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TOWN CHARTER UNDER REVIEW

Commission Will Consider Extending Selectmen Terms to Four Years

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

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The Board of Selectmen has formed a commission to review the town's charter. The commission was given a deadline of February 2017 to review 18 specific points in the charter and provide the board with a final report before going to a public referendum.

"There have been some suggestions as to potential items to look at

for direction by the committee," explained First Selectman James Zeoli. In addition to a handful of suggestions, Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt had 13 specific suggestions for consideration.

The commission is made up of Selectman John Carangelo, Town Clerk Pat O'Sullivan, Pio Imperati, Jr., Laura Reid and Roy Cuzzocreo.

Among the possible changes the commission will consider changing the election of certain town officers from every two years to every four years. This change would pertain to the first selectman, five members of the board of selectmen, the town clerk, tax collector, registrar of voters, seven constables, and justices of the peace.

Another potentially notable change, the commission will also consider eliminating the provision of the charter that provides that the unsuccessful candidate for first selectman should be counted as votes cast for him or her as a member of the Board of Selectmen, so that the candidates for first selectmen run solely for that office and the unsuccessful candidate does not become a member of the Board of Selectmen. "Understanding that the current process is that the loser of the first selectman's race falls down into the pool and the highest five vote getters, subject to minority representation, would then be the Board of Selectmen. The thought process is to make the first selectman race exclusively a head-

to-head race and the loser does not automatically get a seat on the board," Town Attorney Vincent Marino said.

> Goldblatt was opposed to this change, "I was a little surprised to see this one in there. I am opposed to this.

If somebody is dedicated enough and wants to take the risk and the challenge of running for first selectman, and they care that much for the town—if they're not the successful candidate, that they'd be given the opportunity to continue to serve the town. I think the way it works now is fine."

Selectman John Carangelo said it is a topic that should at least be discussed. "A lot of residents out there don't like the fact that if you have a losing candidate, they're still awarded a position. The populous votes us in. We're elected officials, if you are fortunate enough to be elected by your constituents."

The board intends to tie the public vote in with next year's May budget referendum, but first, as part of the commission's process, a public hearing will be held. "It will ultimately be up to the voters to determine how the charter will be amended," Marino said.





FRED WOLF LACROSSE FIELDS READY FOR PLAY

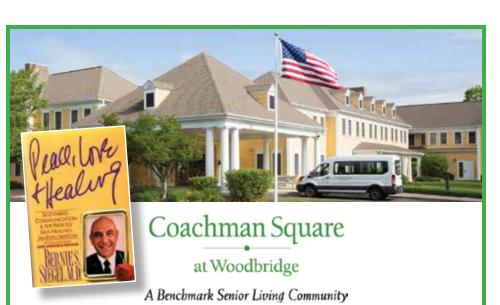
By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

After five years of squeezing in practice space and makeshift fields for games, the Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse organization has a home field. The team began playing on the fields the first weekend in April, hosting teams from Wallingford. Through a combined effort between the lacrosse organization and the town, funds were raised to clear the property at Fred Wolfe Park, seed and maintain the fields and late last month, a new driveway and parking lot were put down. West Rock Materials donated the crumbled asphalt materials used in the parking lot and Advanced Paving and Excavating donated labor and equipment. Both companies are in Woodbridge. "I am extremely thrilled with Mr. (Warren) Luciani and Advanced Paving for his generosity to this project. Without people like him, projects like this would not be possible and we would not have been able to make ends meet," said first Selectman Jim Zeoli.





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"Mollie exemplifies what it means to be a true, compassionate caregiver, and I can't think of anyone more deserving of this honor," states David Mac-Rizzo, Administrator of the Center. Rubino, beaming with joy, said "I love all of the people I've ever cared for, and it's such an honor to be recognized for working hard and from the heart all my life."

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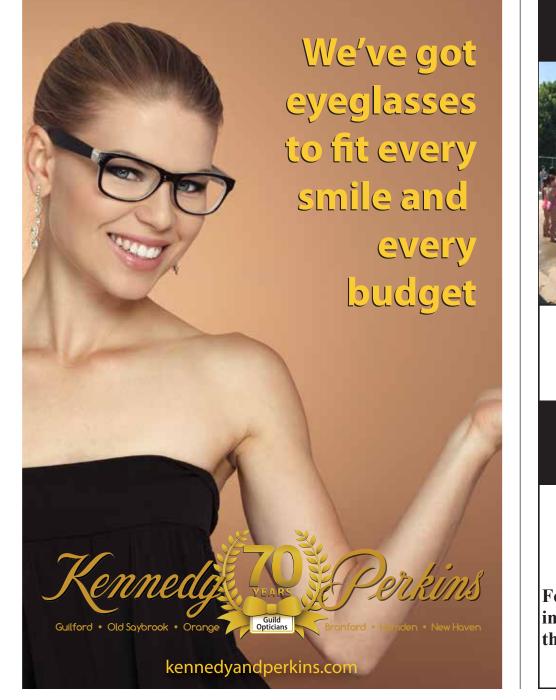
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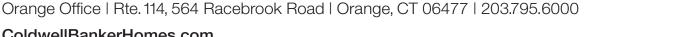
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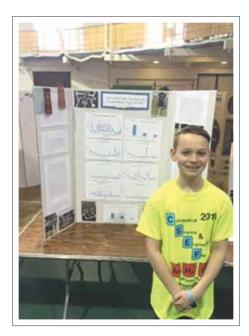


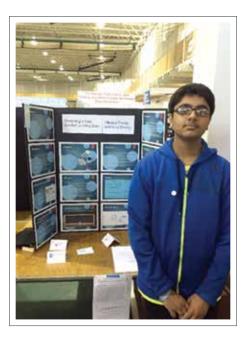
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AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL **ORANGE AWARD WINNERS Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair**

Students from the Science Research and Engineering Club at Amity Middle School in Orange attended the Connecticut Science and Engineering Fair at Ouinnipiac University the week of March 14, 2016. Two students from the program earned awards for their work.

Henry Westgard, pictured left, was a Middle School finalist and received the Barnes Aerospace Applied Technology Award, the Alexion Biotechnology Awards - 3rd place Biotechnology 8th grade, and American Society of Safety Engineers, CT Valley Chapter award. Shahood Khan, pictured right, received the American Meteorological Society Award. Congratulations to these students for their hard work!

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Peck Place School held its annual Mother/Son Night at the Discovery Museum & Planetarium in Bridgeport. The evening was attended by students from grades 1 through 6. The students and their special guest(s) were rotated by grade through various stations which included the planetarium, a demonstration, hands on stations, dinner and pictures. The PTO group that chaired this event worked very hard planning this memorable evening, which was held in a new location for the first time in many years. Pictured are a group of boys enjoying some hands on stations.



Peck Place School held its annual Father/Daughter Dance at Grassy Hill Country Club. There was a DJ, dinner and professional photos were being taken. This evening was attended by students from 1st through 6th grade. The students and their special guest(s) got all dressed up and enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing. Pictured are a group of students seated before dinner was served. Another great job by the PTO group that chaired this event.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

SCHOOLS BUDGET FACES 1.99% INCREASE

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Orange Board of Finance accepted the Board of Education's \$20 million proposed budget in March. Three teacher positions will be eliminated. The district added six teachers for this current year, but estimates it will need three fewer for the 2016-17 school year. Administrator salaries will see a 3.94% increase as teacher salaries will go up .6%. The district is budgeting for 1,099 students next year, down from 1,111 this year.

"That's the challenge we face," said Superintendent of Schools Vince Scarpetti. "We have no way of predicting where students are coming from and what grades they'll be in. Historically, the numbers have increased at the start of the year and throughout the year."

The district is seeing a decrease in special education costs, but also an expected \$283,000 decrease in funding from the state. Transportation of special

education children is expected to rise by almost \$70,000 next year. "All children are entitled to education. The state recognizes that and sometimes that translates to extra costs," said district Business Administrator Mary-Jo Sierakowski.

"We think it's important that every child have a device," said Scarpetti. The budget includes \$67,000 for 520 leased Chrome Books. The technology budget overall is seeing a 15.7% decrease. Utilities are also expected to see a decrease from \$394,984 to \$334,919.

Board of Finance member Jim Leahy explained that revenues to the town in general are expected to be down for the next fiscal year. "We have \$529,000 less revenue coming in and there are three ways to manage that: reduce spending, bond it or put it all in taxes," he said. The town is choosing to reduce spending.

AMITY STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN 2016 CT STEM FAIR

On February 6th the Connecticut STEM Foundation, Inc. hosted its sixteenth annual Connecticut STEM Fair at Darien High School. This event brought together 226 students from Amity Regional High School, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Darien High School, Glastonbury High School, Joel Barlow High School, Newtown High School, Ridgefield High School, Sacred Heart Academy, and Staples for a highly energetic and scientific endeavor. Over 200 judges evaluated the exhibits, providing both assessment of the projects and feedback to the exhibitors, and 80 volunteers added their efforts to the event.

The winners of the 2016 CT STEM Fair from Amity Regional High School are: James He, Quinn Burke, Neha Sudhir, Hannah Rappaport, Erin Mc-Cormack, Katherine Handler, Howard Ding, Helen Liu, Haya Jarad, Ryan Oleynik, Jacob Silliman, Henry Molot, Kate Yuan, Weixin Du, Eli Silvert and Yiran (George) Zhang, Haseeb Khan and Barak Davidi, Kelsey McCormack and Courtney Greifen, Yuqi Zhou and Sebin Park, and Julia Nadelmann and Sarah Saxe. Office of Naval Research Awardees from Amity Regional High School are: Jethin Gowda and Nikzad Khani.

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

If you'd like more information about

STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Orange Student Raises Money For Pediatric Cancer Research

Newark, DE-- Tara Gioiella of Orange, CT was among 250 participants in one of the nation's largest university dance marathon fundraisers on Sunday, March 13. UD students joined the fight against childhood cancer with UDance, the university's most-popular student-run philanthropy. The organization celebrated a year's worth of fundraising during its 10th annual twelve-hour dance marathon. Students raised a total of \$1,701,667.81, for the Wilmington, Delaware-based Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation. UDance is the fifth largest college dance marathon in the country. To learn more about UDance, or make a donation, please visit www.UDance-Delaware.org.

Ithaca College Student Sam Dellert Films Documentary On Syrian Refugees In Michigan

Ithaca, NY -- Ithaca College student Sam Dellert, of Orange, Conn., is part of a group that recently filmed a documentary on Syrian refugees living in Dearborn, Michigan and local protests against the resettlement of Muslim refugees in the area. The documentary, entitled "Stateless: Syrian Refugees in Detroit," was selected as an "Editor's Pick" by The Atlantic. The film documents a number of families as their multi-country journey ends-they hope-in their new homes in suburban Detroit, an area with America's highest concentration of Arab Americans. But not everyone is welcoming in Dearborn, Mich., or as one fiery protester calls it, "Dearborn-istan." The film juxtaposes images of an anti-Muslim protest with the everyday mundanities of the refugees' new lives in the suburbs. As the protesters, some of them armed, describe the violent nature of Muslim culture, the youngest refugees frolic in the snow and play soccer in an apartment parking lot. Inside, their families waver between fear and hope. Having fled violence, they want no more. "My primary concern is that my kids receive the best education possible," says Samir, an appreciative father, while sipping tea. "How could you not be grateful to America? We want to work with America to make this place a better environment. We want to help. How would we benefit from harming the community?"

Orange Resident And Lasell Student Traded Spring Break For Community Service This March

Newton, MA -- Sophia Figueroa of Orange, CT, a Fashion Design major from the Class of 2019 traveled to Atlanta, GA for an Alternative Spring Break trip where students worked with several non-profits including Truly Living Well, Southwest Ecumenical Emergency Assistance Center, Piedmont Park, and Meals on Wheels. Figueroa and other Lasell students assisted with the reparation of garden beds and re-planting, delivered groceries to families in need, unloaded food donations, delivered and prepared meals, and volunteered in Day Centers for the elderly.

Andrea Rose Urbano Receives Graduate Student Award For Outstanding Research And Scholarship From The Rubenstein School Of Environment And Natural Resources, University Of Vermont

Andrea Presented Her Research At The 100th Annual Conference Of the Ecological Society, in Baltimore, Maryland in 2015. The Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Research and Scholarship is presented annually to a Masters student in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources who has demonstrated excellence in scholarly accomplishment and commitment to intellectual advancement in their field. In recognition of her outstanding scholarly efforts and productivity, Andrea's name will be inscribed on a plaque that will be forever displayed in the Aiken Center.

Andrea graduated from UVM January, 2016. She is employed by the Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation, preparing forest management plans for eight Vermont municipalities. She is also employed by Red Start Consulting, which provides land management plans for Vermont forest, agricultural and riparian lands.

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LAURALTON HALL ANNOUNCES ITS SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Principal Cynthia Gallant of The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall has announced the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2015 – 2016 school year. High Honors students have achieved an average of at least 92 in all academic



courses; Honors students have an average of at least 86 in all academic courses. Those students from Orange receiving honors are:

> **High Honors** *Grade 11:* Grace Sweeney; and

Grade 9: Chenrui Xia.

Dean's List

Sacred Heart University

Brianna Chiaraluce, Orange was named to the Fall semester Dean's List, College of Arts and Sciences at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

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May 27th	
June 24th	Independence Day Issue July 1st
Note: Copy due by 4:00p.m. Thank yo	и.

FROM OUR READERS

OVNA Care is Exceptional

To the Editor:

I've recently had a medical experience that led me to write this letter. Many of us in Orange are not aware of the wonderful agency we have in town, The Orange Visiting Nurse Association.

I came directly home from the hospital after my surgery, and the OVNA was there right away to help with my recovery. Judy Benson, the director, arranged for nursing care as well as physical therapy. I felt my care was exceptional. They were willing to answer all my questions, as well as provide the care I needed.

Too often we, as residents, are quick to complain about the services we have in town. I want to stress that the OVNA is an asset we should be proud of and support.

Maureen White



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The musical legacy of the foremost interpreter of the Great American Songbook will be celebrated with an afternoon of songs and stories pre-

sented by vocalist Rich Moran on Saturday, April 16th at 1:00 in the meeting room of the Case Memorial Library in Orange. He will be backed by the trio of Judy Webber on piano, Jeff Webber on woodwinds, and Noah Golden on drums. The concert is being made possible by the Friends of The Case Memorial Library.

The 100th anniversary of Frank Sinatra's

birthday was celebrated this past December. Moran will pay tribute to Sinatra's body of work by performing a diverse selection of classic songs from throughout Ol' Blue Eyes' career. In between numbers, he will share insightful commentary and anecdotes from the history behind Sinatra's recordings of the music being played and the musicians and songwriters he worked with.

