what happened to one of my favorite TV shows, **"Without a Trace"**? Will it be coming back? -- Addie H., via e-mail

A: CBS pulled the plug on the missing-persons crime drama back in May, citing declining ratings. Series regular **Anthony LaPaglia** has been keeping himself very busy with various film roles, his most recent being **"A View From the Bridge,"** an adaptation of the famous Arthur Miller play in which Anthony will take on the lead role of Eddie (and he is also a producer). **Poppy Montgomery** stars in the ABC pilot **"True Blue,"**

about six former best friends who rose through the ranks at the San Francisco Police Department and reunite to solve the murder of one of their own.

Q: I love **Ralph Fiennes** and try to see every movie he's in. Has he ever been married? -- Deanna S. in Florida

A: Ralph, 47, has been married once, to actress **Alex Kingston** from 1993-97, whom he met while they were both attending the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Alex is best known for playing Dr. Elizabeth Corday on ex-brother-in-law Joseph Fiennes' new ABC series, **"FlashForward,"** as Fiona Banks. In 2006, Ralph and longtime love, Francesca Annis (who played Gertrude to his Hamlet on Broadway), separated after 11 years together. Ralph most recently appeared in a small but unforgettable role in the Oscar-winning film **"The Hurt Locker,"** and will appear this May in **"Clash of the Titans"** with old friend and **"Schindler's List"** co-star **Liam Neeson.**

Q: I really enjoy **"History Detectives"** on PBS. Will it be back soon? -- Mary S., via e-mail

A: Season 8 of "History Detectives" premieres this June on PBS with new host Dr. Eduardo Pagan. In the first episode, Elyse Luray goes on the road as she investigates a story about an unusual musical instrument -- the theremin.

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OUTSIDE
THE LIVING BOX

When Bonnie Collier watched the Olympic ice dancing competitions last month, she saw beyond the beauty of the spectacular costumes,



Laura Fantarella

intricate footwork patterns and challenging choreography. Collier noticed how the skater's thin blades rocked from inside to outside edges, their leg extensions and body lines and she knew the level of difficulty of the moves the skaters performed. Collier saw the dances through the seasoned eyes of a Test Judge for the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). The USFSA is the national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States.

For the past 25 years, Collier has judged thousands of figure skaters. Tiny and delicate, she is hardly an imposing figure, yet a skating judge wields substantial clout in the skating world. With the stroke of a pencil, a panel of three test judges determines by majority whether a skater meets the standards of the level they are testing and receives a "Pass," or fails, and has to "Retry" the test at a later date. Figure skaters must pass a series of tests in order to advance from beginner to elite skaters. U.S. Olympic figure skaters and top competitors have all completed the highest levels of tests. The tests are sponsored by local skating clubs and take place periodically at area ice skating rinks.

Collier was thinking ahead when she decided to become a judge all those years ago. "I love skating and thought it would be a way to stay involved in the sport when I became too old and crippled to skate anymore," she said. Collier began skating as a child, competing in local and regional competitions. She is still an avid figure skater and gold-level ice dancer who can be found most days at lunchtime practicing in one of the local rinks.

At first she struggled with the "judgment" component of the job, until she decided to look at her role in a different light. "I define judging as a way to help local skaters improve their skating," she said. "I try to add helpful comments on the test papers that the skater can learn from." Collier believes her own experience as a competitor helps her empathize with the skaters. "Having tested myself, I understand the stress that burdens skaters in a test situation. I believe it's a good idea for judges to keep skating, if they can, so that they can understand just how hard skating is



in general and how overwhelming it is to be out there being judged," she said. She has a particular soft spot for adult skaters and sometimes tears up when she is judging an adult test. "I've watched tests with blurry eyes because they try so hard and I can see their commitment and effort. Adults feel the nervousness more than kids, and so I see more shaky knees in people as they get older."


Although it is a volunteer position, the process of becoming a judge is arduous, requiring several years of "trial" judging hundreds of skating tests, attending judges' school and working with a mentor. Even then, a prospective judge is only qualified to judge the lower level tests of beginner skaters. The process is repeated to become a silver, then gold level judge, one that can judge the highest level of skating tests. "At the time I remember thinking it would be easier to get into Princeton!" she joked.

It took nearly ten years to obtain her gold level judging appointment, making her one of just a handful of gold-level judges in the state. This distinction makes her a sought after judge in the tri-state area. "The demand is huge and seems to be growing since the Olympics," she said. "I could be judging each week if I wanted." Collier is qualified to judge ice dancing and moves in the field.

She also founded the Wexler-Grant Skating Program which enables students at a New Haven elementary school to receive free lessons and skating time at Yale University's Ingalls Rink.

She and her husband Kit, who is a retired UCONN History Professor and the former state's historian, live on West River Road. Recently semi-retired from her position as librarian of the Yale Law School, Collier doesn't expect to slow down much. She is training to compete in a triathlon and, well, there are so many rinks to visit!

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HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

History is Where You Find it

Do you have boxes of memos, pictures and papers from the past? Do the boxes shift from one place in the closet to another as the edges begin to split apart? If you do, might I suggest you take one of them down from the shelf, make yourself a cup of tea and open the box. Your past history will fall onto your lap and with any fortune at all, you will be taken back to a time when your life was slower, kinder, prettier and above all, younger.

You may or may not want to revisit the past, depending on how your life has played out, but if you are relatively happy and successful now, whatever you come upon will have been one of the "building blocks" that has made you what you are. Many years ago, I was told that all experiences are good even if they were "bad" because each one has a lesson to teach and IF we were smart enough to observe the bad ones closely, hopefully it was only once that we traveled that path-way.

Music has always been a way to remember where we were at a certain time, the people we were with and events that happened around us but pictures surely bring us to our knees when our greying* hair is more prominent in the mirror than it is in the pile of pictures and newspaper clippings our parents saved for us. If it weren't for scrapbooks where would we find history? On the other hand, many a ledger, with important historical documentation was transformed into a scrapbook, losing the precious information writ-

ten so very long ago. Yes, dear readers, we have such "scrapbooks" in the OHS collection and wish the data could be retrieved.

Back to the boxes in the closet. You might have the urge to start throwing things out that reflect badly on the memory of your youth but again, remember, all that we are comes from what we were and how bad can that be? What is that old saying? The proof of the pudding is in the eating, an old proverb from the 1600's. Well, look in the mirror again, really look and see if what you are made of is, in the final analysis, a success. I realize that some items we have saved do reflect poorly but that's because we are using a different set of rules to judge ourselves. And let's not forget society....a judge by any other name should be, as my grandmother used to say, "horsewhipped." Even that saying which trips off the tongue has a different connotation now, as we find such ideas of whipping an animal horrific.

Whether you share your youthful images with the younger generation is your call as the stereotype of the grandmother telling stories and young people cringing may still be the norm but you can always test the "waters" with a little of "you" that relates to your young audience.....ease into the "bizarre" gradually. For heaven's sake, don't start out with "when I was

young" because sure as shootin' you'll be talking to yourself.

This may be the place you want to put down the paper but try and hang on a little longer. See what you think of the following. I have often thought of what I would like to do in the future. Many times I think I would like to be a business manager for my father but there



It was just yesterday...

again I am not sure. I will be going to Wooster next year. I will take Latin and Algebra. This may give me an idea of what to do. I like photography and I like to develop my own pictures. Since my father is an engineer I seem to be interested a little in electronics. Every once in awhile I get another idea. My father has a printing press and many times I get interested in that. Setting type, putting it away in its proper case and so forth.

"I also like to clean my house. Sometimes when my mother is out and she didn't have time to clean, I do it and I enjoy it. If I put some Hi Fi on I can do it easier. But I know I don't want to be a maid or housecleaner. I also have a stamp collection I'm very much interested in. Sometimes I think I would like to own a stamp shop. I would have to know much more than I do. But seeing I have so many interests one of them might appeal to me a little more than the others." - Virginia Ray 5/10/1957.