Orange native Rich Moran has brought his neo traditional take on the



Frank Sinatra

out southern and central Connecticut. He is also an experienced musical theater actor who has performed numerous times with Orange's

Standards repertoire to venues through-

own Orange Players. In addition to his acting and performing work, Moran is a producer and host of "One Great Song", a weekly program on WMNR Fine Arts Radio that showcases select tunes, composers and singers from the Great American Songbook era.

Judy Webber is a North Haven native, retired local music educator and one of the

area's most respected community music directors. Her husband, Jeff, is also a retired educator and spent many years playing saxophone as part of the New Haven professional music scene. Guilford native Noah Golden is a talented musician, actor, writer, video artist, and serves as a music director for the Vista Arts Center in Madison.

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Marie Gabriel, Matt Irizarry & Nancy Cahoon of BHcare, accept a check for \$489.96 from Helping Hands Community Thrift Store owner Allen Klein for items sold in the Thrift Store for the month of January.

MY SISTER'S PLACE & HELPING HANDS FORM PARTNERSHIP

My Sister's Place is a thrift store and donation center located in downtown Ansonia that has been raising money to support BHcare's Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services. It relies on people dropping off donations and it is not able to pick up donations, nor allowed to sell upholstered furniture. Helping Hands has partnered with My Sister's Place in an effort to generate more funds for The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services. Helping Hands will pick up your donations of furniture and appliances as well as large quantities of boxed and bagged items which will benefit My Sister's Place. Helping Hands will accept your gently used upholstered furniture as long as it is not stained, torn or overly worn as well as your gently used mattresses and box springs. Helpings Hands also does house cleanouts with the value of your donated items reducing the cost of the cleanout. You simply need to call the Helping Hands warehouse at 203-782-4800 to arrange your pick up or to get a quote for a cleanout.

The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services (UCDVS) is dedicated to increasing awareness of domestic violence and its effect on the community, empowering those victimized by providing advocacy and safe and effective services, and working for social

change to eliminate domestic violence. UCDVS offers walk-in crisis services and a 24-hour hotline, emergency safe housing, Family Violence Victim Advocates and court based advocates, transitional housing, legal advocacy, community education, and much more.

Helping Hands is raising money for over 150 non-profits through its Thrift Store that is located at 334 Boston Post Road in Orange, and is operating a Furniture Bank that provides furniture essentials to the clients of its social service partners. The Furniture Bank has helped people leaving domestic violence situations, homeless people moving into permanent housing, and many others. You can drop off your donations of clothing, housewares, knickknacks and more at the Helping Hands Thrift Store and designate your donation to My Sister's Place.

Together, My Sister's Place and Helping Hands are making a difference for a lot people confronting domestic violence. Please consider donating your "stuff" to benefit UCDVS. You can check out Helping Hands at www.helpinghandsctfb.com or on Facebook. You can access info on UCDVS at http:// www.bhcare.org/page/22595.

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Patricia Forte

Barbara Lehrer, Carol Cangiano, Enilda Rosas, Joseph Han, Maribeth Lightowler, Mary-Ann White, Nancy Shattuck, Patricia Forte and Wayne Hugendubel were recently the recipients of Connecticut Magazine's 2016 Five Star Real Estate Agents award. They are among fewer than 7% of real estate agents in Connecticut to be singled out through a rigorous research process conducted by Five Star Professional in partnership with Connecticut Magazine.

within a 12 month period.

Recipients were evaluated on nine criteria points: market knowledge, communication, integrity, negotiation, customer service, finding the right home, marketing the home, closing preparation and overall customer satisfaction.

The Five Star award recipients have been recognized in the 2016 March issue of Connecticut Magazine. Barbara, Carol, Enilda, Joseph, Maribeth, Mary-Ann, Nancy, Patricia and Wayne can all be

Agent selection was based on a survey of residents who had purchased a home reached at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Orange at (203) 795-6000.

NETWORK OF EXECUTIVE WOMEN HOLD SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The Network of Executive Women will hold its annual Scholarship Luncheon on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 12:00 Noon at Bin 100 Restaurant, 100 Lansdale Avenue, Milford.

The members provide educational opportunities for women in need of financial assistance by awarding annual scholarships funded through their "Girls Night Out" event held each year, member participation and private donations.

The Network of Executive Women provides a platform for business and executive women to share ideas, promote one another's endeavors and accomplishments, and to support goals of individual members. Join us for networking opportunities.

To register, visit: http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.org/Luncheons.html. Cost of luncheon is \$17 for members, \$22 for guests, and \$5 for anyone who attends only.

COHEN AND WOLF CINCO K DE MAYO ROAD RACE

The Orange Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Cinco K de Mayo Road Race/Walk. The race will begin at the High Plains Community Center on May 1, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Dri-fit tee shirts will be given to the first 300 runners to register. The course is a 5K run through Orange, beginning and ending at High Plains Community Center. Runners and walkers can register at RunSignUp.com; fees are \$20/racers and \$15/walkers in advance and \$25/ walkers and \$20/walkers after April 27.

The race, according to Anna Accetta, Chamber Executive Director, "Is a fantastic development opportunity, bringing people from all over the state to Orange. The Chamber is excited to offer this dynamic event promoting health and wellness as well as driving traffic to the area." Extensive marketing and promotion of the event will give the sponsors high visibility and recognition throughout the state, along with the opportunity to market their products and services. Call 203-795-3328 to be a sponsor.

LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP





REAL LIVING ANNOUNCES NATIONAL AWARDS FOR 2015

Parent company Real Living Real Estate announced the recipients of its prestigious production awards for its Real Living Real Estate offices through-

- Rachel Anastasio Ruby Medallion recipient.
- Nancy Andersen Sapphire Medallion recipient.

CONSIGNMENT ORIGINALS COLLECTING SUITS FOR VETERANS

Local consignment chain collecting gently used business attire Connecticut - Consignment Originals, Connecticut's destination for only the finest quality, like-new name brand and designer labels, has teamed up with Save-a-Suit for Veterans to collect business professional attire for both men and women through the end of March.

Giving veterans the confidence they need to succeed, Save-a-Suit provides veterans and college students with gently used clothing to transform them into business professionals. "We're proud to support our country's heroes through Save-a-Suit's mission," said general manager Jackie Leathe. "Consignment Originals was built on the belief that consignment can bring joy to others and we couldn't imagine a better way to bring that notion to the community than by collecting attire to help veterans transition into business professionals."

All items donated must be new or dry-cleaned and in great condition. Accepted items include: men's suits, blazers, shirts, ties, and shoes as well as ladies' suits, blazers/coats, dresses/ skirts, tops/shirts, handbags, and shoes.

All four Consignment Originals locations will be collecting clothing and donations through April 1st. For a full list of locations and hours, visit ConsignIt.com.

About Consignment Originals – Since 1982, Consignment Originals has curated the consignment experience in Connecticut, delivering value, quality and style to socially conscious, savvy shoppers. Consignment Originals is your destination for only the finest quality name brand and designer labels you love. Make more when you consign and save more when you shop.

REID ELECTED CHAIR OF PET INDUSTRY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC), on the heels of electing new president Mike Bober, has now elected its first female chair in 40 years, Laura J. "Peach" Reid. Reid is president and CEO of Fish Mart, Inc., the Northeast's largest wholesale distributor of aquatics and pets. Prior to being elected as chair, Reid held the office of secretarytreasurer for the council, and she has served on the PIJAC Board of Directors for the past four years. But her involvement didn't start there. In fact, she's been a member of PIJAC since the early 90s and has been actively involved in various committees within the organization, including its Legislative Committee, Executive Committee, Aquatic Subcommittee and the Zoonosis Subcommittee, which has PIJAC leading the way on critical education and outreach relating to various diseases potentially passed from animal to human. Those who've worked with Reid throughout the years, either through any number of her publicly elected positions or through her efforts to advance the welfare of animals, can attest to her dedication to the roles she takes on. "When Peach decides she's going to do something, you better believe she's diving in head first and giving it her all," says Bober. "She led our efforts to prevent a pet sale ban in Connecticut despite the fact that it didn't affect her business directly, and she kept some very strong personalities working together throughout the process. I can't wait to see what she brings to the role of chair."

the past 30 years has allowed her to be a part of where the organization has been and the challenges and triumphs that have led them to where they are today. She says, in many ways, PIJAC is still fighting many of the same legislative and regulatory issues they were decades ago. But over the years, things have gotten increasingly complex, and there are more issues now than ever, which in turn means more work than ever before for PIJAC.

"As we learn more in the scientific community about threats to the environment, threats to human health and threats to the well-being of animals, we as an organization and a united industry are making more informed decisions, and we are seeing more effective results,"

out the country for the year 2015.

Frank D'Ostilio, Broker/partner of Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate was the recipient on two categories, Top 100 Realtors in the country and Real Living Top 1% of Realtors in the country.

Orange resident Regina Sauer received three awards - Diamond Medallion recipient, Top 100 agents - most closed units and Top 100 agents, Real Living Real Estate.

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

Other award winners were:

- Buddy DeGennaro Sapphire Medallion recipient.
- Donna DiGioia Ruby Medallion recipient.
- Vin Torrens Ruby Medallion recipient.

 Joseph Cafasso, Jr - Sapphire Medallion recipient.

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

Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is located at 47 High Street in New Haven, 1673 Litchfield Turnpike on the Woodbridge/ Westville town line and 174 Cherry Street in Milford. Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio Real Estate is part of The Real Living Network of Home Services of America, a Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate.

Reid's involvement with PIJAC for

says Reid.

With PIJAC representing the industry on legislative and regulatory issues at the international, federal, state and even local levels, there is much to do. And PIJAC, with Reid as chair, is in a good position to take on the necessary challenges at all levels. In fact, it was just two years ago that Connecticut was the first in the country to consider a statewide ban on the sale of all dogs and cats at pet stores. Reid recounted a scary time when her and PIJAC's involvement may have been more instrumental than ever. They were successful in defeating the ban, and while there are strict regulations on retailers and their sources for dogs and cats, Connecticut is now serving as a model for other cities and states considering the same. This was an early

See "Reid" continued on Page 17

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR THE SEASON

As families are turning their attention to outdoor projects and spring cleaning, this is the ideal time to tour the home and yard for dangerous materials, for unsafe conditions and to correct problem areas. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office suggests these important fire safety guidelines to help ensure a safe and pleasant season.

Replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, if it was not done at the beginning of daylight savings time. This is a simple step that takes only a few minutes, but can save lives. The alarm will alert occupants and allow time for escape. Test alarms every month by using the test button or an approved smoke substitute. Do not use an open flame device. Even though the alarm may work when tested, install a new smoke alarm after 10 years. Older models may be less reliable. If an alarm "chirps" to indicate a low battery, replace the batteries as soon as possible.

As the warm weather approaches, lawn and garden care begins. Please remember: OPEN BURNING IS NOT PER-MITTED IN THE TOWN OF ORANGE. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY RESIDENT OR BUSINESS TO BURN CONSTRUC-TON DEBRIS, TRASH, GRASS, LEAVES OR SIMILAR ITEMS. There are numerous fire and safety concerns such as smoke, flying embers and the possibility of the fire spreading out of control. In addition, open burning is a violation of the Connecticut Clean Air Act. Our office understands that this may be an inconvenience and appreciates your cooperation. Supervised open burning of brush is allowed when a permit is issued by the Fire Marshal's Office to a town resident for the purpose of cooking outdoors, holding a controlled camp fire, or controlled fires for religious reasons. The fee is \$25 for a one-time permit or \$150 for an annual fire permit. A site inspection will be conducted by the Fire Marshal or his designee prior to the issuance of an annual fire permit. Failure to obtain a burn permit or burning illegal items may subject the property owner to fines and/or arrest. Brush must be less than three inches in diameter and any wood that is burned shall not be pressuretreated. Such items must be taken to the transfer station. Burn permits are void if weather conditions are such that it creates hazards to the permittee, their property, or the property around them, whether it is public or private. Any time wind speeds exceed 10 miles per hour (gusts or sustained), or the fire danger rating is equal to or greater than "HIGH", there shall be no open burning. The use of grills for cooking purposes or other outdoor appliances being used in accordance with their listing and manufacturer's specifications shall not require a burn permit.

Use gas and charcoal grills outdoors only. They pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation, if used indoors or in any enclosed space. Position the grill away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic. Declare a threefoot "kid-free zone" around the grill and keep children and pets away. Periodically, remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited. Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. Do not attempt to move the grill. Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.

It is important to remember the following tips while working in the yard. Prior to starting lawn care, walk around the area and remove debris that could damage equipment or cause injury. Keep a fire safe zone around the house. Clean leaves and needles from gutters and cellar windows. Prune away limbs and trees along the driveway that could prevent easy access for fire trucks or ambulances. Know how to operate outdoor equipment properly. Extension cords must be in good condition and rated for outdoor use. Always unplug electri-

cal tools and disconnect spark plugs on gasoline-powered tools before making any adjustments or clearing jams near moving parts. Never work with electrical tools in wet or damp conditions. To prevent electrocution, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). If you must leave your tools unattended, always make sure they are turned off and inoperable. This helps to avoid unauthorized use, accidents and injuries. Never fill the gas tanks while equipment is operating or when it is still hot. Do not fill the tank inside of a garage, shed or similar area. Remember to quickly wipe up any spills. Always store gasoline in approved containers and a safe distance from your home. Never smoke or use any type of flame around gasoline.

Spring cleaning consists mainly of storing away winter clothing and items and cleaning and sprucing up the home's interior. However, it is also the ideal time to check for dangerous materials and unsafe conditions inside the house. Take a few minutes to look for clutter in each room, including the attic and the basement. Clutter, such as stacks of old newspapers or magazines, empty boxes, broken or obsolete appliances and furniture, is "Food for Fire". If a fire should occur in your home, the clutter would provide material to be consumed and help to spread the fire. It could also block or hinder your escape, as well as the incoming path of firefighters. Remove all hazards. Never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent and never use or store gasoline inside your home, even in tiny quantities. The vapors can readily ignite. Gasoline can present a serious fire hazard and is dangerous to use for any purpose other than as a motor fuel. Replace or fix frayed or damaged appliance cords, wiring, fuses or breakers. Check for water leaks, especially near electrical appliances. Store flammable liquids and chemicals in a cool, dry place away from a child's play area. Be sure there is clearance between combustibles and heating appliances and other heat and ignition sources. Keep work areas clear of clutter.

It is important to have and practice a home escape plan. Know two ways out of every room. Make sure doors and windows can be opened easily and designate a place for family members to meet outside. Call 911 after exiting the home.

If you have any questions or need further information about any fire prevention and/or safety matter, please contact the Orange Fire Marshal's Office at (203) 891-4711, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or visit the website at: www.orangefiremarshal. com.

FROM THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



The Woodbridge, Bethany and Orange Registrars of Voters announce important voting dates. The Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primaries will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. The Amity referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Polls are open from 6:00am until 8:00pm for each election.