Reading this was like a roadmap for my life. Funny thing though, there's no mention of teaching, history or music and ultimately that's what I'm all about BUT each of those childish ideas has in some way influenced my life. I can see all of those ideas in the "me" I see in the mirror and since then, I have learned to use commas!

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Amity Happenings

By Bob Brown

Amity High School Junior Statesmen held their first minicon (short for mini-convention). The Minicon was held on February 28th at Amity High. Attorney General Richard Blumenthal gave the keynote address. Blumenthal urged the students to become politically aware and active. 60 students from New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts came to debate a wide variety of topics. The Junior State of America is the oldest student-run organization in the country. The program was started in 1934 by Professor Ernest Rogers at the Montezuma Mountain Boys School in California. Since then, the organization has promoted that democracy is not a spectator's sport. The organization is divided up into 9 different states with its own set of elected officials. At the Amity Minicon, candidates running for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Mayor, and Vice-Mayor had an opportunity to speak at the candidate's forum. The event was a 'success' according to the organizers of the Minicon.

In an effort to raise funds for Chile, which has now been the victim of three earthquakes, the Amity National Spanish Honor Society held a Salsa Dance night on March 26th. Students were taught how to dance by a local dance studio and music was provided by a live 8-piece band. The National Spanish Honor Society reports that 140+ tickets were sold for the event.

THEATER REVIEW

"A Little Night Music"

Theater Review by Zander Oppen

"A Little Night Music," Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's glorious 1973 musical, is currently being given an acceptable, if less than revelatory, revival at the Walter Kerr Theatre on Broadway. As directed by Trevor Nunn, this "Night Music" is essentially a very pared-down version of the show and looks unlike any other staging that I've seen of this musical. This is not necessarily a good thing, but Nunn has two distinct assets in this Broadway revival that make this production a must-see—Catherine Zeta-Jones (in her Broadway debut) and, especially, Angela Lansbury, in her first musical since she reprised her "Mame" in 1983. The director also has in his advantage the fact that "A Little Night Music" is so well written that it is pretty much foolproof, so even this unremarkable production ultimately satisfies.



Stephen Sondheim's score is one of his best and it is fortunate that the cast assembled for this revival is uniformly fine. It should be stated that this musical is very much a high comedy of sexual manners and a good deal of the fun comes from the various pairing up of characters. In the pivotal role of Fredrick, Alexander Hanson makes a strong impression and partners both his wife Anne (the adorable Ramona Mallory) and Zeta-Jones (as Desiree, his former mistress) delectably. One of the problems is that Desiree also has a jealous lover, the married Count Malcolm (the vocally powerful Aaron Lazar). It is actually this awkward triangle of Fredrick, Desiree, and Count Malcolm that sets the plot in motion, and the results are quite delicious.

Mention should immediately be made about Count Malcolm's wife, the character of Charlotte, played by Erin Davie. This role is generally considered a dream part for an actress because book writer Hugh Wheeler has supplied, arguably, the wittiest, most devastating lines ever for this character. Davie is initially a bit too hesitant delivering her dialogue and loses some laughs in Act I, but, by the second half, she nails the role and comes close to stopping the show with every word she utters. (Having seen Erin Davie in the role of conniving Eve Harrington in a concert production of "Applause" a few years ago, I knew that she had it in her). Leigh Ann Larkis, as the lusty maid Petra, and the handsome Hunter Ryan Herdlicka (as Fredrick's adult son) also do quite well, but it is ultimately the two ladies above the title who make the strongest contributions.

Best known for her screen work, Catherine Zeta-Jones actually comes from a musical theatre background (she had a dance role in a London staging of my favorite opera, "Street Scene" in the 1990's) and her portrayal is nuanced, vocally confident, and unexpectedly touching. Zeta-Jones also nearly accomplishes the difficult task of making "Send in the Clowns" sound as if it had never been sung before. And, as for Angela Lansbury, what can I say? She commands attention throughout, looks spectacular, and her performance is pure theatrical magic. I had long ago given up that I would ever see Lansbury in a musical, so, needless to say, her every moment onstage seemed like a dream, and her one, beautiful solo, "Liaisons," alone is worth the price of admission.

Though Trevor Nunn can be commended in eliciting these grand performances, he and his designers get demerits in presenting the least luscious looking "Night Music" imaginable (though things improve in Act II). His overall staging of the production is also on the dull side, but, in the final analysis, it doesn't matter. "A Little Night Music" remains a lustrous musical and, considering that the enchanting leading ladies are leaving in June, run to get tickets, if only to witness Angela Lansbury making musical theatre history nightly. Tickets can be bought by calling Telecharge at (212) 239-6200 or by going to www.NightMusicOnBroadway.com.

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Holy Infant to Hold Spring Tag Sale

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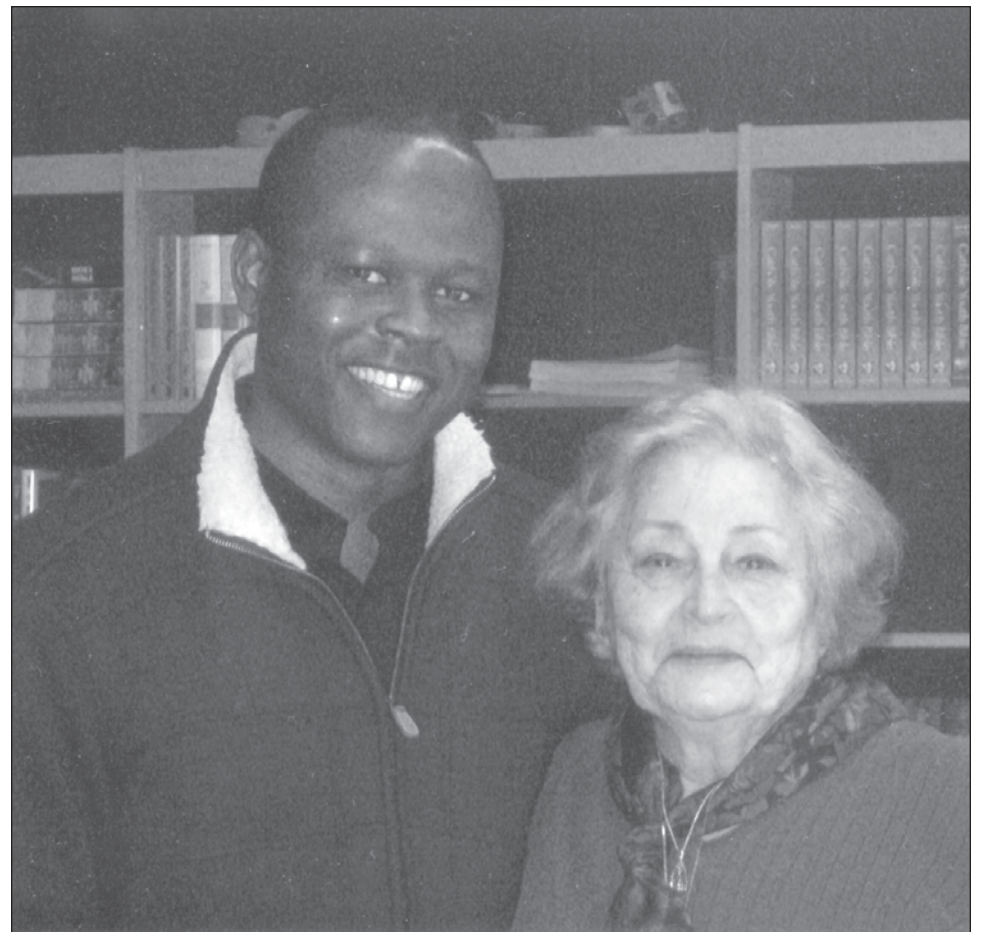
Our Lady of Sorrows (OLS) Traditional Catholic Church warmly welcomes you to worship with us! The white country church sits upon the hill where Spring St., Dogburn Lane and New Haven Avenue all meet. The church is open daily for prayer and reflection.



Masses at OLS are celebrated Sundays at 7 and 9 in the morning and at 7 in the evening. The 7 AM is a brief Mass with no music or sermon for those wishing to get a jump start on their day. The 9 AM is a Solemn Mass with full Catholic ceremony. The final Mass on Sunday evening at 7 is a Low Mass with hymns.

Other activities and services include the Religious Education Class for teenagers and adults. This is held in the Parish Center at 7 PM. On the last Thursday of each month, the Novena to the Sorrowful Mother is recited at 7 PM. Daily Mass is celebrated at 9 AM and again at 6 PM.

Fr. Bernard Champagne is the Pastor of this growing, vibrant parish and is available for those who wish to find out more about the true faith of the Catholic Church and its holy sacraments. For directions or more information, please call the office during business hours at 203-795-5076. All are most welcome.



Pictured with Mrs. Frances Marchitto is Father Francois X. Eale, Parochial Vicar Holy Infant Church.

Marchitto Awarded St. Joseph's Medal

Mrs. Frances Marchitto has recently been awarded the St. Joseph's Medal by Archbishop Henry J. Mansell. She was nominated by her pastor, Reverend Peter S. Dargan, at Holy Infant Church. This honor is awarded to those who are faithful servants to their parish community and excel in stewardship. Mrs. Marchitto has been a parishioner at Holy Infant since 1954. She sang in the choir for thirty-two years and is a Eucharistic Minister as well as a lector at daily mass. She is an active member in the Holy Infant Women's Guild and has been a catechist for the past 27 years. She currently teaches six classes a week; 3rd grade, 7th grade and 9th grade. Mrs. Marchitto is a wonderful role model for her students and fellow parishioners. We congratulate and thank her for all of her years of service.

Upcoming Events at Congregation Or Shalom

Kinder Kreations: Sunday, May 2 at 9:15 am. Join us for our last class of the school year, as we participate in Lag B'Omer. Please come as we celebrate with a fun field day of activities at Turkey Hill School (if it rains, we will meet at Or Shalom).

Each regular session includes a story, craft, snack, and a visit by the Rabbi. This program is a great way to introduce your children to Judaism. Both members and non-members are invited to attend at no cost! We must require RSVP for this session because of the special location. Call the office to may a reservation: 203-799-2341.

Zumba: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm: Join Zumba with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

Naming Babies: Does your Jewish child need a Hebrew name? If not, we will provide him/her with one. There is no charge and this is open to Congregation Or Shalom members and non-members. Call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.

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



ORANGE BUSINESS ROUNDUP

"Entrepreneurial Spirit" - the 9th Annual Orange Business & Community Expo

The Orange Economic Development Corporation is excited to announce that the 9th Annual Orange Business and Community Expo, "Entrepreneurial Spirit", will take place on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Expo will once again be held at the Yale University West Campus, 141 Frontage Road. Paul Grimmer, Executive Director stated, "We are pleased to have the opportunity to use the Yale Campus for our event."



Vendor space is limited to 64 table top exhibit booths this year. Paul Grimmer said, "Space goes quickly. We have 40 booths left at this time and expect to be sold out by the end of April." The Expo is reasonably priced at \$275 for an 8 foot fully furnished booth. Electric, which is extremely limited, may be provided for an additional \$100. Through the years, WiFi capability has been in high demand for our vendors. We are pleased to announce that Yale University has the capability to give our vendors WiFi for the day of the Expo. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, you may register on-line at the OEDC website - OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm or call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045.

All exhibitors will be provided with the following:

- 8 ft. Booth Space with Pipe and Drape
- 6 ft. Linen Topped Table
- 1 Chair
- Presentation by The Women's Business Development Center for Exhibitors and Visitors
- Marketing Materials Placed in Welcome Bags
- Businesses are Listed in Program Guide

Our list of Sponsors are:

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- **Bronze:** Chase Bank, Inova Federal Credit Union, People's United Bank, and Urgent Care Center
- **Media:** Orange Town News

The Expo is free and open to the public. We anticipate attendance to exceed 600 people this year. First Selectman Jim Zeoli stated, "The Orange Business & Community Expo has developed into the area's largest one-day business and networking event. One of the things that makes this Expo even more outstanding is that it enables the public to fully participate in all of the day's activities. I encourage our local businesses and local residents to take part in this event."

Anyone interested in learning more about sponsorship or vendor opportunities, please call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045 or visit the Orange Economic Development Corporation website at OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm.

UI Invite Families to Celebrate Earth Day

To celebrate Earth Day and demonstrate a commitment to educating customers and the community about energy efficiency, The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) and The United Illuminating Company (NYSE: UIL) are hosting a day of family fun at the SmartLiving™ Center in Orange on Saturday, April 17 from 9:30am-3:30pm. Children's activities include a series of hands-on workshops entitled Earthworks presented by Mad Science, eesmart™ educational activities with games and prizes, creative projects and "Creating Hydrogen from Sunlight," - an exciting, must-see demonstration on how to make hydrogen using sunlight presented by Enabling Technologies. B.B. the Bluefish, mascot of the Bridgeport Bluefish, will also be at the Earth Day celebration for pictures and autographs from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Workshops will be held at 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:45pm and 2:00pm in the SmartLiving™ Center, 297 Boston Post Road.

Adults can get in on the fun too and learn ways to help reduce energy bills from on-site exhibitors including Renewable Energy Sources, Energy Efficiency Lighting and Appliances, and Green Living. Please call (203) 799-0460 to RSVP for one of the Earthworks workshops. Space is limited. For more information, visit UI's website at www.uinet.com.

The Orange Chamber of Commerce
www.orangectchamber.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Annual Orange Women's Leadership Networking Group Symposium

"Message, Media & Marketing: Putting the Pieces Together to Tell Your Story"

On Wednesday, April 28th, Channel 8 television personality Desiree Fontaine will be the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual women's symposium to be held at the Grassy Hill Country Club. Registration for the event will start at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon and keynote address, and two afternoon workshop sessions. The event will conclude at 4:00 p.m. followed by a networking reception for participants.

The theme of this year's event is "Message, Media & Marketing: Putting the Pieces Together to Tell Your Story". In addition to Ms. Fontaine, the symposium will feature Elena Cahill, attorney and entrepreneur and founder of Globel Energy, who will discuss, "Using Your Marketing Message to Set You Apart"; and Vanessa Woods and Ronnie Ann Ryan, partners in the Mac and Cheese Web Marketing company -- two successful web companies, blending their unique ingredients to cook up one virtual agency - who will present a fun and informative workshop on developing an online marketing strategy. Both workshop sessions will include hands on activities that will give attendees opportunities to develop and practice their marketing message for their business. There also will be a vendors' area showcasing products and services of particular interest to women attending the symposium.

The mission of the Orange Women's Leadership Networking Group is to provide education, community service, professional development, and networking opportunities for its members. Chairperson Carolyn Shiffman states, "This year's symposium is designed to provide 'hands on' workshops to help women develop marketing strategies and provide them with an opportunity to network and expand their business contacts."

Registration for the event is \$40 before April 15th and \$45 after that date. The registration fee includes lunch, workshops and materials, and the networking reception. To register, go online to www.orangectchamber.com and download the registration form. For more information, contact the Chamber at 203-795-3328 or via e-mail at info@orangectchamber.com.

Orange Town News to Hold Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Thursday, April 29th from 5-7 p.m. the Orange Town News along with the Law Offices of Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP will hold an event at their offices located at 653 Orange Center Road, Orange.

Join Orange First Selectman James Zeoli in a ribbon-cutting ceremony and BAH event to celebrate the opening of the new offices of these two businesses. The event will include a wine-tasting event hosted by Ray Spaziani, New Haven Chapter President of the American Wine Society and musical entertainment by Tim Rogers. \$10 for members; \$15 nonmembers. Contact the Chamber to RSVP: 203-795-3328 or e-mail info@orangectchamber.com.