Primary: To vote in the Republican or Democratic Presidential Preference Primary, electors must be registered in that party. Changing affiliation from "Unaffiliated" to Democratic or Republican may be completed in person until noon on Monday, April 25, 2016. Electors may determine their party status by calling their Registrar of Voters or their Town Clerk. Seventeens: Electors who are seventeen (17) and registered in the Republican or Democratic Party may vote in the primary if they will turn eighteen (18) by the presidential election on November 8th. Absentee Ballots: Applications for absentee ballots should be made through the Town Clerk's office. You may also download an application from the Secretary of the State's website: click on "Elections and Voting", then "Absentee Ballot Application". Ballots will be available starting April 5th.

Primary Enrollment Session: April 12, 2016 Registrar of Voters office will be open as required by law for a special registration session: Woodbridge and Orange: 4pm-6pm, Bethany 12-2pm.

Mail-in and On-line Registration Deadline: Mail-in and on-line registration applications for the Primary must be postmarked by Thursday, April 21st. **In-Person Registration Deadline** for new voters: New voters must file a voter registration application with their Registrar of Voters by 12noon on Monday, April 25th. The Town Clerk's Office is available to register voters and for absentee ballots Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm in Woodbridge and Orange. Bethany's hours are 9:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday and Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. For more information regarding Elections, please see your town website. **Questions regarding Elections** call:

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS

FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



Spring has sprung and while a young man's fancy turns to love, we here at Community Services are working and training hard to run at the Ragnar. We are committed to running those 200 miles. As the days get longer and the time gets closer we have all upped our mileage. Dennis, Aubry and Denise are running daily to get in shape.

What would runners be without the proper nutrition? We have adapted our

meals and caloric intake so that we will be at our optimum weight to take on any and all competitors. We will not let the Cape beat us! It is 200 miles or bust. We will return Victors!

Also, it is still not too late to make a donation. This event is a major fundraiser for our Food and Fuel Bank. We are looking forward to running across the finish line in Provincetown with the Orange Flag held high. Onto victory!!!

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



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

Youth Services High School Volunteers Assist With Orange Community Events

Orange Youth Services has a list of Orange High School youth who are available to assist their community with a variety of volunteer needs. Our volunteers have signed up with Youth Services to access opportunities in regard attaining their necessary school volunteer credits. They are available for a wide variety of community, school, and organizations located in Orange. Contact John at Youth Services at julatowski@ orange-ct.gov.

Youth Services Newsletter Online Featuring Current Photos & Events

Youth Services recent newsletter, The Youth Informer, is online on the Town website. The newsletter features many articles and photos of recent Youth Services programs and events. Featured in this edition are items on babysitting, Artist Colonies, the K-6 Children of Orange exhibit, the Living History Club, and more... The newsletter can be accessed by going to the Town website/click on Community Services, then Youth Services, then on the Youth Services Newsletter attachment.

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Need Help Staying Organized Financially?

In preparation of the Town of Orange Memorial Day Parade which will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2016, the committee has started to meet to plan for the parade.

Any person or group can march in the procession provided that they fill out an application form and list any special requests or accommodations they might require, especially those with disabilities.

Forms are available on line at www. orange-ct.gov and at the Orange Town Hall in the First Selectman's Office and are due back by May 6, 2016 to Kevin



Town Hall

Gilbert, Parade Organizer, at 256 Peck Lane, Apt. #29, Orange, CT 06477. Participants can also fax the completed form to Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall – 203-891-2185.

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HISTORYCORNER By Ginny Reinhard

They Were On the Green...

At one time, according to Mary Woodruff's History of Orange, every family living near the church and Green kept a flock of geese, using it as a common place and when they met, there was a great bit of squawking and cackling, sometimes drowning out the preacher's words in the

summer, when the windows and doors were open. But that is only part of the story.

The historic district runs from a section of Orange Center Road at Porter Lane down to a section of the cemetery. It is approximately the geographical center of the Town of Orange,

dating from the early 19th century with Orange Center Road known as Main Street and Meeting House Lane, Church Street. By now, most of you know the history of the town, its beginnings but did you know that the area was partly commercial? Not the big box store commercial but small businesses held in the homes of the businessmen.

The homes have kept their original look due to the fact that the Historical District guidelines are statewide and any changes must be approved by the Orange Historic District Commission. Surprisingly, the color of the house can be changed but luckily for Orange, our neighbors have not chosen to paint their houses bright pink or other nonhistoric colors. In fact, the color of the doors of the Stone-Otis House are exact to the original using the staining of the wood on the front door and a color chart provided by the State Historic Commission.

An obvious building, facing Meeting House Lane, is the Orange Congregational Church built in 1810, and designed by the prominent architect, David Hoadley. The oval window, on the front of the steeple is actually not a window but painted to look like one. Mr. Hoadley was known for this detail and if one looks at various pictures of the church over the century, sometimes the "window" is "missing". Someone forgot to tell the painter to re-paint the outline black. The window on the back of the church, by the parking lot is probably the most beautiful in the state according to Chris Collier, our former State Historian.

Believe it or not, there were once three front doors! It was said, upon completion of the church that, "The people of North

Milford, plain as they are, have built one of the handsomest churches in the County of New Haven and have thus shown that they have a taste for the beautiful as well as a proper attachment to the useful."

A humorous yet true story came about when the building committee canvased the town for just the right kind of tree for the ridgepole which stood straight, at least 100 feet or more.

Such a tree was found on the farm of one Isaac Treat (there were at least three Treats) and he was approached

as to its availability. Not being of the church group, Mr. Treat balked at the idea and believing himself safe, he told the group

that if Col. Potter would cut off his queue, the style of the colonial men, he would agree to the tree. Whether Col. Potter of his ledgers and it appears that he was a very busy and successful shoemaker. His home burned in 1909 and the house now standing there was built in 1940.

You know all about the Stone-Otis house from previ-

ous History Corner stories but only with a visit to this 1830 house can you feel that history within the walls. Watch for openings on Saturdays in late May or by calling the

society for a tour. Next door to the south of the Stone-Otis house is one with a good bit of history starting with a deed from the first pastor of the church Erastus Scranton. Rev. Scranton owned a good deal of the property around the Green to the east. In 1830, he deeded some land to Benjamin Clark who in turn sold it to Dr. Josiah Colburn. In addition to its professional use after 1839, it was used as a corncrib. Contin-

ually owned by a member of the Clark family, it appears to have been the home to several citizens including the town's first rural mail carrier, Albert Clark in 1902. One of the

One of the largest of the

homes around the Green is located at the bend on the south side of the built Green circa 1800. This was the home of the Rev. Erastus Scranton who it appears bought land from two different landowners, Jonathan **Rogers and Samuel** Treat from 1805 to 1812. In 1830, the Reverend deeded a considerable amount of land to the

town stating that " the land be forever

used or occupied as a part of a green for

the benefit or accommodation of the

public in general, no building or any

name or kind to be erected or to stand

on said ground to the end of time."

Thus the Green. As a note, from 1895

to 1910, Rudolph Carlson, ran his cigar

factory in this house.

Just west of the Green near the above home was the recent home of Hannah Clark Russell built in 1876. With its extensive pasture and farmland, this homestead was once used as a dairy



farm and potatoes were grown on the property as well. It once

contained a carriage house, horse stables and many sheds. Next to this home and a little further east

was the general store of John

Bryan, the first of its kind. The house now standing, again west of the Green is the Parsonage of the church but the road in front of the house is where Mr. Bryan built his store. You see, there was no road there in 1815. However, Richard Bryan lost the property to the town in 1838 through bankruptcy.

The town hall wasn't always on the corner of Tyler City Road and Orange Center Road. A wonderful old farmhouse stood there. Dr. Colburn appears to have moved from his previous address and several Clark brothers lived there at one time as well. The last owner was Hannah Russell who deeded the property to the town and the house was taken down. Previously, the town offices were located in what is now known as the Academy Museum.

A house located on the corner of Orange Center and Porter Lane was once used as a post office by Sidney Oviatt with an addition you can see from the road. A hitching post is still standing in front of the fence. The date Mr. Oviatt purchased the home

appears to be 1845 and when



THE FIRST RURAL MAIL OUTFIT

was ready to change his hairstyle or he bought into the dare, the tree is now, all 7 inches square, a ridgepole. Long live the tree.

Looking now to the "business" community, one Ellsworth Foote lived on the

corner of Orange Center Road and Porter Lane. He was by trade a shoemaker, yes he was and he also made knives. North Milford was not short on shoemakers and the early house on the corner of Meeting House Lane was just that, owned by William T. Grant. The Orange Historical Society has one



the New Haven & Derby Railroad opened in 1871, Mr. Oviatt moved the post office to the train station when he became the first station

agent. Now if all of this seems confusing, there is a publication which is available, free of charge, by the Orange Historical Society and can be obtained at the Academy on Saturdays from 10-3 or by calling the OHS phone number (203 795-3106) to pick one up at another time.

Just imagine how busy the center of town was in the 19th century.

DINE AROUND IS BACK

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is continuing it's successful series of social get togethers at local restaurants. This time we are returning to Ola, the popular New World, Latin Cuisine restaurant on the Post Road in Orange. This series has featured five restaurants in Orange, but we are returning to Ola

by popular demand. Come and enjoy a variety of tapas and some of the exotic drinks (paid separately) and share conversation with people who support the arts. The event will take place on Sunday, April 10th at 4:00p.m. and the cost is \$40.00 per person tax and tip included. For reservations call: 203-795-3127.

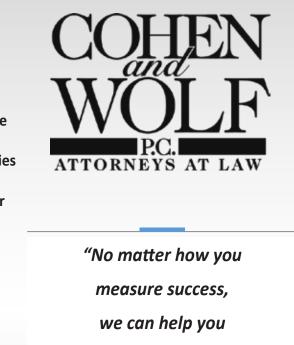
TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016

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



11th	Traffic Authority	Police Dept Police Dept Woodbridge Mary L. Tracy School
12th	Inland Wetlands Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Board of Selectmen7:30 pm	Town Hall
14th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte12 noon Community Services Comm7:00 pm	Silverbrook Estates HPCC
18th	Family Counseling Advisory Council.9:00 am Board of Finance7:30 pm Board of Health7:30 pm	HPCC Town Hall HPCC
19th	Board of Assessment Appeals5:00 pm Town Plan & Zoning Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
20th	CERT	HPCC HPCC
21st	Senior Advisory Board 20161:00 pm Case Memorial Library Comm7:00 pm	HPCC Case Memorial Lib.
22nd	Emergency Management8:00 am	Police Station
25th	Youth Services Advisory Board	HPCC
27th	Safety Comm9:00 am Park & Recreation Comm7:30 pm	Town Hall Town Hall
28th	Bond Construction Oversight Cmte7:30 pm	Town Hall

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We've created this chart to demonstrate the importance of drafting Advance Directives. If you are in the pool of people that have not yet taken action, we encourage you to do so, and take control of your ability to make these important financial and medical decisions.



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THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SPRINGS INTO ACTION

It looks like the spring of 2016 will be more than turning the page on the calendar for the financial services industry and for those individuals that seek advice for retirement from financial advisors. By the time this article is published the Department of Labor (DOL) will have published its final regulations regarding the "Fiduciary Rule". If you presently work with a financial professional who gives you retirement advice and/or investment recommendations for your IRA, ROTH IRA, rollover IRA, inherited IRA, SEP IRA or spousal IRA that relationship is about to be redefined.

Part of the Fiduciary Rule means that vour financial advisor must offer unbiased advice, regardless of the investment product being recommended. This could be difficult for a brokerage firm or insurance company that offers proprietary (investment products that are exclusive to a firm or insurance company) products that generally do give higher compensation than non-proprietary products. In other words, advisors who have incentive to use one retirement vehicle, whether that incentive is for higher compensation or trip qualifications, can no longer continue with such a structure.

There has been much controversy surrounding the Fiduciary Rule, so much that the original proposal was shelfed back in 2012. You might ask, what is wrong with putting a client's best interest first and offering unbiased advice? Nothing! In fact most financial advisors already put their customers' best interest first. They are hardworking men and women who go into this field to help families achieve retirement security. Then why would there be controversy about the new regulations? Because as written, financial advisors will no longer be able to receive any compensation in the form of commission, service fees or on-going 12B-1 fees for advising you on your retirement accounts.

If an advisor wants to continue to be compensated for giving retirement advice (with or without investment recommendations), they must now enter into a contractual agreement with their client. The contractual agreement is called a "Best Interest Contract Exemption" or BICE. The BICE contract will have full disclosure of compensation and other fee information, a warranty that neither the advisor nor the financial institution will make many misleading statements and disclose the steps the advisor and financial institution will take to mitigate potential conflicts of interest.

The other DOL alternative is to use fee-based programs where, instead of your advisor being compensated by the investment or insurance company, they would be directly charging you a fee based on the assets under management (you write a check). Fee based programs may not be appropriate for every investor, especially for smaller accounts. And, therein lies the problem with the new DOL regulations - the added costs for implementation. A study conducted by the Financial Services Institute with Oxford Economics Projects predict that the rule will cost the industry nearly \$3.9 billion dollars to implement! That figure is not far-fetched as this is one of the most comprehensive revisions of fiduciary advice regulations since 1974. The industry concerns are that these costs will likely result in less access to retirement planning advice and services for small and medium sized investors.

If you have not had a conversation or received information about the DOL from your advisor, call them. You will need time to understand how this will affect you and what changes, if any, you might expect. Try to get a better understanding of the BICE contract and what it will mean to you. Be ready to explore your options going forward. The existing proposal would require financial professionals to be in compliance in 8 months from its release. A google news search of "DOL Fiduciary Rule" will get you up to speed.

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victory in the fight to protect pet choice from misguided ban legislation.

"PIJAC's primary purpose is to protect and promote responsible pet ownership," Reid adds. "While we used to focus heavily on 'promoting' through retailer education and certification programs, it is the intent moving forward that the Pet Leadership Council (PLC) take on more of an educational role so PIJAC can really tackle the legislative and regulatory issues facing the industry, head on."

A more united pet industry is working for everyone's best interest. There are major industry initiatives, which PIJAC supports and is involved in, that focus on separate and specific issues and segments. These initiatives not only support PIJAC's efforts, but more importantly, they allow PIJAC to focus on government affairs. For example, the Human Animal Bond Research Initiative (HABRI) is funding scientific research involving human health and companion animals, and Pets in the Classroom is going in at ground level, teaching our youth the benefits of companion animal ownership and proper animal care early on. The American Pet Products Association, the Pet Industry Distributors Association, the World Pet Association and the Pet Care Trust are also major industry organizations, each working diligently on specific segments, while at the same time all working toward the success of the industry.

"We are proud of the organization

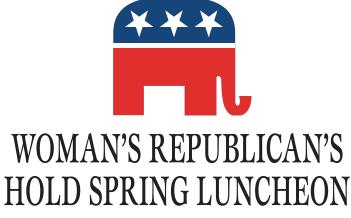


Laura J. "Peach" Reid

PIJAC has become and the organizations we've worked with along the way," says Bober. "Having Peach assume the chair at this unique time in PIJAC's history just makes sense, as it demonstrates both a continuity with our history and a focus on our future."

"As chairman, one goal is to get more people in the pet business actively engaged in protecting and promoting our responsible pet industry," says Reid. "Only with all of us working together, collaboratively, will we be able to more effectively deal with the ever-growing number of challenges facing us—both in the legislative and regulatory arenas, and also with the availability of quality pets for families everywhere."

Given Reid's long list of accolades and history of high engagement, she is honored by her new role as chair and is ready to take on this both historically new and reassuringly familiar position.



The Woman's Republican Club of Orange will present a Luncheon honoring the women who make a difference in our state and local governments. Themis Klarides, House Republican Leader, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday, April 16th at 11:30 am. The event will be

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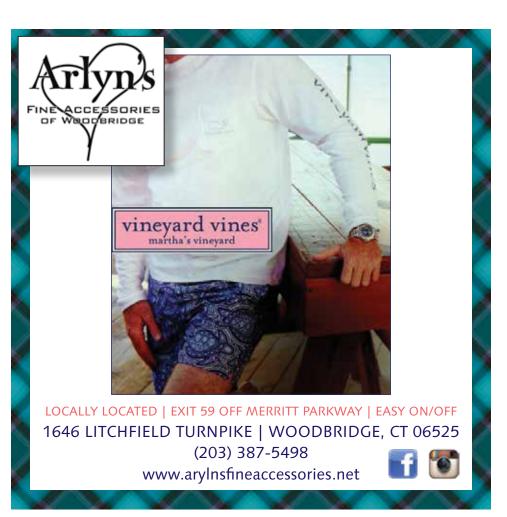
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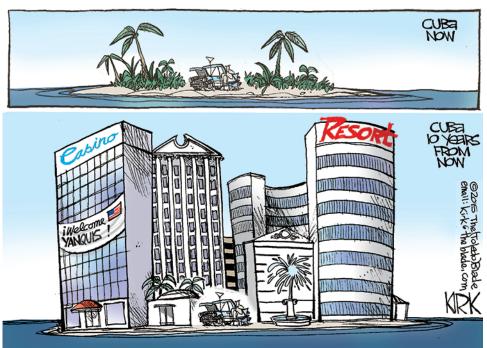
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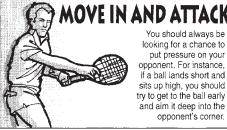
ORANGE PARK & RECREATION TENNIS - SPRING 2016

Orange Park & Recreation is offering mini spring & spring tennis clinics through Fairfield County Tennis for children and adults. Oleta Urda, has been teaching tennis for twenty years. She teaches at Trumbull Indoor Tennis and has taught at local clubs including New Canaan Racquet Club, Stamford Indoor Tennis, and many more. She enjoys working with students of all levels and hopes to inspire them to develop and improve their skills as players in a fun and friendly learning environment.

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- Monday, March 28 through April 11 (Rain make up April 25 & May 2)
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- Beginner/Advanced Beginner Juniors (ages 5 - 7) 4 – 5 pm Cost \$105
- Beginner/Advanced Beginner Juniors (ages 8 - 11) 5 - 6 pm Cost \$105
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BOYS 9 & 10 YEAR OLD ORANGE RECREATION CHAMPIONS

The Orange Rec Huskies went undefeated during the season and carried their winning ways on to win the Championship with a close win over the Orange Rec Blue Team.



The 2015-2016 Holy Infant Orangemen 6th Grade Championship Team. This year's team won The Frank Kinney Branford tournament for the second year in a





NEW PROGRAM UNIFIES SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN WITH PEERS

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

In the beginning of March, a handful of physical education and special education teachers and paraprofessionals launched a Unified Sports program in the Orange schools. Through this program, which is a registered program of the Special Olympics, students with special needs work with non-disabled peers on developing and strengthening sports and social skills on a non-competitive sports team. The Unified Sports Program was in place and available to students at Amity Middle School and Amity Regional High School and Eric Rothbart, a physical education teacher, thought it made sense to offer the program to elementary school students, too. "The idea is that by offering this program at the elementary level, we can connect the pathway for special ed and other students in a program that takes them from six to 18 years old," Rothbart said. "It has been a great addition. As it grows, we'll see the connections grow between children and a nice support system with the peer students," he said. Rothbart is working with Diane Downey, LCSW District Social Worker

and Jaime Horowitz (special education) and about 40 students including those with special needs and their peers. "Part of the program is that the special needs children are paired with grade level mentors. They are good models of the type of behavior we'd like all children to follow and through these friendships, we hope for a smoother transition from sixth grade to middle school," he said. After two months of practicing, the experience culminates with athletic games where the group, appropriately named "Team Orange," represented Orange at a statewide event with other local schools on Saturday, April 2nd at the Floyd Little Athletic Center in New Haven. The field-day style event features bowling, tee-ball, and other non-competitive sports. There is no scoreboard and no officials. In addition to coaching the Unified Sports Program, Rothbart also leads the "Young Athletes" Program at the Kindergarten level, which has been incorporated into the Kindergarten curriculum. They had their culminating event on March 23rd at Mary L. Tracy School.

row. In addition to winning in Branford, the team won the Sal Tinari East Haven tournament and the Lady of Fatima (Wilton) tournament. The team also had strong runner-up finishes in the Fairfield County tournament and the Milford Hoopfest tourney (60 6th grade teams total). Team members include: Jeffrey Hutchinson, Jake Genovese, Colby O'Conner, Justin Zamkov, Corey Donovan, Liam Tassiello, Brett Chodos, Mac Burke, Martin Zhang, AJ Soldra and Scott Lowder.

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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan





SEASONS BY JEFFREY'S

Claudio Sanfrancesco has owned Jeffrey's Restaurant by Claudio in Milford for 8 years and recently made some great changes at this popular location. The restaurant is now called "Seasons by Jeffrey's" with the concept of changing the menu three to four times a year using the freshest seasonal farm grown and organic ingredients from local high quality purveyors. Claudio recently added Aaron Magun to his staff as Executive Chef. Aaron, an Amity High School graduate grew up in Woodbridge and attended Johnson & Wales for his culinary training. This talented and creative Chef had been working in California and decided the time was right to return to his roots in Connecticut.

Jeffrey's Restaurant from the very beginning had an excellent reputation for outstanding food and service. Claudio has maintained the stellar reputation and also worked hard to make some great improvements including a private room that features French doors, cozy fireplace and seating to accommodate parties up to 35. The exquisite, yet comfortable dining room offers sweeping views of the salt marsh with elegant furnishings including linen tablecloths and napkins. In the summertime you can sit out on the patio and enjoy the lovely flowers and singing birds. One of the most appealing features at Seasons by Jeffrey's is talented Pianist and Vocalist Ray Cranshaw. This softspoken gentleman plays mellow dinner music in the dining room every day for lunch and dinner. Ray is an incredible performer and is extremely popular with the regular clientele. Many evenings you will find guests being serenaded by Claudio himself. He is a true gentleman and the ultimate host with a gift of making his customers feel like they are very welcome and part of his family. I am a true believer of good customer service and Claudio is definitely #1 by far. Seasons by Jeffrey's is a favorite with the local business community hosting many of their corporate events along with numerous private parties. Seasons by Jeffrey's is the perfect location for a wedding with the amazing views, upscale interior, and top notch food. They can

accommodate up to 120 and have an exterior gazebo for the ceremony.

The menu is filled with exciting dishes and flavors for every palette. In addition to the appetizers, salads, and entrees, you will love the soups and warm, crusty bread made daily. Il desserts are house made and I highly recommend the "warm lava cake with cappuccino gelato & almond crackle". Seasons is now offering a "Prefix of the Week" 4 course menu available Sunday-Friday including appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert & coffee for \$35.00. Ladies night every Thursday offers all ladies 50% off all food and drinks. Happy Hour Monday-Friday also featuring 50% off all drinks and appetizers in the cozy bar. Seasons by Jeffrey's menus may be viewed on its website below or on Facebook as well. I also have to mention that they received outstanding reviews from Zagat with one of the highest ratings in Connecticut stating "for a special night out fans head to this upscale Milford establishment for "inventive" very well executed Continental-New American Cuisine served by a staff that "aims to please" in "classy" surroundings".

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Final notes: When you walk in the front door, Claudio is there to greet you, attending to every detail which is something very unique in today's restaurant business. The warm ambiance and exquisite setting along with the outstanding food and service makes Seasons by Jeffrey's the place to dine with family, friends or business associates on a regular basis.

If you have a favorite restaurant, e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com.





Q: I love Tobias Menzies of "Outlander." Can you tell me what else I can see him in? -- Layla F., via email

A: If you're looking for older stuff, you can see the talented Brit in "Casino Royale," season three of "Game of Thrones" (a quick IMDB check shows he'll be in season six as well), "Atonement" and "Rome." Currently airing across the pond on the BBC is a TV series called "Night Manager" -- a six-part adaptation of John Le Carre's spy thriller -- where Tobias co-stars alongside **Tom** Hiddleston and Hugh Laurie. AMC grabbed up the rights here in the States, where the miniseries will begin airing on April 19. And, of course, you can catch Tobias in "Outlander" on Starz; season two begins April 9.

Q: Please tell me that my husband heard correctly: Is Harrison Ford reprising his role of Indiana Jones? --Glenda R., via Facebook

A: He is indeed! Harrison and Steven Spielberg are reteaming to bring us this fifth film in the series, which is expected to be released July 19, 2019. Alan Horn, chairman of the Walt Disney Studios, said in a recent press release: "Indiana Jones is one of the greatest heroes in cinematic history, and we can't wait to bring him back to the screen in 2019. It's rare to have such a perfect combination of director, producers, actor and role, and we couldn't be more excited to embark on this adventure with Harrison and Steven." And let's all just forget that fourth movie ever happened.

Q: Are they really making an updated "MacGyver" TV series? -- Paul T., Atlanta

A: Lucas Till, who just finished filming the role of Havok in "X-Men: Apocalypse" (in theaters May 27), will



Lucas Till [Depositphotos.com]

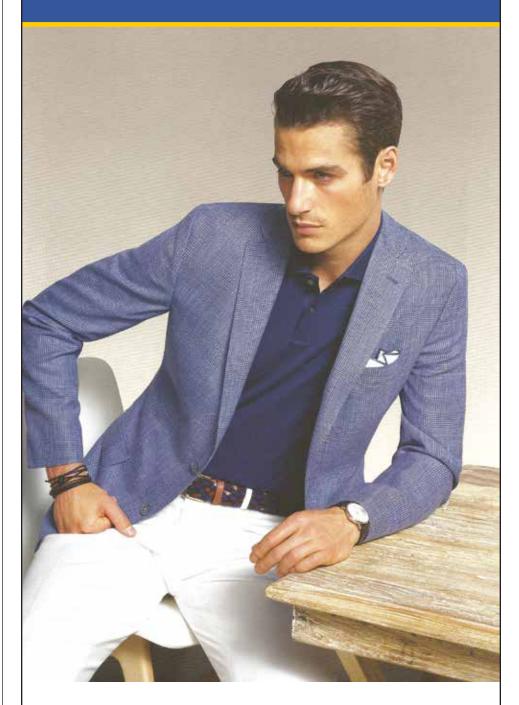
star as the resourceful secret agent in the CBS pilot of the "MacGyver" reboot. He'll play our 20-something hero who's recruited into a secret organization to help save lives using his special set of skills. Till joins Joshua Boone, who will play his best friend, Gunner, and George Eads (of "CSI" fame), who has been cast as Lincoln.

Q: "Vikings" is one of my favorite dramas on television. Will it be back for another season? -- Frank H., via email

A: The History channel has renewed the historical drama for a 20-episode fifth season, which is set to air in 2017. Also, Jonathan Rhys Myers has been tapped to join the series, but his role has not yet been revealed. Jonathan plays bad guys so well ("The Tudors," "The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones" and "Dracula") that I hope he'll also play a baddie for this series. After all, that's how we love him most. In case you're interested, you can see Jonathan from May 30 through June 2 during the four-night miniseries event of the reboot of Alex Haley's "Roots," which will air simultaneously on A&E, History and Lifetime.

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"SPRING'S ETERNAL" EXHIBIT AT CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, is presenting "Spring's Eternal" exhibit of selected works by local artist Cheri Miller-Weymann and photographer Hedi Minow-Pike, May 5 to May 30. The public is invited to a reception for the artists on May 5 from 5 to 7 pm.

Hedi Minow-Pike has exhibited her fine art photography for the past decade

in numerous galleries and has been the recipient of several awards. Her digital floral photography has a painterly-like effect creating a unique perspective. Cheri Miller-Weymann, an award-winning watercolor and oil painter known for her distinctive contemporary style, will show case bold vibrant images inspired by the beauty of spring.



Recently, two sixth graders from Peck Place School were awarded The Connecticut Association of Schools Outstanding Arts Award at the Celebration of the Arts

ORANGE AUTHOR'S YEAR-LONG EXPLORATION OF THE IVY LEAGUE

Many adults engage in consuming hobbies. They may be enthusiasts of rare coins or seekers of elusive birds. Some people are infatuated with football – American and/or European. At this moment in the United States, many amateur pundits carefully watch and debate the world of politics.

Author Sean-Michael Green, however, has a different passion. He is a higher education junkie. He has his fair share of degrees – more accurately, the firstgeneration college student has earned enough degrees to cover his whole family – and he has attended schools ranging from state schools to the Sorbonne. His interest is not limited to his own formal education. He is a fan of universities, students, and academics – but he is especially intrigued by the most selective institutions.

Green, who lives in Orange and works at the University of New Haven, is the author of a new book, The Things I Learned in College. The book tells the funny and true story of his travels over the course of an academic year of exploring the eight Ivy League schools. He spent approximately 30 days at each school attending classes, talking to students, and participating in campus life. "I began in August with the freshmen at Cornell," he said, "and I finished at commencement with the seniors at Princeton in May. It was an exhausting but epic adventure."

Along the way, he reconnoitered Brown, Dartmouth, Penn, Columbia, and Harvard. And, of course, Yale in his now-backyard. "Yale was not what I expected it to be," said Green. "It was a great part of my project. The students were warm and welcoming. I am especially grateful for the time they spent showing me their residential colleges." He added that, while he knows that it may not be everyone's cup of tea, he cannot get enough of Harkness Tower.

The book is not a guidebook in a traditional sense. The institutions of the a stand-up comedian, and his humor finds its way into the book. Early book reviewers and bloggers have universally commented on the comedic quality of the book. For example, Kirkus described Green's writing style as, "highly engaging and entertaining, with dry wit infusing this book."