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Food Safety During Storms and Blackouts

While the memory of the recent heavy storms and resulting widespread power outages in some areas is still on our minds, Orange CERT decided it was the perfect time to talk about food safety during storms and blackouts. Questions such as "How long does the refrigerator/freezer keep food safe enough to eat?", or "If meat defrosts can it be refrozen?" typically arise when the power goes out. CERT in cooperation with U.S. FDA (United States Food and Drug Administration) has those answers along with tips and guidelines on food safety during emergencies.



It helps to be prepared before the emergency. Keep appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer. Freezer temperature must be at or below 0 (Zero degrees Fahrenheit), the refrigerator at or below 40 degrees (F). If the power goes out, the thermometer will indicate the temperature. Freeze containers of water for ice to keep food cold in the freezer, refrigerator or coolers. Keep frozen gel packs on hand for use in coolers. Grouping food close together in the freezer helps it stay frozen longer. Have a supply of bottled water stored in a safe, dry place.

When the power goes out, keep the refrigerator and freezer door closed as much as possible. A refrigerator will keep the food cold for about 4 hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will keep food cold for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed.

Usually the first thing we think of is to start eating the meat and food so it will not go to waste. Consider the following before you do. If you plan to eat refrigerated or frozen meat, poultry, fish or eggs while it is still at safe temperatures it's important that each is thoroughly cooked to the proper temperature to assure that any food borne bacteria present is destroyed. If at any point the food was above 40 degrees for 2 or more hours - discard it. A good train of thought to follow is "If in doubt, throw it out!"

Thinking about refreezing meat? If an appliance thermometer kept in the freezer when the power is restored reads 40 degrees or below at that time, the food is safe and may be refrozen. No thermometer? Don't rely on odor or appearance. If food still contains ice crystals or is 40 degrees below, it is safe to refreeze or cook. Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power was not out for more than 4 hours and the door was kept shut. Discard any perishable food (such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs or leftovers) that has been above that 40 degrees for two hours or more.

With all the rain lately, we must consider the food that you have kept in your basement that may have come in contact with flood water. DO NOT EAT any food that has or may have come in contact with water, period. Food not in waterproof containers such as cardboard boxes, home canned foods, packages with screw-caps, snap lids, pull tops and crimped caps, must be discarded, along with the damaged canned food.

Remember, when in doubt, throw it out. It is better to discard the food than to consume it and become seriously ill.

For more information on preparation for emergencies, visit: www.ready.gov Information on Orange CERT can be found on our web site at: www.cert-orange.com.

Recreating Your Career

By Roberta L. Nestor

The start of one's career is often not intentional. I know I didn't wake up one day and say, "I want to be a financial advisor". However, it has become a rewarding career that has developed over many years. While today's economy has forced so many out of jobs, it is also forcing career changes. For many it's not just losing the job and the salary that means survival, it is also about losing a career. Careers can take decades to cultivate and the recession is forcing many to re-examine their professions.

Dollars and sense

Is there something that you have a special skill, talent or interest in? Before you decide to change careers you should begin by assessing your skills. Sometimes that is done with career counseling or career coaching; services that are valuable but can come at a hefty price. Professional career counselors should follow ethical guidelines established by the National Career Development Association. They should not charge exorbitant fees or make exaggerated promises. There are many resources available to help you assess your skills and goals. I found several websites that have free tests to help you assess your talents.


Second step is to research potential career options. Do your homework before you decide to switch careers. For example, maybe you love the idea of working at a florist but you know it would mean taking a huge cut in pay. You need to explore all of your interests. Then take it a step further and find out what the occupational outlook is for the career you are considering (Bureau of Labor Statistics <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/>). I found this to be a very useful website; along www.acinet.org, America's Career InfoNet, another resource to help you further evaluate career fields.

Then you have to have a plan for the financial impact of starting a new career. More times than not, you will find that a new career comes with reduced income. Planning ahead can minimize losses. Paying off debt and tightening spending to increase your emergency cash reserve are priorities. You must also give consideration to whether or not you will need to continue your education. Don't get discouraged, if your income is within certain limits you may be eligible for a Lifetime Learning tax credit.

Changing careers will mean re-evaluating your insurance coverage and it often affects your retirement savings. Maybe after you explore your interests and weigh the financial consequences, you might discover that changing your career is not the best way to make your life more meaningful. Think about changing your life outside of work. You can volunteer; take classes to develop new skills or turn that hobby into a part time business. Just be open to all the possibilities and take advantage of the many networking opportunities that have been created just for times like these.

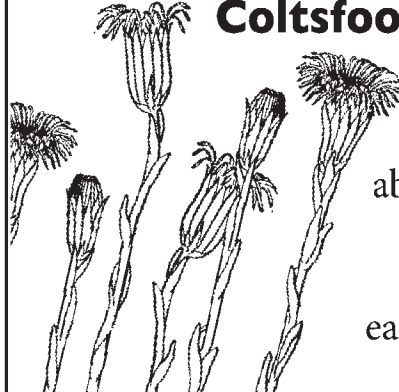
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April 22, 2010 is Earth Day. TSM Financial will be participating in the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day by contributing to the "Billion Acts of Green" campaign sponsored by Earthworks. We are providing on-site shredding services at our offices. Please call for more information.



The Garden Bug

Using this plant in medicinal treatments was once so popular that French pharmacists painted its image on their doorposts. American colonists treated whooping cough by wrapping blankets soaked with its essence around the ill.



Coltsfoot

The plant can be found in abundance around river banks and watery ditches. Its bright yellow, dandelion-like flowers emerge in early spring *before* its leaves appear.

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Easter Baskets & Pets Don't Mix



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Can you remind your readers that chocolate is an absolute no-no for pets? I was at a friend's house and saw that the Easter baskets the kids had unwrapped were sitting out on the kitchen table, candies strewn everywhere. Their curious terrier, "Rascal," kept sneaking onto a chair to sniff around the goodies. I was so worried for him, afraid he would eat the chocolate eggs or ingest the foil wrappers. Please tell your readers to put away the candy in a place that's hard for pets to reach. -- Leah H., Philadelphia

DEAR LEAH: You said it best, and I thank you! In the excitement of a holiday, it's easy to leave a lot of things lying around where pets can get at them, including chocolate and other dangerous items.

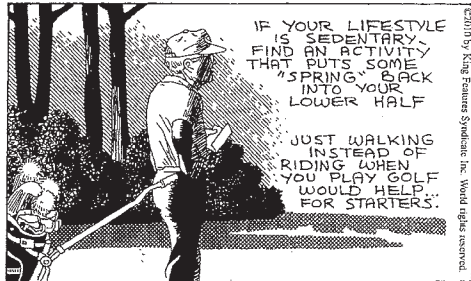
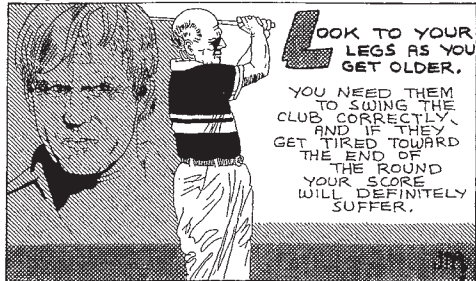
But pets are an important responsibility. Chocolate is poisonous to dogs, and dogs also risk ingesting other dangerous things -- like plastic Easter eggs that break into shards when chewed. Cats may chew on items that interest them, like the rustling "grass" that lines baskets.

Be sure to pick up wrapping paper, tinsel or plastic grass, and fallen candies right away. Better yet, put pets in a separate area while the unwrapping is going on, and let them in after everything is cleaned up.

If, after a celebration, your pet seems lethargic, won't eat, displays any sign of pain or distress, or is vomiting, take it to the veterinarian right away.

Send your pet questions to Sam Mazzotta at ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet resources at www.PawsCorner.com.