For someone with a passion for education, Sean-Michael Green did not naturally gravitate to college. He was a "horrible" high school student, nearly failing out of school and enlisting in the Marine Corps upon graduation. After leaving active duty, he began taking a few courses at a community college with little hope of success. His time in the military, however, awakened an intellectual curiosity that served him well.

"My path through higher education began as most things do: With a girl." He was dating a young woman who had attended the University of Pittsburgh, a high-quality research university. "I was surprised by my good grades at the community college, and I showed my early grades to my girlfriend at the time. She was unimpressed, saying, 'Well, yeah, you can do that at a community college, but try that at Pitt!"

Thus, Green left community college – and the girlfriend – behind and went to the University of Pittsburgh. He fulfilled the requirements of multiple majors, earned admission to Phi Beta Kappa, and graduated from the University Honors College with high honors.

One of his best friends from childhood had also graduated Pitt, and he was apathetic. The friend had gone on to graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania - an Ivy League school. Rising to the challenge, Sean-Michael earned a master's degree at Penn, too. Of course, by that time the friend had gone on to law school. Nothing, according to the friend, was as academically challenging as that - sparking Sean-Michael to attend Cornell Law School, where he became the only person in his class to earn two law degrees in three years. Fortunately, his friend stopped issuing academic challenges at that point. The love of learning and the passion for higher education has not diminished for Sean-Michael, though. "I'm fortunate to work in a field that I love with wonderful colleagues and mentors. I learn something every day." The Things I Learned in College is available in paperback and as an e-book through Amazon. And the sequel? Another year of auditing courses, attending fraternity parties, and stalking across the hallowed grounds of America's most selective schools? "No," said Sean-Michael shaking his head with exhaustion.

Festival held at the Aqua Turf Club. This award is given to students who have excelled in the areas of performing or visual arts, as well as exhibiting high levels of citizenship and cooperative skills. These students were selected by their music teacher, Mrs. Kristen Turkosz and art teacher, Ms. Jennifer Russo. Congratulations!

"PICTURE THIS"- PHOTO CONTEST

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is sponsoring its fourth annual photography contest "Picture This". The contest is open to Orange residents in grades 4 -12. The contest encourages participants to photograph people, places or things in Orange. The photos will be judged in three grade categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12. Prizes of 1st-\$25.00, 2nd -\$15.00 and Honorable Mention - \$10.00 will be awarded in each grade category.

The photo entries may be in black/ white or color. The submitted photo must be 8"x10" in size and unframed. Each entry should include a brief description about the subject of the photo. The photographer's name, address, school and grade level should be included on the back of the photo.

All photos must be submitted by June 1, 2016. Send entries to OACC, PO Box 596, Orange, CT 06477. The photos will become the property of the OACC and will not be returned.

For further information, contact Judy Primavera at 203-795-1133 or Liz Gesler at 203-795-5133. Ivy League serve as a backdrop to the vignettes, and the schools are discussed and described at length, but the book embraces Green's subjectivity. It is not the definitive guide to the Ivies, but rather the story of one man's exploration of the Ivies. In this way, Green brings color and warmth to a subject so often reduced to data points and statistics.

The book is intended to serve prospective students and families seeking a different view of the Ivy League. Moreover, Green hopes that alumni will find the book full of reminders of good memories. The primary audience, however, are people who are looking for a voyeuristic peek into an exclusive world.

This educator and author was once

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Paugusset Pool & Tennis Club Elects Its 2016 Board of Directors

Seated L to R: Christy Lindsay, Sabra Donovan, Heather Allen (President), Garan Mullin, Mary Shaw; Standing L to R: Chris Browe, Joe Cafasso, Brian Kaligian (Past President), Ken Ziman, Mike Storz; (Missing from Photo: Amy Bugge, Sherri Franzman)



JEWISH COMMUNITY **CENTER EVENTS**

All events take place at the JCC, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge

Introduction to Kabbalah

Thursday, March 31; April 7 & April 14 – 7-8:30 p.m. join instructor Justin Beck in exploring questions of Jewish spirituality such as:

- What is the meaning of life?
- What does it mean to be Jewish?
- How can I make my life more meaningful and fulfilled?

The Jewish answers to these questions and many more will be addressed in the three-part series. Cost is \$45 for JCC members or \$50 for community members. For more information contact Mara Balk at marab@jccnh.org.

April School Vacation Camp

Monday, April 18-Friday, April 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended care available. When school is out the JCC is in! Join us for a week of fun and meeting new friends. The week includes an inflatable obstacle course, tie dye crafts, a magic show by Danny Magic, screening of the Disney Pixar film "Good Dinosaur," and kite making. After school programs are located at the JCC of Greater New Haven. For more information and pricing, contact Kari McInerney, After School Director at karim@jccnh.org or (203) 387-2522, ext. 236.

Book Launch For Author Marc Wortman

Tuesday, April 19, 7-9 p.m., please join the JCC of Greater New Haven in this book launch featuring Marc Wortman and his new novel, 1941: Fighting the Shadow War: A Divided America in a World at War. Pick up your copy of his book at RJ Julia Booksellers today. This event is free and open to all! Coffee, cocktails and nosh will be available. For more information, contact Mara Balk at marab@jccnh.org.

Passover School Vacation Camp

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Extended care available. When school is out the JCC is in! Join us for a week of fun and meeting new friends. The week includes tie dye crafts, pom-pom launcher and kaleidoscope making, and super hero day which includes designing a cape and mask. After school programs are located at the JCC of Greater New Haven. For more information and pricing, contact Kari McInerney, After School Director at karim@ jccnh.org or (203) 387-2522, ext. 236.

Book Celebration For Author Betsy Lerner

Sunday, May 15, 4 P.M. please join us in this author showcase featuring New Haven native, Betsy Lerner and her memoir, The Bridge Ladies. Betsy will sign books and there will be a panel with the Bridge Ladies. This event is free and open to all! Coffee and desserts will be available. For more information, contact Mara Balk at marab@jccnh.org.

IsraelFest New Haven

On Sunday, June 5, the Jewish community will host IsraelFest New Haven on the JCC Campus in Woodbridge from 2-6 p.m. From 2-4 p.m. there will be an Israeli carnival featuring food, educational booths, dancing, games and much more. The festival will feature a concert at 4pm with Yemen Blues, an extraordinary Israeli fusion band combining Middle Eastern and jazz influences. IsraelFest is free and open to the community.

IsraelFest, a collaboration of Greater New Haven synagogues and the Jewish Federation, also known as Kesher, unites the broader community in celebration of the anniversary of Israel's Independence. Rabbi Rona Shapiro of Congregation B'nai Jacob said that she "recalls wonderful Israel celebrations with her family in Cleveland, OH" and said she "looks forward to creating a special experience

Ella Urban Caitlyn Knight, Molly Emmens, and Jayda Adamo.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 60140 **CELEBRATE ORG'S BIRTHDAY**

Girl Scout troop 60140 celebrated Girl Scouts of the USA's Birthday on March 12th this year with two potential future Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts of the USA was started 104 years ago on March 12th, 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low sold her precious pearls, given to her on her wedding day, for supplies to start her own troop of girls, which is why on the week of March 12th Girl Scouts wear pearls to remember her act of giving.

Juliette reached across many barriers to ensure that all girls including those with so-called disabilities were able to

join Girl Scouts of the USA and have a place to grow and develop leadership skills.

To honor this special day our Girl Scout Troop, wearing our pearls, went to Yale New Haven Hospital to donate two baskets full of supplies for babies along with two cuddly Build-a-Bears which were given out to the first two girls that were born on March 12th 2016. We have received one thank you note stating that she, "hopes her child will become a future Girl Scout when she is able to."

Monday, April 25-Thursday, April 28, in New Haven".

ASSOCIATION OF CT. FAIRS SCHOLARSHIPS

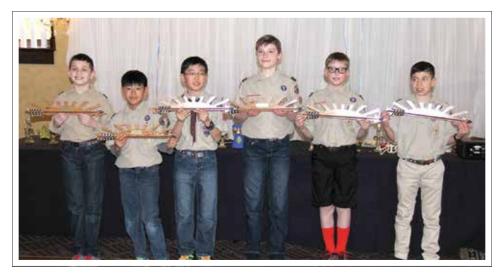
The Orange Country Fair has announced that applications for The Ct. Association of Fairs scholarship program are available at Amity Senior High School guidance department, The Case Memorial Library and at the Orange Town Hall.

One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or college student pursuing a course of study in agriculture, home economics or a related field during the next school year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior or college student pursuing a course of study in any field during the next school year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior or college student to be chosen at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

All applications must be received and returned to the fair secretary by May 15th. Please mail to: Marianne Bauer, Secretary - Orange Country Fair, 1041 Beechlawn Terrace, Orange, Ct. 06477, (203) 795-6489.

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Arrow of Light picture from Left to Right: Nicholas Massey, Jason Byun, Daniel Kim, Francis Cavallaro, Matthew Wezenski and Nicholas Romano. Not in photo: Grayson Kuchta-Humphrey.

7 ORANGE SCOUTS AWARDED HIGHEST AWARD

Pack 922 of Orange held its annual Blue & Gold Banquet at The Inn at Villa Bianca on March 20, 2016, where six boys were awarded the Arrow of Light.

Through the Boy Scouts of America, the award is the highest recognition available to Cub Scouts, and the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. The Arrow of Light is much more difficult to obtain than a belt loop, an activity badge, or even one of the other rank patches. To be eligible for the award, a Scout must be active in a Webelos Den for at least six months and have earned the Webelos badge. He must be knowledgeable of the requirements to become a Boy Scout including the oath, law, slogan, and motto as well as understanding the significance of the First Class Scout badge and uniform. The Scout must participate in an outdoor activity with a Boy Scout troop, attend a meeting with the troop, and go on a Webelos campout. He is also required to earn a total of eight activity badges. The ceremony is in essence a 'coming of age' ceremony symbolizing that Cub Scouts are now ready to become Boy Scouts.

The Cub Scouts awarded the Arrow of Light are Jason Byun, Francis Cavallaro, Daniel Kim, Grayson Kuchta-Humphrey, Nicholas Massey, Nicholas Romano, and Matthew Wezenski, under their Den leadership of Jen Cavallaro and Scott Massey. This prestigious award was presented to the boys at their Blue & Gold Banquet, where Webelos II scouts also cross over to Boy Scouts. The Scouts crossing over to boy scouting are Jason Byun, Francis Cavallaro, Grayson Kuchta-Humphrey, Nicholas Massey, Nicholas Romano, and Matthew Wezenski who have joined Boy Scout Troop 12 in Milford. In combination with the Arrow of Light recipients, over 30 Pack 922 Cub Scouts advanced in rank. Advancing to the rank of Wolf are Cub Scouts Dylan Bataille, Avery French, Noah James, Enzo Martone, Nathan Saccente, and August Tullo, with their Den Leaders Ken Saccente and Chris Martone. Advancing to the rank of Bear are

Cub Scouts Jack Destival, Tristan Hansen, Owen Higgins, and William Keenan, with their Den Leader Pete Higgins.

Advancing to the rank of Webelos are Cub Scouts Michael Audie, Connor Bunnell, Todd Evans, Josh Homiski, Grayson James, Nathan LaPlante, Aiwen Lebreck, Jack Sullivan, and Aiden Wydra, with their Den Leaders Kevin Lebreck and Dave Evans.

Finally, advancing to the rank of Webelos II are Cub Scouts Timmy Cap, Connor Guccione, Charlie Hogan, Bruno Martone, Carter Reynolds, and Nick Tice, with their Den Leaders John Guccione and Chris Martone.

Many special guests attended the Blue & Gold Banquet, such as Superintendent Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Principal Michael Gray, Donna Wesolowski (Unit Commissioner), Charlie Casey (Scoutmaster, Troop 12 in Milford), Jim Niper (Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 12 in Milford), Casey Glennon (Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 12), and Logan Niper (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 12), Nick Foss (Scribe, Troop 12), Rohan Monahor (Patrol Leader, Troop 12), and Benjamin Cap (Boy Scout, Troop 12).

According to Cubmaster Jeff Cap, the dinner is an annual event that honors the boys. "It's basically a graduation party for everything the boys have accomplished this past year and a celebration as they move on to their next rank," he said. Cap said it was a very rewarding day for him and his wife, Vicky (Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 922), as they both watched these boys advance. "It's very important for young boys to learn all the skills and safety taught in scouting. These skills are not learned in school or by just playing sports. It's something they will learn and remember for the rest of their lives," said Jeff Cap. Any boy in grades one through five can join cub scouting. To find out more about joining a Pack in Orange or another town, please contact Jeff Cap at cubmaster@orangectscouting.com or by visiting Pack 922's website at www. OrangeCTscouting.com.



Orange Cub Scout Pack 922 Leaders Jeff & Vicky Cap Awarded "Proclamation" For Their Outstanding Services

"ORANGE, CONNECTICUT CUB SCOUT DAY"

At the 2016 Cub Scout Pack 922 Blue & Gold Banquet on Sunday, March 20th, Jeff Cap and his wife, Vicky, were awarded a Proclamation in honor of "Orange Connecticut Cub Scout Day". This Proclamation was received during the banquet, which is held annually by Cub Scout Pack 922. The incredible honor of receiving such a Proclamation came as a big surprise to Jeff and Vicky. Each year Cub Scout packs will hold a Blue & Gold banquet to celebrate the birthday of scouting and it is also a time where Cub Scouts are recognized for earning awards and advancing in rank. Typically at the Cub Scout Pack 922 Blue & Gold banquet, it is also tradition to recognize leaders and committee members for volunteering and for the dedication they provide to the scouting program. This year Pack 922 had over 40 Cub Scouts advance in rank, including seven Cub Scouts from the Webelos II den, who received the highest rank a Cub Scout can earn, the Arrow of Light. The next step for the Webelos II scouts is to continue to Boy Scouts. Since 2010, Jeff and Vicky Cap have been involved as leaders with Cub Scouts and have worked to recruit boys from first through fifth grade to join scouting. The parents of Pack 922 also play a big role in the recruitment, leadership, and support of Cub Scouting. Jeff and Vicky, along with the leaders and committee members of Pack 922, are continually working and organize scout-

ing events throughout the year. Most recently Jeff spent much of his own personal time last year and previous years helping schedule and organize the large ConnJam event that took place at the Orange Fairgrounds for an entire weekend, which consisted of over 3,000 scouts and leaders. Jeff served on the ConnJam committee as the liaison between the Town of Orange and the Boy Scouts of America, helping to organize the event as well as being involved with planning meetings with various Orange groups, such as the First Selectman's office, the Park and Rec Commission, the Orange Police Department, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department, and many more. Jeff assisted with the planning of ConnJam for the past 12 years. Jeff has earned the highest adult leadership award offered through the Boy Scouts of America called "Wood Badge" in 2011. He has also had leadership roles for Wood Badge courses in 2014 and 2016. In addition to ConnJan, Pack 922 also offers a variety of events each year, which Jeff and Vicky assist in organizing and running, such as camping (Famoree and Hauntoree), Battleship Cove, food drives, fundraising events, community beautification, opening ceremonies at community fairs and events, etc. Parents who have any questions about scouting may contact Jeff and Vicky Cap. You can visit the Pack 922 website at www.OrangeCTscouting.com.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

AMITY TEEN CENTER LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The Amity Teen Center, Inc., located at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge, Connecticut welcomes professionals in the community to offer workshops and/or mentoring at our after-school program Tuesday thru Thursday 3 - 6 p.m. for at-risk teens. Volunteering can be done on a one time or ongoing basis. We are trying to enhance their appreciation of the need for education and basic reading, writing and math skills.