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Pripps

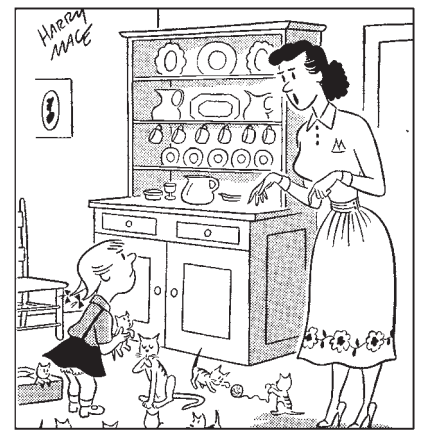


MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"The groom's in the dynamite-blasting business ..."

LAFF-A-DAY



"No, I wouldn't give away my own children! But this is a little different!"

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



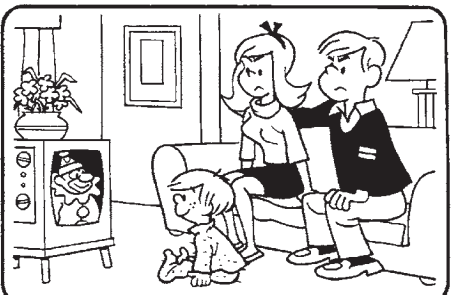
"Would you repeat the question, please - and leave out the harsh language?"

Sports Quiz Answers

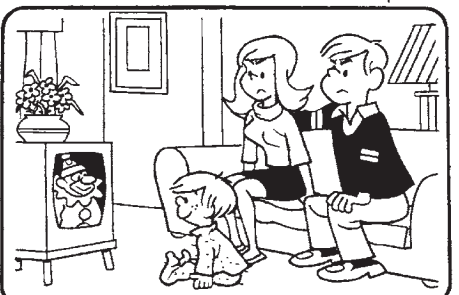
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1. Charlie Gehringer (1932-36), Jeff Kent (1997-2002) and Chase Utley (2005-08).
2. Pitcher Rich "Goose" Gossage, in 2008.
3. Derrick Brooks, Mike Singletary, Lawrence Taylor and Reggie White.
4. Paul Pierce in 1998.
5. Four times, the last in the 2006-07 season.
6. Five in a row.
7. It was 2002 (Pete Sampras and Serena Williams).

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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top ten

Best-Looking People

1. Americans
2. Brazilians
3. Spaniards
4. Australians
5. Italians
6. Swedes
7. English
8. Indians
9. French
10. Canadians

Source: UK's OnePoll.com

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top ten

Ideal Apartment DOGS*

1. Bichon Frise
2. Boston Terrier
3. Boxer
4. Cairn Terrier
5. Chihuahuas
6. Cocker Spaniel
7. Dachshunds
8. English Bulldog
9. Italian Greyhound
10. Lhasa Apso

* listed alphabetically

Source: Planet Dog: A Doglopedia

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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

- 1. Alice in Wonderland (PG)**
Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska
- 2. Green Zone (R)**
Matt Damon, Amy Ryan
- 3. She's Out of My League (R)**
Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
- 4. Remember Me (PG-13)**
Robert Pattinson, Emilie de Ravin
- 5. Shutter Island (R)**
Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo
- 6. Our Family Wedding (PG-13)**
Forest Whitaker, America Ferrara
- 7. Avatar (PG-13)**
Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana
- 8. Brooklyn's Finest (R)**
Richard Gere, Don Cheadle
- 9. Cop Out (R)**
Bruce Willis, Tracy Morgan
- 10. The Crazies (R)**
Timothy Olyphant, Radha Mitchell

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- 1. Law Abiding Citizen (R)**
(Anchor Bay)
- 2. Justice League: Crisis on Two Earths (PG-13)**
(Warner)
- 3. Couples Retreat (PG-13)**
(Universal)
- 4. The Informant! (R)**
(Warner)
- 5. Up (PG)**
(Buena Vista)
- 6. The Box (PG-13)**
(Buena Vista)
- 7. The Vampire's Assistant: Cirque Du Freak (PG-13)**
(Universal)
- 8. Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG)**
(Sony)
- 9. Zombieland (NR)**
(Sony)
- 10. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs (PG)**
(Sony)

Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris**
"Break Your Heart"
- 2. Lady Antebellum**
"Need You Now"
- 3. Young Money feat. Lloyd**
"BedRock"
- 4. Rihanna**
"Rude Boy"
- 5. The Black Eyed Peas**
"Imma Be"
- 6. Ke\$ha**
"TiK ToK"
- 7. Train**
"Hey, Soul Sister"
- 8. Jason Derulo**
"In My Head"
- 9. Lady GaGa**
"Bad Romance"
- 10. Ludacris**
"How Low"

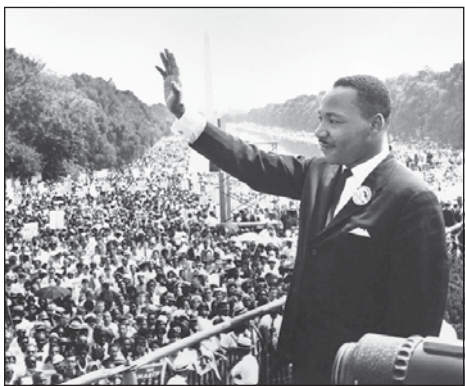


Taio Cruz

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Billy Currington**
"That's How Country Boys Roll"
- 2. Josh Turner**
"Why Don't We Just Dance"
- 3. Blake Shelton feat. Trace Adkins**
"Hillbilly Bone"
- 4. Easton Corbin**
"A Little More Country Than That"
- 5. Carrie Underwood**
"Temporary Home"
- 6. Keith Urban**
"Til Summer Comes Around"
- 7. Zac Brown Band**
"Highway 20 Ride"
- 8. Darius Rucker**
"History in the Making"
- 9. Brad Paisley**
"American Saturday Night"
- 10. Lady Antebellum**
"American Honey"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Civil-rights leader
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 6, 2010.

"Eyes on The Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965" (Not Rated) -- Fans of this groundbreaking, six-hour PBS documentary have been waiting for years for it to be released on home video at a reasonable price. This epic production chronicles the post-war struggle for civil rights by blending historical footage with interviews with many of the major movers and shakers of the struggle. "Eyes on the Prize" is an unflinching look at one of the most turbulent eras in our country's history, and one of the greatest PBS productions ever made.

"The Lord of the Rings: Remastered Deluxe Edition" (Rated PG) -- This

isn't the award-winning Peter Jackson production beloved by Tolkien fans around the world. No sir. This is the 1978 cult animated film by Ralph Bakshi, director of "Fritz the Cat," "Wizards," "Cool World" and "American Pop." What makes this film notable is that it was the first attempt to bring "The Lord of the Rings" to the big screen, and it is more faithful to the books than Jackson's was.

That said, Bakshi's production is a mixed bag. The project ran out of money before the entire saga could be finished, which means the film ends abruptly after the Battle at Helm's Deep -- or about halfway through the saga. Also, Bakshi's rotoscoping style of animation is a real embarrassment in places -- specifically in the rendering of the orcs. Basically what he did was film a bunch of guys in fright masks and robes and then draw the cartoon versions over what he filmed. The result was a cartoony version of a bunch of guys in frumpy robes and Halloween masks.

I think the people who would be interested in this version are those of us who saw the film when we were younger and will buy it just for the nostalgia factor; Tolkien completists who want to add the disc to their collections; or Bakshi fans. If you aren't one of those people listed, you might want to give this one a pass.

"Battlestar Galactica: The Complete Series" (Not Rated) -- All four seasons, 25 discs and about 16 tons worth of special features, including commentaries, deleted scenes, Webisodes, featurettes and more. There's even a special boxed set that comes with a big-old Cylon action figure. Fans of Syfy's reboot of the classic 1970s sci-fi fantasy television show will gobble this up. Available on DVD and Blu-Ray.

FLASH BACK POP ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MICHAEL HARPER

1. Which group was the first to record "To Know Him Is to Love Him," and when?
2. Who wrote and recorded "Judy in Disguise (With Glasses)," and why?
3. What was Freddy Fender's real name, and what hit is he best known for.
4. Where was Billy Ocean born? What was his first No. 1 hit?
5. "Teen Angel" (1960) was banned by many radio stations for being morbid. What was the song about?
6. Name the first big hit by REO Speedwagon.