Examples of appropriate workshops would be on banking, budgeting, job skills, life skills, self-improvement. Any appropriate activities that support our mission and any level of participation would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, we are starting a new community service "company" for teens to learn job skills by doing hands on activity. This will be a medical equipment exchange available to all ages.

Mission: The Amity Teen Center mission is to (1) provide a community anchor for teens where they may socialize and participate in recreational and educational activities in a safe environment, (2) offer after school programs to stimulate creativity, enhance selfesteem, and develop social and educational skills, and (3) develop awareness of community among teens through community service projects, intergenerational programs and multicultural programs.

For further information, please contact either Jennifer Romanoff (203) 668-9348 theatc.info@gmail.com or Linda Cohen (203) 980-3409 cohen. lindad@gmail.com

ORANGE LAND TRUST ANNUAL MEETING

Our Weather, Becoming Milder but Wilder

The Orange Land Trust would like to invite you to our Annual Meeting, to be held Wednesday, May 4th, 2016, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road at 7 pm. Following a short business meeting our guest speaker for the evening is Kevin Arnone, meteorologist with Channel 8, WTNH New Haven.

The presentation on Coastal Connecticut's Weather, will provide an interesting and informative look at just what makes our weather, why is it so "changeable", and what factors influence our day-today, seasonal, and even year-to-year weather experience. A good, yet puzzling, example is contrasting the winter of 2015, with its' prolonged, bitter cold and significant snowstorm after snowstorm, with this past winter's relatively mild temps and just a few, more typical, snow storms. Neither of which (thankfully) had the usual "Southern Connecticut" snow - changing to sleet, then freezing rain, then, freezing everything solid!

Do you remember a few years back, day after day, we seemed to have torrential rain from late winter through July and August? Yet the past two summers were so dry that the ponds and brooks nearly disappeared and lawn mowing dwindled to just a few times during the season.

Kevin also plans to bring a portable Weather Lab to help demonstrate the methods of gathering, measuring and quantifying current weather conditions, such as wind, moisture, temperature, pressure and observing the change in those characteristics, to shape a forecast.

We are forecasting a fun, informative and educational evening for all. Please plan to join us. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will



GARDEN CLUB MAY MARKET

Marion Rizzo and Maryellen Bespuda are modeling the aprons that will be for sale at the May Market, on the Orange Town Green May 7, from 8:30-noon. The Orange Garden Club's annual plant and Bake sale have become a tradition for many residents of town to buy locally grown perennials by our members that are proven winners. Annuals will also be available along with potted window boxes, and some potting benches. These are perfect gifts for Mothers Day giving, as well as homemade baked goods.

Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions. More information is available at. www.orange.ct.gov garden club or call Joanne Friedrichs, membership chairman, at 203-795-4266.

ORANGE MASONS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS

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

of a member of Ansantawae Lodge #89. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Qualified students are encouraged to apply.

Interested students should send a synopsis of their credentials and social interests within their chosen field, along with a current official school transcript. [Transcripts may be sent directly from your school.] Send to: Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Elmer F. Manley, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. All requests must be received by May 15, 2016. For further information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbypolly@yahoo.com, Subject: Scholarship.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE ORANGE FOUNDATION

Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for grants to be distributed in the spring of 2016. Funding is available for projects benefiting the residents of Orange. Those eligible for grants include non-profit organizations, parent-teacher organizations, and service organizations.

According to Janice Lettick, Distribution Committee Member and Chair of Grant Distribution, "Since it began giving out grants, the Foundation has distributed over \$145,000 to various local civic and community organizations. The grants range in size from

\$500 to \$1,500. We encourage Orange community organizations to apply for funding to support their activities." Past recipients include: Shepherd's Table; Orange Juniorettes; Orange Senior Services; Orange Historical Society; and the American Legion Post 127.

Deadline for applications is April 30, 2016. Applications are available online at www.orangefoundtion.org and at the Orange Town Hall, and Case Memorial Library. Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 127 LAUREL GIRLS STATE

Laurel Girls State is a leadership action program course designed to develop a working knowledge of the structure of government to all girls interested in government. This is a one week program of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 127 devoted to citizen training. It is open to all Orange High school senior girls and secondly to any Woodbridge or Bethany senior girl. Applications may be obtained

at the Amity Senior High School Guidance Department, or by completing it on line: www.alalgs.org. Candidates should fill applications out, print them and get them to the Auxiliary coordinator or Guidance Department by the April 18, 2016 - American Legion Auxiliary Post 127 Girls State Coordinator, Marianne Bauer, Post 127 Auxiliary Coordinator, (203) 795-6489.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CONGREGATION B'NAI JACOB

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 1st at 10:00 am - In His Majesty's Scholarly Service: Teaching and Learning East of the Jordan River Led By Ben Watsky – As one of a handful of Jews at King's Academy, a boarding school outside Amman, Jordan, Ben lived and worked in a land whose every stone is steeped in history and legend, but whose contemporary struggles can feel all too real. Ben is excited to return to CBJ where he grew up to share lessons learned from his wanderings in the desert.

Special Services

Passover Schedule

April 22nd at 7:45am – Minyan Followed by Siyum (*No evening service 1st seder*)

April 23rd at 9:45am Service – No Bread & Torah (*No evening service 2nd seder*)

April 24th at 9:30am Service – Pesach Day 2

April 29th at 9:30am Service – Pesach Day 7; Evening Service 6:00pm

April 30th 8th Day of Pesach 7:45am Early Minyan with Yizkor; **9:00am** 'Matzah & Torah'; **9:45am** Service;

Every Week

11:00am Yizkor

Bread & Torah – Every Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (Except when Shir Hadash occurs). Come learn parshat hashavua (the weekly torah portion) over bagels and coffee in the library with Rabbi Shapiro before 9:45 a.m. services.

Mah Jong & Canasta – Every Tuesday & Wednesday. Anyone can come in and play. We will be offering coffee "and" but feel free to bring a dairy lunch. Please call to reserve a table.

Daily Minyan – As a reminder, daily minyan is at 7:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning minyan is at 9:00 a.m. Friday night services are at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

Gan Hayeled Sundays at 9:30 a.m. [During Religious School] – This is for three- and four-year olds and is a "drop off" experience. The curriculum is a playbased Judaic program, taking advantage of our long history of providing a warm, caring environment in which children can develop social skills while also learning about Jewish holidays, traditions and values.

All programs are open to the public. RSVP required when indicated.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EVENTS

Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meeting House Lane in Orange, (203-795-9749) invites you to come to worship with us this spring at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. On April 17th we will host the Orange Clergy Association's 2016 Scholar in Residence program. A reception will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 4:30 p.m. This year's program will be a clergy forum on the topic, "Mixing Religion and Politics: When Should Religious Leaders Speak out about Political Issues?" Also, please join us on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. for a Taize worship service. This style of worship includes chant and song from the Taize and Iona



Orange Congregational Church

communities of Europe. Finally, on May 1st at 4:00 p.m. we will have our last Music on the Green concert for this year, "Hymns of Promise". The Junior, Senior and Handbell Choirs, along with brass and organ, offer favorite hymns of our faith. General admission is \$10 a ticket.

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM HOSTS LECTURE SERIES

The Adult Education Committee of Temple Beth Sholom, 1809 Whitney Avenue, Hamden is hosting a lecture on "Jewish Identity in Italy Today: Which Stones Have Been Left Unturned?" presented by Philip Balma, associate professor of Italian Literary and Cultural Studies at UCONN on April 18th at 7:15 pm. Dr. Balma will address the notion of Jewish identity in Contemporary Italy, and the Anti-Semitic Race Laws. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the Temple office at (203) 288-7748.

Temple Beth Sholom is a conservative egalitarian synagogue with over



Temple Beth Shalom

400 member families and singles from the Greater New Haven community. For information about Temple Beth Sholom, contact the Temple office at (203) 288-7748 or go to www.tbshamdencom.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO CONG. MISHKAN ISRAEL PASSOVER SEDER

Congregation Mishkan Israel will be hosting its annual community Passover Seder on the second night of Passover, Saturday, April 23. The Seder will begin at 6:00 p.m. Members of the community are cordially invited. The cost of the seder is \$45.00 for adults (13 and older) and \$22.50 for children ages 4-12; kids

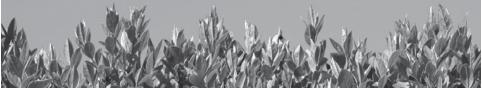
under 4 are free. Advance reservations, which are due by April 15, are required. This year's food is being provided by Emily's Catering.

Congregation Mishkan Israel is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877.

THE ISLE OF KLEZBOS TO PERFORM AT CONG. MISHKAN ISRAEL

Congregation Mishkan Israel is proud to announce its Cantor G Presents Annual Concert on Sunday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m. The featured performers for this special event are The Isle Of Klezbos. Enjoy an afternoon of eclectic, joyful and imaginative Jewish Music with this wonderful group; a soulful, fun-loving powerhouse all-women's Klezmer Sextet. The NYC-based "Isle of Klezbos" approaches tradition with irreverence and respect. Since 1998 they have toured the world from Vienna to Vancouver. The Band's repertoire ranges from rambunctious to entrancing, neotraditional folk dance, mystical melodies, Yiddish swing & retro tango, late Soviet-era Jewish drinking song, regrooved standards, and genre-defying originals.





Leonardo Scotti- Amity High School student and Eagle Scout 203-200-8701 – leonardoscotti19@gmail.com This program appeals to all ages. Advance ticket sales are available online at cmihamden.org.

The community is invited to attend. Congregation Mishkan Israel is located at 785 Ridge Road in Hamden. For more information, call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877.



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Weekly Services

Minyan Services - Sunday 9:00 AM; Monday 7:30 AM; Thursday 7:30 AM Healing Circle - Wednesday 7:30 AM Shabbat Services - Friday 7:00 PM; Saturday 9:30 PM

Coffee and Learn with the Rabbi

This is an hour long meeting led by the Rabbi on a wide variety of issues held every Wednesday from 11AM to Noon, The first born child, Civil disobedience. Sexual deviancy, The meaning of Tefillin, Biblical jurisprudence, Miracle, The tribe of Cohen, Jealous, Humility, and Religious change.

ZUMBA GOLD AT OR SHALOM

Congregation Or Shalom announces the continuation of ZUMBA GOLD on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7 PM. ZUMBA Gold is an easy to follow dance movement program that incorporates music from every decade to create an upbeat and fun exercise class. Burn lots of calories, meet new friends, and have a blast. No experience needed and classes are on a drop-in basis. Contact Robin at zumbarobin@gmail.com or call 203-314-8176 or temple office at 203-799-2341.

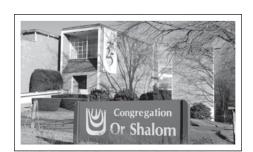
Chocolate Seder

April 10, 2016, Sunday, 10:30-11:30 am

Celebrate Passover with a Chocolate Seder. We would love for all children to join us. Please call the office to RSVP 203-799-2341 free event, Donate a nonperishable item for the foodbank.

Annual Landwirth **Memorial Lecture** Sunday, April 3rd-2pm

Speaker: Nicholas Dawidoff Moe Berg, son of Ukrainian Jewish immigrants, was a professional base-



Congregation Or Shalom

Indians, and Boston Red Sox. However, Berg's true claim to fame derived from another aspect of his life: He was a spy for the American Government. Berg was a brilliant linguist who had graduated from Princeton University Magna Cum Laude. And thus, while playing exhibition baseball in Japan with the likes of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, Berg was asked by the U.S. military to surreptitiously film Japanese industrial facilities. The footage he brought back proved to be invaluable in America's war effort in the Pacific, following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. During the war, Moe Berg performed a variety of missions in Europe as well. One of his assignments involved a trip to neutral Switzerland, where he was to attend a lecture given by prominent German physicist, Werner Heisenberg. Berg's orders were to determine if Heisenberg's nuclear research indicated that the Germans were close to developing an atomic bomb. If they were, Berg's orders were to kill him. Moe Berg attended the lecture, armed with a pistol and... the rest will be revealed by our guest speaker, Nicholas Dawidoff! This year's annual Landwirth Memorial Lecture at Congregation Or-Shalom will feature noted writer Nicholas Dawidoff, author of the best seller, The Catcher Was A Spy. Mr. Dawidoff has also authored a number of acclaimed books, one of which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Biography. He is the author of many articles that have appeared in The New Yorker and The New York Times. A Branford Fellow at Yale University, Mr Dawidoff resides in New Haven. All Are Welcome!





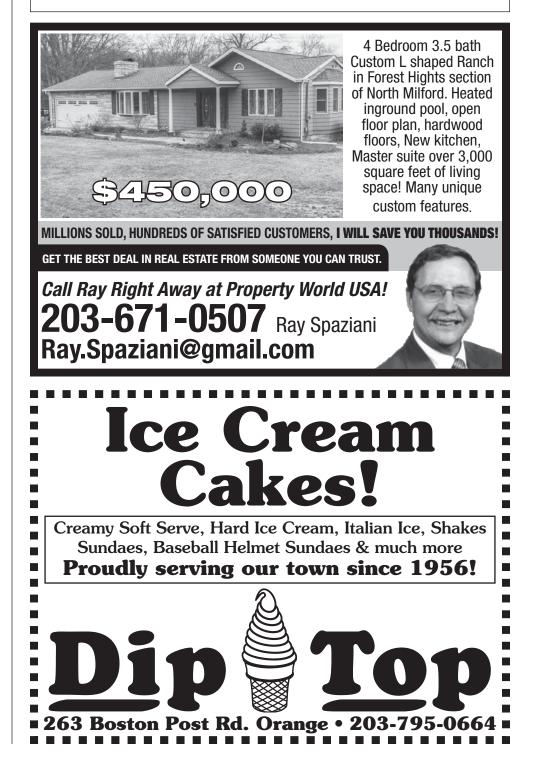
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MIXING RELIGION AND POLITICS

Come, hear and discuss our religious leaders' perceptions concerning religion's role in the public sphere. The Orange Clergy Association welcomes you to the 2016 "Scholar in Residence" program to take place at the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meeting House Lane on April 17th. A reception will begin at 4:00 pm, with the program beginning at 4:30 pm.