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Sudoku answers on page 24

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

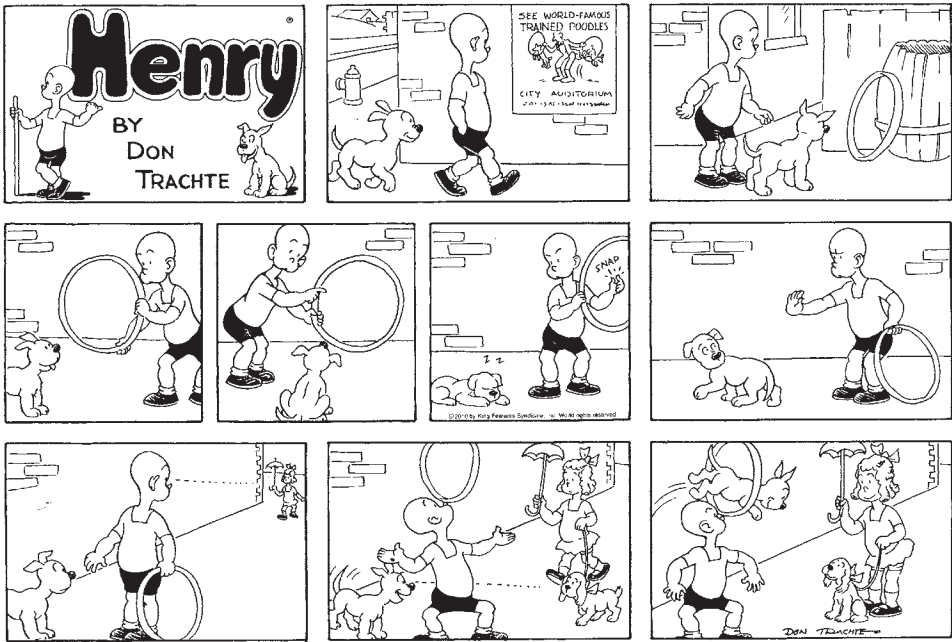
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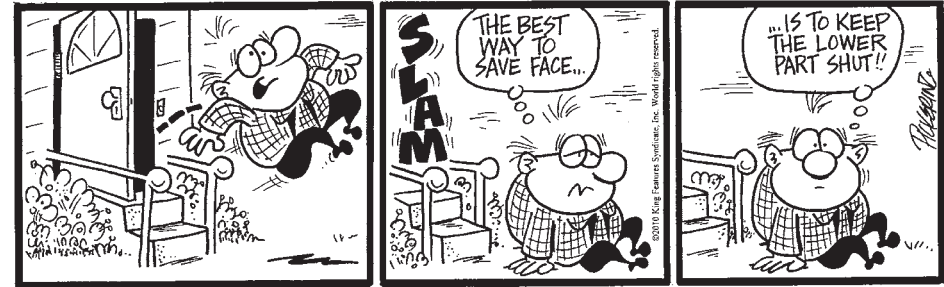
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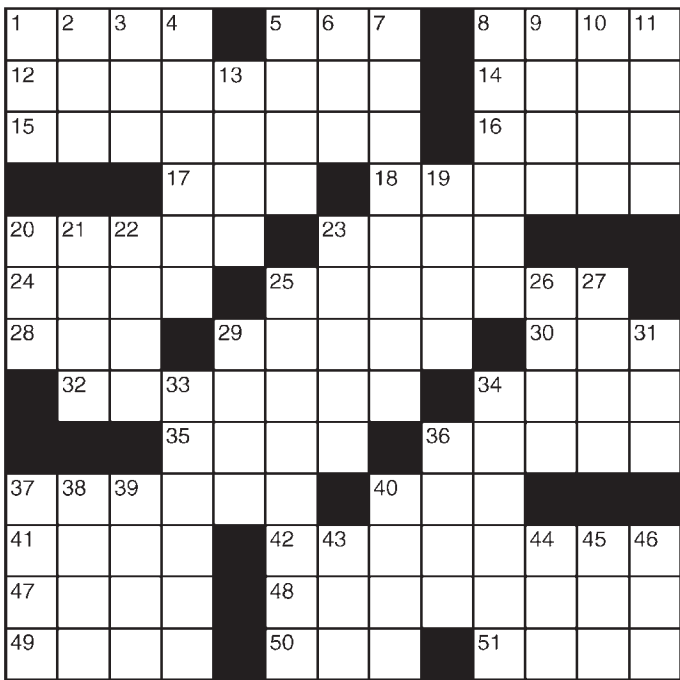
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Mid-month date
- 5 Get on
- 8 Tranquil
- 12 Ships' warning noises
- 14 Solo by Sills
- 15 Time saver
- 16 Encounter
- 17 "Monty Python" opener
- 18 Type of monkey
- 20 String quartet member
- 23 Acerbic
- 24 - nitrate
- 25 Beauty contest, e.g.
- 28 Play on words
- 29 Wise ones
- 30 Dine
- 32 Frosty, for one
- 34 Long skirt
- 35 Knocks
- 36 Goosebump-inducing
- 37 Distance
- 40 Pismire
- 41 Neighbor-hood
- 42 Classical music lover
- 47 Carriage



- 48 Usual
- 49 Hotel furniture
- 50 Marble type
- 51 Needing crutches
- DOWN**
- 1 Conditions
- 2 Homer's interjection
- 3 Id counter-part
- 4 Piercing
- 5 Curved lines
- 6 Wildebeest
- 7 Female hormone
- 8 Paparazzi's
- 9 War god
- 10 Stead
- 11 Gymnasts' surfaces
- 13 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 19 Colors
- 20 Upper limit
- 21 Ostriches' kin
- 22 Singer Loretta
- 23 Long stories
- 25 Brochure
- 26 Approach
- 27 Cab
- 29 Bat a gnat
- 31 Dead heat
- 33 Transplanted body parts
- 34 Kind of alcohol
- 36 MIT grad, maybe
- 37 Easter entree
- 38 Ontario neighbor
- 39 Require
- 40 From the top
- 43 Eggs
- 44 Oklahoma city
- 45 "- the Walrus"
- 46 Reuben bread

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King Crossword Answers on Page 24



LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

It's a good time to shed any doubts about your abilities. You've proved yourself in the past, so why not accept that you'll do just as well, or better, in dealing with the new challenge ahead?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Your suspicions might be on the mark, but unless you can prove what you assume, you need to exercise that Scorpion discretion and let events unfold without your assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Be careful not to go over the top this week. Avoid overeating (especially of the wrong foods), or drinking too much, or working too hard. You can do it all, but in moderation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

A family matter is given to you to resolve because you have the gift for bringing quarrelsome kinfolk together. But while you're playing Dr. Phil, don't neglect your career obligations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Someone of importance shares your goals but disagrees with your plan to achieve them. Never mind. Defending your methods with logic and facts earns you admiration and respect.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Consider getting away, perhaps for the weekend, despite all the demands made on your time and energies. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle it all with your usual finesse.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of honesty that makes people believe and trust in you.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be upset about having to deal with problems that are no fault of your own. But you can turn the annoyance into an asset by showing how quickly and how well you can resolve them.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's fondness for tidiness pays off when you untangle a situation that seems hopelessly snarled. You might later be surprised to learn who will be expressing his or her gratitude.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you can tackle your assignment the way you prefer, it might be a good idea to at least ask for suggestions. Who knows? One or two might even turn out to be helpful.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make all the changes in your plans or proposals that you feel are necessary before -- repeat, before -- you submit them to your colleagues. You'll come off looking more decisive that way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might feel a mite intimidated in a new environment, be it a job, a classroom or meeting the future in-laws. But enter with a big smile, and everyone will see you as a real take-charge Cat.