This year, our program will be a clergy forum on the topic, "Mixing Religion and Politics: When Should Religious Leaders Speak out about Political issues?" Are religious organizations best "seen but not heard" in the public sphere? Is there a place for a religious voice in a presidential election?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:30pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Beginning August, meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm except for October which will be held on October 14, 2014. **Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings**, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast. net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net). Next meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Refreshments will be served. Our April meeting will include a program on AKC Dog Shows 101.

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

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

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

Hearing Loss Association - the Southwest CT Chapter Meeting, Tuesday April 12, 2016, 1:30pm, Norwalk Senior Center, 11 Allan Road, Norwalk; Is There A Cure In Sight For Hearing Loss? with speaker Laura Friedman, Program and Communication manager from the Hearing Health Foundation based in New York City discussing what progress has been made in rejuvenating the hair cells within the cochlear or inner ear which is responsible for transmitting sound to our brain. For additional information, contact Peg at 203-656-2733 or email Marcia at mzola@optonline.net.

Girl Scouts of Connecticut Fundraiser, "A Little Schmooze with Faith", Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 5:30pm8:00pm, Emmy award winner Diane Smith will lead Faith Middleton in a conversation celebrating girls and women today with WNPR's Chion Wolf, to emcee the event. For details on sponsorship and ticket pricing, contact Matthew Southward at msouthward@ gsofct.org, or visit http://www.gsofct. org/pages/SchmoozewithFaith.php.

Yale Concert Band - A "Classic" Concert: From Rome to Athens, Friday, April 15, 2016, 7:30pm, Woolsey Hall, New Haven, Free. 203-432-4111; www. yale.edu/yaleband. Thomas C. Duffy, Music Director. Dances from Crete (A. Gorb), Aegean Festival Overture (A. Makris), Greek Folk Song Suite (F. Cesarini), October (E. Whitacre), Urbino (M Mangani).

P.V. O'Donnell Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann Traditional Irish Music Session With Jonathan Warner, Thursday, April 21, 2016, 7:45pm, St. Gabriel's Parish Hall, 26 Broadway, Milford, Admission is free. Musicians, dancers, singers and guests are welcomed. BYOB. For information on the session call Tim at 203-257-8737.

Oscar's Woodmont Kitchen Hosts Milford Regional Chamber "Business After Hours", enjoy a relaxed evening of networking Thursday, April 21, 2016, 5:00-7:00pm, Oscar's Woodmont Kitchen, 186 Hillside Avenue, Milford , Cost is \$16/advance, \$20/ door, \$25 prospective member. Register online at milfordct.com or call 203-878-0681.

NAMI Support Group Meeting, every first Monday of the month, meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, meeting dates May 2, 2016, June 6, 2016, July 11, 2016, August 1, 2016, September 12, 2016, October 3, 2016, November 7, 2016 and December 5, 2016. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family &

Friends welcome.

Orange Land Trust Annual Meeting,

Our Weather, Becoming Milder But Wilder, Wednesday, May 7th, 2015, 7:00pm, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, guest speaker meteorologist with Channel 8, WTNH New Haven Kevin Arnone's presentation on Coastal Connecticut's Weather with a portable Weather Lab to demonstrate the methods of gathering, measuring and quantifying current weather conditions to shape a forecast. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The Senior Care Professional **Council 18th Annual Health Fair** "New You Resolutions", Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 9:00am-12:00pm, Thornton Wilder Auditorium, 2901 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, Dr. Jasmine Manning from Natural Family Health speaks on how Spring is a great time for personal change and fresh beginnings—new hobbies, activities and a healthy lifestyle and Erica Michalowski of AARP's Connecticut Fraud Watch Protection will discuss current scams affecting seniors, showcases community services available to older adults with various agencies providing information as well as health screenings such as glaucoma testing, blood pressure checks, and body fat analysis; gift bags with snacks, giveaways and raffles will be available. All are welcome to attend this FREE event. For more information, please call Suzanne Burbage or Lorrie Martindale at the Hamden Senior Center at 203-287-2547.

Bethany Volunteer Fire Department 9th Annual Car, Truck, Bike Show & Garden Tractor Pulls, Saturday, June 25, 2016 (rain date Sunday, June 26, 2016), 11:00am-5:00pm, Bethany Airport Field, 765 Amity Road (Route 63), Bethany, \$10/parking per carload/show and \$5/entry fee garden tractor pulls. Any questions, contact Amy Cogill at 203-410-2602 or Rich Cogill at 203-954-8597.

SIMPLE STEPS TO A GREENER LAWN

Many homeowners aspire to have lush green lawns. Thriving, healthy lawns can make homeowners proud and improve their property values, as the lawns make homes more attractive to prospective buyers when those homes hit the market. While lush lawns won't suddenly appear overnight, homeowners can take certain steps toward creating the stunning green lawns of their dreams.

Don't overreact to brown lawns. Lawns can turn brown for various reasons, but overreacting at the first sign of brown grass can make the situation worse. Some lawns turn brown because they have gone dormant to save energy for the cooler and more damp days to come. Applying fertilizer in such situations can damage rather than revitalize lawns. Fertilizers or chemicals applied to brown lawns may burn the lawn, creating additional stress that potentially hinders the lawns' recovery.

Aerate compacted soil. Compacted soil may be the culprit behind discolored lawns. Over time, soils of all kinds can become compacted, which prevents moisture from reaching a lawn's roots. As a result, the roots don't grow and the grass is denied the nutrients it needs to thrive. Aeration combats compacted soil by poking tiny holes in the ground to loosen the soil. Speak with a landscaping professional about the best time to aerate, which typically only needs to be done once per year. As compacted soil becomes looser, the lawn will become more resistant to drought and begin to resemble the lush green lawn you're aiming for.

Raise your mower blades. Some homeowners set their mower blades to the lowest possible setting so they can extend the intervals between cuts and reduce the number of times they mow in the hot summer sun. But cutting the grass too short exposes the soil to the sun, making it difficult for soil to retain moisture and promote deep, strong plant roots. When raising the blades, inspect them to make sure they are still sharp. Dull blades won't cut the grass as cleanly as sharp ones, potentially causing tears in grass blades that invite disease and contribute to poor moisture retention.

Address pest problems. Pests are unwanted guests who affect lawns in various ways, depending on the type of pest. Grubs feed on grass roots, while mites feed on the nutrient-rich juices that lawns need to thrive. Pest control may depend on the type of pest and how advanced the infestation is, so speak with a landscaping professional about your pest problems before attempting to combat the problem on your own. Letting a pest problem fester may force you to replace the lawn entirely, but addressing it promptly can likely save you both the cost and heartache associated with such a project.

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RED CROSS HAS NEED FOR TYPE O NEGATIVE BLOOD Type O Negative is Often Needed in Trauma Situations

The American Red Cross has a significant need for type O negative blood donors to donate blood for patients. Type O negative blood can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is often used in emergency situations. While less than 7 percent of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, hospitals depend on frequent O negative donations to ensure it's always available for patients in need.

Eligible donors with type O negative blood are encouraged to make a whole blood or double red cell donation, where available, through the Red Cross. During a double red cell donation, two units of red blood cells are collected while most of the plasma and platelets are returned to the donor. "Type O negative donors are an important part of the Red Cross trauma team," said Nick Gehrig, communications director, Red Cross Blood Services. "While all blood types are needed, type O negative donations are necessary in emergency situations when there is no time to determine a patient's blood type. Because there is such a high demand for type O negative blood, O negative donors are needed to donate often."

The Red Cross must collect approximately 14,000 blood and platelet donations every day for the patients at about 2,600 hospitals and transfusion centers nationwide. Blood and platelets are needed to respond to patient emergencies, including accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease.

Those who come to donate now through May 15, 2016, will be entered to win four single-day tickets to any of 10 Cedar Fair theme parks in the U.S. For a full list of participating parks, visit redcross.cedarfair.com.

How To Donate Blood: Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/ RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

FREE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING COURSES

Mental Health First Aid and Question Persuade Refer Suicide Prevention trainings are being offered free to participants. Learn how to understand, recognize and respond to persons who have mental health issues. These two courses are sponsored by the Region II Mental Health Board, Catchment Area Council 6 and Orange Community Services held at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT 06477. Participants will receive a three year certification that is nationally recognized upon completion of the course. Mental Health First Aid is a two part training offered on Friday, April 29 and Friday, May 6 from 12:00PM to 4:30PM (lunch provided), you must attend both sessions to receive certification. Question Persuade Refer is offered on Wednesday, May 18 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Both courses are limited to 30 participants and are on a first come first serve basis. For more information or to register, contact Joan Cretella at 203-891-4788 or jcretella@ orange-ct.gov.



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DEATH NOTICES

James F. Ryan

James F. Ryan, 88, of Orange, beloved husband of Irma Ryan, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2016. He was born in New Haven, CT on October 22, 1927 to the late John and Harriet Anderson Ryan.

Jim proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. After his retirement as an accountant with International Instruments, he hung up his suit and spent his time outdoors and camping at The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Campgrounds. He was a skilled carpenter and family man. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Jim leaves behind his loving wife,

Irma Ryan; children, Ruth Ryan Baraquin, Catherine (James) Richards, Margaret Ryan, Joseph (Carolyn) Ryan; grandchildren, Megan (Matt) Ramos, Michael and Amy Baraquin, Shauna Richards, Anthony and Ryan Linsley, Joseph Moncheski, and James, Stephanie, Allison, and Kevin Ryan; greatgrandchildren, Patrick Bruneau and Madelyn Linsley.

A funeral service with full military honors was held on March 30, 2016 at Orange Center Cemetery, Orange, CT. The Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT was in charge of the arrangements. To leave online condolences, please visit www. codywhitefuneralservice.com.

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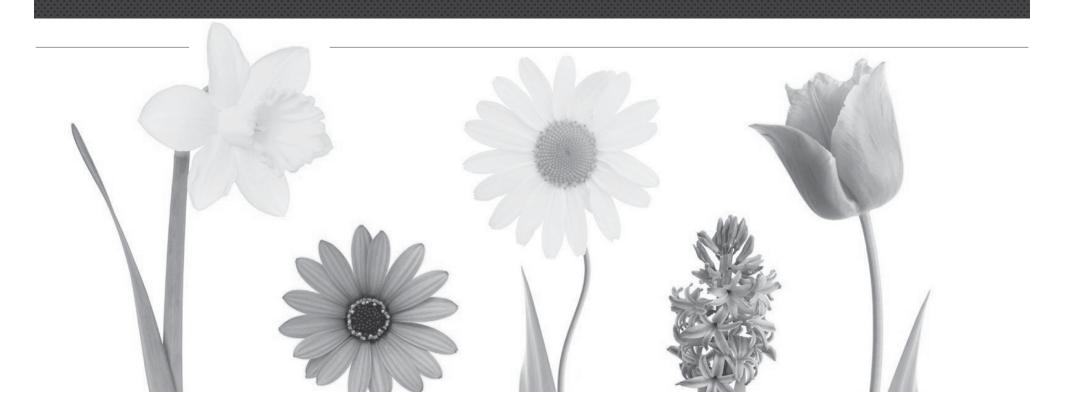
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ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Zootopia (PG) animated

2. Allegiant (PG-13) Shailene Woodley, Theo James

3. Miracles From Heaven (PG) Jennifer Garner, Kylie Rogers

4.10 Cloverfield Lane (PG-13) John Goodman, Mary Elizabeth Winstead

5. Deadpool (R) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin

6. London Has Fallen (R) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart

7. Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (R) Tina Fey, Margot Robbie

8. The Perfect Match (R) Terrence Jenkins, Cassie Ventura

9. Grimsby (R) Sacha Baron Cohen, Mark Strong

10. The Revenant (R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Tom Hardy

TOP 10 VOD

1. Creed (PG-13) Michael B. Jordan

2. In the Heart of the Sea (PG-13) Chris Hemsworth

> 3. Spotlight (R) Mark Ruffalo

4. The Peanuts Movie (G) animated

5. The Good Dinosaur (PG) animated

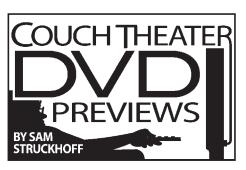
> 6. Room (R) Brie Larson

7. The Night Before (R) Joseph Gordon-Levitt

8. The Danish Girl (R) Eddie Redmayne

> 9. Black Mass (R) Johnny Depp

10. Bridge of Spies (PG-13) Tom Hanks





Natalie Dormer in "The Forest" [Universal Pictures]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of April 11, 2016.

his quarry. Check it out for a refreshing break from the bang-bang big-budget action flicks.

"The Forest" (R) -- There is a forest in Japan at the base of Mount Fuji that has been dubbed "The Suicide Forest." Each year, more than a hundred bodies are found there, some on the ground, some hanging from trees, some with notes left behind. Sarah (Natalie Dormer), a young American, learns that her troubled twin sister was last seen entering the forest. Sarah "senses" that her twin is still alive and in trouble, so she jumps on a plane to Japan, ignores warnings from the locals, and goes on a hiking trip in the Suicide Forest with a handsome travel writer and a Japanese guide.

The movie has two really big strikes against it. First, it's just not very scary. Dormer stumbles and trips a lot, ghouls pop up and say boo, but there's nothing that will haunt you after the credits. Second, there's this icky, underlying insensitivity to the whole premise and how it's handled. Aokigahara forest is real, and suicide is a big issue in Japan. The movie makes no attempt at insight or understanding, but rather is content to milk the setting for cheap exoticism.

1. Who is known as The King of the Surf Guitar? 2.

- Name the first single released by Freddie and the Dreamers
- Name the first Uriah Heep single to chart in the U.S. 3.