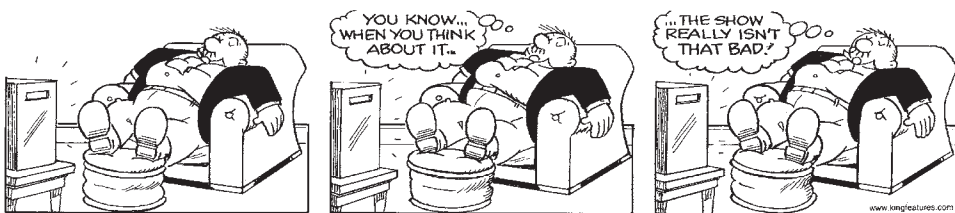
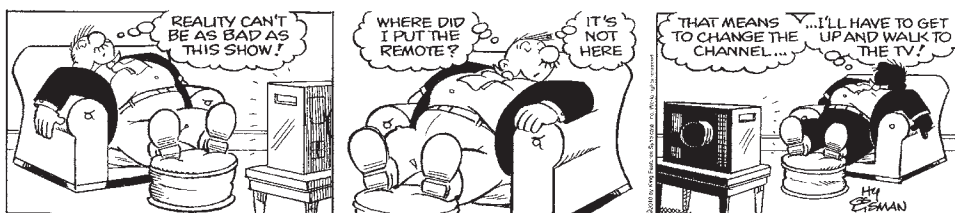
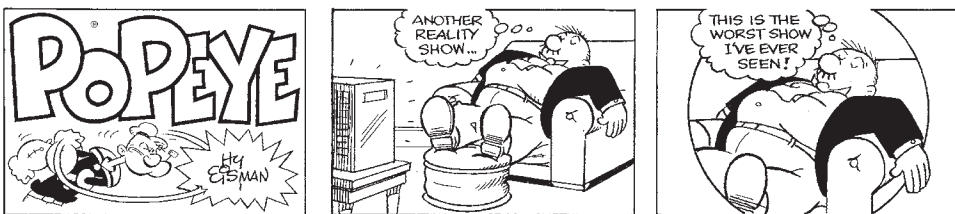
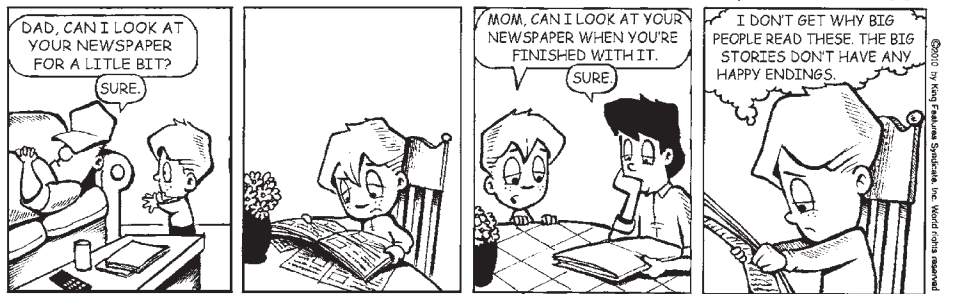
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Flashback Trivia Answers From Page 22

- The Teddy Bears, in 1958. The song went to No. 1. Writer Phil Spector was only 18 at the time.
- John Fred and the Playboys wrote "Judy in Disguise" as a parody of the Beatles' "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds."
- Baldemar Huerta. "Before the Next Teardrop Falls" was the Country Music Association's Single of the Year for 1975 and also hit No. 1 on the pop charts.
- Ocean was born Leslie Charles in Trinidad. "Caribbean Queen," his first major hit, went to the top of the U.S. pop, R&B and dance charts in 1984.
- Girl/boy/stalled car/railroad tracks. She's hit by a train when she runs back to find his high-school ring.
- "Keep On Loving You" (1980)

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(“Democratic Division Widens” continued from page 3)

should not have been replaced,” Tarbox said. “But if they were going to replace him, it should have been with a more moderate voice than Pearson to bridge all factions of the party and best represent our town.” Tarbox said the Democrats split is helping the Republicans to become more unified. “It seems the more we are divided and nastier our battle becomes, they (Republicans) smell blood in the water and are seizing the moment.”

Others, such as former Sousa campaign manager Tim Riordan, say they don’t know how long it will take to have party unity again and have suggested running moderate Democrats in primaries and even in the general election if necessary to ensure all views are presented to voters. “We need moderate candidates that can appeal to the voters and provide a true choice,” said Riordan, who also managed three of the four campaigns of former Democratic First Selectman Mitch Goldblatt. “If we don’t have candidates who are perceived as moderate alternatives, our party will regress to what it was in the not too distant past...irrelevant. Trish Pearson was a particularly strange choice because she has such a history of losing elections”, Riordan added.

Sousa held the town’s highest elected office for four years, followed by Goldblatt for another six before Goldblatt lost to Zeoli in 2005, and became the only incumbent to lose re-election in the town’s history. Since Goldblatt’s defeat, the tide has turned yet again with Democrats more fractured than it has been in decades, say Lembo and his supporters. Riordan said that’s why it might become necessary to challenge liberal Democratic candidates in primaries and even the general election.

That, says Sousa, could destroy the party. “The real issue here is that it was time for a change in the leadership and direction of the party,” Sousa said. “Joe Lembo has worked hard and has been a dedicated town committee chairman and I admit I never could have won in 1995 without him.

“But it’s time to move on,” Sousa says. “My decision not to support Joe Lembo this time was not personal in any way. In fact, when I was first selectman there were (eight-year) term limits for party chairman and we changed that to allow Joe to stay on to be part of the town’s first Democratic administration. I never imagined back then he would still be party chairman 15 years later. It’s time for Joe and his supporters to be good Democrats and accept we had to go in a new direction now,” Sousa said.

Tarbox, however, said the “new direction” is the wrong direction. “I do have one advantage they (the liberals) don’t have,” the 29-year-old Tarbox said, “and that’s time.” And we’re going to need time to recover from the actions of the people now running the party. It makes no sense to put someone like Trish Pearson in as chairman as she doesn’t represent the moderate views of the party or of the town.”

Pearson strongly disagrees. “My goal is to grow the Democratic Party and make sure all voices are heard,” she said. “It was time for a change and we needed new leadership on the town committee. I also intend to review the by-laws and put term-limits back in for the chairman. Are there some people who voted against me? Absolutely. But we are going to bring the party back together. They (the moderates) are welcome, they can participate, and I encourage them to take part in the party. That’s what democracy is all about.”

But Tarbox, who last summer gained the Democratic Town Committee’s nomination to challenge Zeoli again in November, lost the chance to run because Goldblatt worked to bring out his supporters at a caucus and nominated Pearson instead. With the Democrats already divided as a result of that caucus, Zeoli easily gained re-election, convincing voters that the Pearson-

led Democrats had run a one issue campaign that focused on the continuing saga of trying to bring a Stew Leonard’s dairy store into Orange.

Pearson, who also serves on the Board of Selectman, however, was still elected recently as the new chairman of the town committee in what Lembo says was a “blatant take-over of the party” by liberals who violated the rules to do it. “I could accept the will of the town committee to have a new chairman if they played by the rules and it was the true will of the voting members of the party,” Lembo said. “But after 22 years of leading the party and helping to elect the first two Democratic first selectmen, the way this happened is very hard to swallow and angers a lot of people ...not just me.”

Lembo explained procedural moves used during the nominating process for members of the town committee helped to stack the committee with “liberal” voters, who chose Pearson. He said those procedures were deemed by state Democrats to have constituted “rules violations”, but that it was too late to change the results.

Goldblatt insists the procedural problems are “inside baseball” and both he and Pearson supported having Lembo, Riordan, and other moderates placed back on the town committee. Sousa says breaking the procedural rules was “an honest mistake” and that Pearson would have defeated Lembo anyway. “I am really sick and tired of hearing about how Joe Lembo was treated so unfairly,” said an angry Goldblatt, who currently serves on the Board of Selectmen. “We have lost the last three elections and did need to go in a new direction. It was time for change, but he (Lembo) just can’t seem to accept that. There was already a split among Democrats before Joe was replaced, but I believe Trish Pearson is the best person to help unify the party again.”

Lembo and Riordan, who are quick to point out that it was Goldblatt and Pearson who lost 2 of 3 of those elections, also insist Pearson has crossed the line by assuming the role of Democratic Town Committee Chairwoman while also serving on the Board of Selectman. Proving that politics does indeed make strange bedfellows, the “moderate” Democrats and Zeoli agree Pearson’s dual role could present a conflict of interest in much the same way Democratic leaders – particularly Sousa - criticized former Republican Board of Selectman member Bill Musco for serving as Republican Town Committee chairman during the mid 1990’s. “That was different,” Sousa said. “Musco really did allow his Republican party leadership to impact his actions on the Board of Selectmen, especially when he voted against a town-wide referendum on Stew Leonard’s when the will of the people was clearly for the store’s coming to Orange. “While in an ideal world a selectman would not be party chairman, Pearson won’t let that influence her votes on the Board of Selectmen the way Musco did,” Sousa said.

Zeoli said he hopes not, but is concerned about the potential for a conflict. “Sure we have to be concerned about that, it’s a hard thing to lead a party and not have that influence your decisions and actions on the Board of Selectmen” Zeoli said. “I also feel badly for Joe Lembo, who contributed so much to his party for more than two decades.”

Pearson has been nominated under Lembo’s tenure as chairman, a total of eight times in 15 years, losing elections in 1995, 1998, 2001, 2005 & 2009. Pearson strongly disagrees, saying she brings “much needed new energy and direction” to a party that was in need of change in leadership. She insists she will not allow that her party chairmanship to influence her positions and votes on the Board of Selectmen. “He (Musco) was being obstructionist when he served on the Board of Selectmen, but I don’t intend to do that. I am well aware that you have to be able to separate the two.”

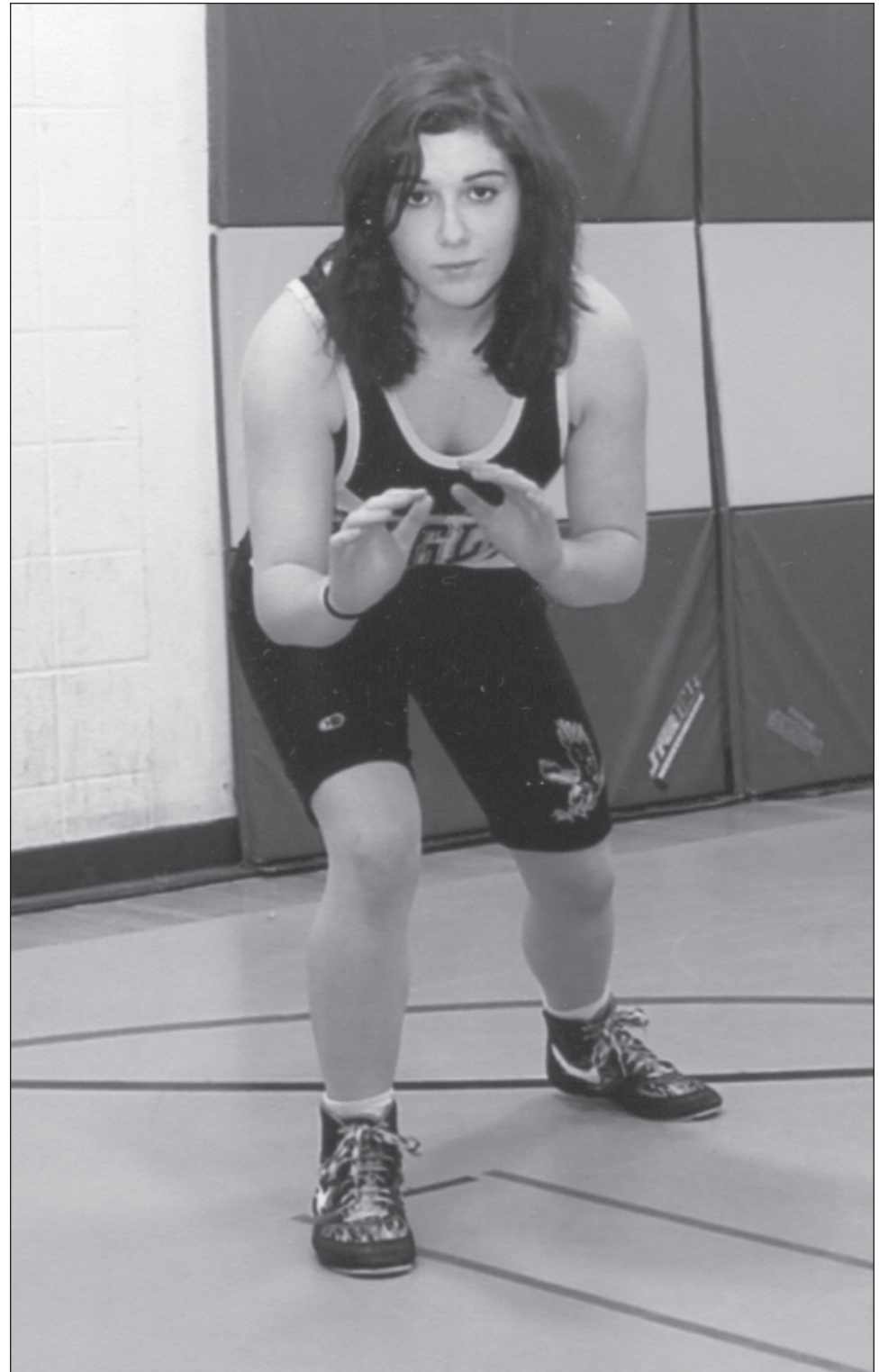
LOCAL SPORTS



Twins from Orange Make a Splash

Twins Megan and Maggie Lasto of Orange competed recently for the Amity Regional Aquatic Club (ARAC) at the Nutmeg League Swimming Championships held at the Orange Town Pool in February. The girls dominated their age group winning every event and setting several League Records. Maggie won every event she swam and set new League records in the 50 yard Backstroke, 100 yard Backstroke and 200 yard Individual Medley. Megan placed 2nd to her sister for a one-two punch in the 200 yard Freestyle and then won every one of her individual events setting new League records in the 100 yard Breaststroke and 100 yard Butterfly.

ARAC was also well represented by other swimmers who were top 8 finalists in their events. They are: Mollee Lasto, Dana Chung, Martha Zhang, Katie Jensen, Melissa Gulia, Elaina Ferraro, Mia Zajac, Molly Cox, Natalie Lydon, Ethan Skuches, Ben Bacal, Cameron Thomas, Robert Thomann, Alec Melotto and Aria Mohseni.



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3. Four NFL players have made 10 consecutive Pro Bowls, been named AP Defensive Player of the Year and won a Super Bowl. Name three of them.
4. Name the last University of Kansas freshman men's basketball player before Xavier Henry in 2009 to tally at least 30 points in a game.
5. Entering the 2009-10 NHL season, how many times has New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur recorded 10 or more shutouts in a season?
6. Before Jimmie Johnson won the Auto Club 500 race in California in 2010, how many consecutive times had a Roush Fenway driver captured the February event?
7. When was the last time American tennis players won both the men's and women's singles titles in the same year at the U.S. Open?

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Throughout the week, children and teachers participated in a variety of fun activities, games and lessons designed to increase their awareness of how energy use and daily activities can affect the future of the planet and how they can conserve energy in their daily lives. The children participated in activities centered around reducing, reusing and recycling, keeping our waters clean, planting trees and gardens, and composting. On March 26, 2010, after turning off all nonessential lighting, the children paraded outside and presented their Earth Hour Quilt to First Selectman Jim Zeoli to hang in the Town Hall for all to view. The children explained the significance of each square and it's relation to the overall project. It was an awesome experience for all involved!

"We think this was a great way for children to learn, in a hands-on manner, the importance of saving energy and the environment," said Kimberly M. Kick, owner of The Goddard School located in Orange. "Our students were able to involve both their families and the community to create awareness about this important global call to action."



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