- Which James Taylor song is often played at University 4. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill games?
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "It's reported you've been drinkin' and 5. a runnin' round with men and goin' wild, And we don't believe you oughta be a bringin' up your little girl this way."

beach flicks, including "Muscle Beach Party." 2. "If You Cotta Make a Fool of Somebody" in 1963. 3. "Easy Livin" with "Gypsy" on the b-side, in 1972. 4. "Carolina on My Mind," released in 1969. 5. "Harper Valley F.T.A." by Jeannie C. Riley in 1968. After receiving a note saying she wasn't behaving according to town dictates, a mother shows up at the P.T.A. meeting and proceeds to point out the equally bad behavior of the wards to behaving according to town dictates, a mother shows up at the P.A. are ting and proceeds to point out the equally bad behavior of the wards to behaving according to town dictates, a mother shows up at the P.A. Dick Dale. He was the first to ever use a specially made Fender 100-watt guitar amp. Dale and his Del-Tones appeared in a number of

SPORTS QUIZ

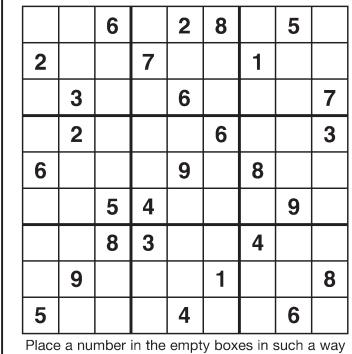
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- 1. Who was the first major-leaguer to hit grand slams in both games of a doubleheader?
- Which pitcher tossed the most shutouts during his major-league career: 2. Phil Niekro, Joe Niekro, Gaylord Perry or Jim Perry?
- 3. When was the last time Mississippi State won an SEC championship in football?
- 4. Name the last time before 2014 that the Portland Trail Blazers won an NBA playoff series.
- 5. Which NHL team ended Montreal's 9-0-0 start to the 2015-16 season?
- 6. In 2015, Jeff Gordon set the record for most consecutive NASCAR Cup starts. Who had held the mark?
- When was the last time before 2015 that England won tennis' Davis Cup? 7.

Canucks. 6. Ricky Rudd, with 788. 7. It was 1936. 1. The New York Mets' Robin Ventura, in 1999. 2. Gaylord Perry had 53 shutouts, followed by Phil Niekro (45), Jim Perry (32) and Joe Niekro (29). 3. It was 1941. 4. It was in 2000. 5. The Vancouver

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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PICKS OF THE WEEK

"**Standoff" (R)** -- A little girl (Ella Ballentine) happens to witness a brutal assassin at work, and snaps a few pictures before she's spotted. Pursued by the killer (Laurence Fishburne), the little girls runs to an old farmhouse for safety, where she meets a damaged veteran named Carter (Thomas Jane), who brings her inside and arms himself against the determined gunman. Carter takes the girl upstairs and aims his shotgun at the staircase as the killer enters the home. This locks in a stalemate -- Carter and the girl upstairs, with Fishburne's determined killer downstairs, waiting for Carter to give up.

There is a lot of talking, and most of it is good. Jane makes a good hero, seeking redemption but knowing that he's not perfect. Fishburne really gets to dig in as the ruthless antagonist, willing to do whatever it takes to bring down

"About Scout" (Not Rated) -- A poorly supervised teenager goes on the road with an escaped mental patient in what is intended to be a heartwarming dramedy that splices a little coming-ofage with a little getting-over-yourself. Scout (India Ennega) is a teenage girl who watches over her little sister Lulu, with their infirmed great-grandma (Ellen Burstyn) as their legal guardian. Lulu gets taken by their father -- a carnival worker -- to go live with him and his addict girlfriend. Scout decides a rescueroad trip is in order, and recruits Sam (James Frecheville), a twentysomething patient with bandages on his wrists at a nearby psychiatric ward. The leads do their best to be understated but accessible, but there isn't enough in the script to really bring them to life.

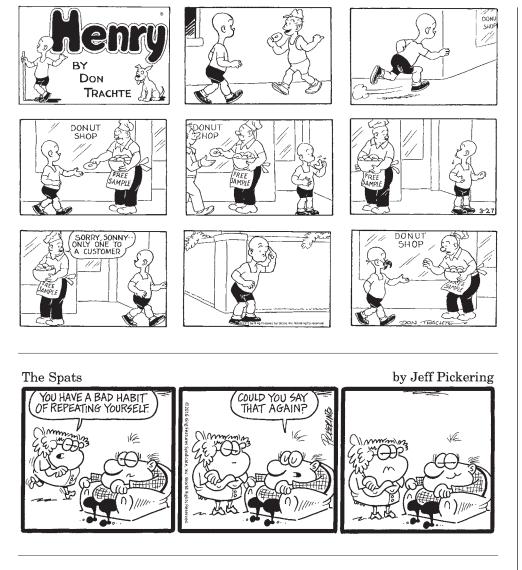
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

 \star Moderate $\star \star$ Challenging *** HOO BOY!

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

The next time you hear "It's an honor just to be nominated for an Oscar," you'll know it means once you get the nomination you need to land your next films. Up next for Matt Damon ("The Martian") are "Jason Bourne," with Julia Stiles, "The Danish Girl" Oscar-winner Alicia Vikander and Tommy Lee Jones, arriving July 29; "The Great Wall," with Willem Dafoe; "Suburbicon," written by the Coen Brothers, directed by and co-starring George Clooney, with Josh Brolin and Julianne Moore; and "Downsizing," with Reese Witherspoon and Jason Sudeikis, coming in 2017.

Bryan Cranston ("Trumbo") has completed the comedy "Get a Job," with Miles Teller, Anna Kendrick and Marcia Gay Harden (now in theaters); the crime drama "The Infiltrator," with Diane Kruger, Benjamin Bratt and John Leguizamo (out Aug. 31); and John Steinbeck's 1936 novel "In Dubious Battle," directed by and starring James Franco, Robert Duvall, Ed Harris, Sam Shepard, Zach Graff, Josh Hutcherson and Selena Gomez, coming in the fall. Cranston is currently shooting the comedy/drama "The Disaster Artist," with Jennifer Garner.

Michael Fassbender ("Steve Jobs") has completed five films: "Light Between Oceans," with Alicia Vikander and Rachel Weisz, for Sept. 2 release; "X-Men: Apocalypse," May 27; "Assassin's Creed," with Oscar winners Marion Cotillard and Jeremy Irons, out Dec. 21; and "Weightless," with Ryan Gosling, Christian Bale, Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara. The fifth movie, "Trespass Against Us," with Brendan Gleeson, filmed in 2014, had financial woes and is awaiting a release date.

Eddie Redmayne ("The Danish Girl") has completed "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," with Colin Farrell, Jon Voight and Ron Perlman out Nov.



Marion Cotillard [Depositphotos.com]

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Cate Blanchett ("Carol") has "Weightless"; "Jungle Book: Origins," due Oct. 6; and "Thor: Ragnarok" with Chris Hemsworth.

Jennifer Lawrence ("Joy") has "X-Men: Apocalypse" coming May 27, and the sci/fi film "Passengers," with Chris Pratt, Michael Sheen and Laurence Fishburne, due Dec. 21.

Charlotte Rampling ("45 Years") is next in the Brit film "The Sense of an Ending," with Jim Broadbent and "Downton Abbey's" Michelle Dockery.

Saoirse Ronan ("Brooklyn") is taking on Chekov's "The Seagull," with Annette Bening, and "Loving Vincent" (Van Gogh), with Douglas Booth.

Brad Pitt has chosen the spy film "Five Seconds of Silence" (set in 1942) to shoot next with Robert Zemeckis directing and co-starring Marion Cotillard.

Tom Cruise has "Jack Reacher -- Never Go Back" with Cobie Smolders (due Oct. 21) and the crime thriller "Mena," with Domhnall Gleason, for January release. He is now preparing a reboot of "The Mummy," about Navy Seals who search for terrorists in a bunker and accidentally find a cursed mummy's tomb. Sounds like he switching from action star to horror hero ... Oh, Mummy mia!

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REDUCE PESTICIDE POLLUTION AT HOME

Commercial farms are often blamed for the vast array of contaminants that find their way into water supplies and the soil itself. But home-gardening enthusiasts may also be contaminating water and soil through the use of pesticides.

Data from Green-NetWorld, an environmental advocacy group, indicates Americans use approximately 2.2 billion pounds of pesticides every year. Pesticide use is a prolific problem. More than 100 active pesticide ingredients are suspected of causing cancer, gene mutations and birth defects. In addition, a growing list of pesticides may disrupt the immune and endocrine systems and have longterm impacts on infants and young children. Research indicates that many pests targeted by pesticides will eventually develop resistance to these pesticides, rendering the chemicals useless.

One way to reduce chemical pollution at home is to find alternatives to pesticides.

Investigate reduced-risk pesticides. The United States Environmental Protection Agency is examining pesticides that pose less risk to humans and the environment than existing pesticides.

Homeowners concerned about pesticides can visit www.epa.gov to learn more about reduced-risk pesticides.

Use biopesticides. Biological products, also known as biopesticides, can play a role in a more sustainable food chain. These control agents include fungi, bacteria or viruses and can be applied like chemical pesticides but do not leave toxic residues. Furthermore, they are relatively inexpensive to produce.

Look to the kitchen. Dish soap can be an effective pest killer. Fill a spray bottle with soapy water and spray around the exterior of your house and on plants that have a pest problem. The soapy water can kill ants and roaches. It also can coat the wings of small flying insects. Catnip is another natural pesticide. Planting catnip in a garden can repel mosquitoes.

Use epsom salt. Sprinkling this salt on the leaves of plants in the garden can keep away animals, such as deer or groundhogs, that would otherwise devour plants. Epsom salt also can repel beetles, slugs and snails.

Before homeowners turn to chemical pesticide applications, they can explore many natural remedies to keep unwanted pests at bay.

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Lawns are exposed to the elements throughout the year, and each season brings its own unique set of challenges. Summer heat waves can make it hard for lawns to maintain their lush green appeal, while the falling leaves of autumn can threaten root systems if not handled properly. Winter frost and snow also can pose a threat to lawns, leaving homeowners with some work to do when spring arrives.

Spring is a season of revival, and that spirit of rejuvenation extends to lawns. When the last vestiges of winter begin to disappear, homeowners can dust off their gardening gloves and start taking steps to revitalize their lawns for the months ahead.

Look for signs of damage. Winter can be hard on lawns, so it's important for homeowners to look for signs of damage before they begin planning any springtime landscaping projects. Salt damage can occur in areas that received heavy snowfall over the winter. Many communities use rock salt to de-ice snowand ice-covered roads, and that rock salt is largely made up of sodium chloride, which can draw moisture from grass and cause it to brown. Salt trucks used during winter storms often spit salt out onto lawns, so don't be surprised if you notice brown spots on your grass, especially in those areas closest to the road. Winter lawn damage may also be caused by voles, burrowing mouse-like rodents that make paths beneath the snow to hide from predators and feed on grass blades and roots. Lawns with distinctly matted areas may also have been damaged by snow mold that can weaken turf.

Consult a professional landscaper. Homeowners with considerable experience tending to damaged lawns can no doubt identify and address problems on their own. That's because many problems are a result of the weather, which tends to be similar and produce similar problems from one year to the next. But inexperienced homeowners should consult professional landscapers before attempting to address problems on their own. Winter lawn damage may be caused by a variety of factors that can produce similar symptoms, and professional landscapers can identify the culprits behind such damage and provide the most effective solutions to restore the lawn.

Remove debris. A light raking can help remove any debris that accumulated over the winter. Such debris, which may include fallen branches and fallen leaves left behind from the final days of fall, can prevent lawns from getting the sun and water they need to thrive. Remove this debris, but make sure the grass is not frozen when you do, as walking on frozen grass can cause further damage.

Let the grass grow. Mowing the lawn is a chore that's reserved for spring, summer and maybe early fall, but it's important that homeowners don't jump the gun and mow too early after winter. A patient approach allows the grass to reestablish itself, so let it grow a little higher than you normally would before the first cut. When the grass is roughly 4.5 inches high, you can cut it down to three inches and then maintain your normal mowing routine throughout the rest of spring and summer.

Revitalizing lawns in springtime is a priority for many homeowners, who should always consult landscaping professionals if they feel uncertain about addressing any damage they discover during their post-winter lawn inspections.

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BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz





DOES YOUR DOG HAVE **GOOD MANNERS?**

Making sure our canine companions mind their manners at home and in public is our responsibility as pet parents. By observing these guidelines, you and your dog will avoid unsafe and unsavory situations.

At Home

For the safety and security of your dog, neighbors and passersby, your unsupervised dog should always stay on your property. If your dog is left alone, keep him in a safe location where he can neither do harm nor be harmed.

Encourage your dog to toilet in designated areas. If he leaves a mess on your neighbor's lawn, clean it up right away.

Do not allow your dog to bark uncontrollably at or jump on visitors.

If your dog is a nuisance barker, keep him indoors when you're not at home. If he barks when you are at home, learn ways to manage his barking to help you enjoy a quieter home.

(of any breed); kids under the age of 15 are the most at risk of being bitten.

Pick up after your dog. Keep cleanup bags with you at all times for doggy messes, no matter where they occur.

If you have a dog that drools, keep a towel handy to clean up his slobber on people or things.

When meeting hikers or runners on a trail, step to the side to give them space to get by you.

Make sure your dog is invited by the host before bringing him to a party, an outdoor gathering or even a picnic.

Supervise greetings between your dog and another dog or a person:

- Even if your dog is very friendly, do not let him approach every person you meet. Not everyone likes or is comfortable with dogs.
- When meeting a stranger, avoid putting tension on the leash, which may put your dog on alert to be wary. Keep an eye on your dog's

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Keep your dog off of tables or countertops where food is prepared or served. Besides the risk of his getting sick from eating foods that are not good for him (such as chocolate), you run the risk of picking up germs his paws may have left behind.

In Public

Keep your dog under control when outdoors by keeping him on a leash or under voice control. Even if your dog is off leash in an approved area, supervise his whereabouts and behavior at all times.

Always supervise your dog when around children. If you are unable to watch him, put him in his crate or another safe place away from the children. Children are three times more likely than adults to be bitten by a dog

body language, but stay relaxed.

- If a stranger wants to pet your dog, tell him to let your dog approach him, rather than having him approach your dog.
- If your dog seems uncomfortable with greeting another dog or person, never force the meeting. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

Practicing proper dog etiquette is always appreciated by everyone you and your dog encounter. Not only does it make you and your dog look good, but neighbors and guests will more readily enjoy his company knowing you have your dog under control.

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





ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It isn't always easy for the rambunctious Aries to give a second thought to their often spur-of-the-moment choices. But aspects favor rechecking a decision before declaring it final.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information emerges for the businessdriven Bovine who feels ready to restart a stalled project. Be prepared to make adjustments as needed at any time during the process.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Part of you wants to complete plans for an upcoming event, while your other self wants to see how things develop first. Compromise by moving ahead with your plans while being open to change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An unexpected change in a relationship could open up a problem or could lead to a much-needed and too-long-delayed reassessment of a number of matters. The choice is yours to make.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Time for the Lion to total the plusses and minuses resulting from recent personal and/or professional decisions. See what worked, what didn't and why, and base your next big move on the results.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The clever Virgo can make persuasion work by presenting a case built on hard facts. Sentiment might touch the heart, but it's good, solid information that invariably wins the day.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You usually can win over the most stubborn skeptics on your own. But this time you can benefit from supporters who have been there, done that and are willing to speak up on your behalf.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You win admiration for your determination to do the right thing. Don't be distracted from that course, despite the offer of tempting alternatives that might suddenly turn up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While you still need to maintain control of a dominant situation, a new development emerges, making the task easier and the outcome potentially more rewarding.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New factors might have a positive effect on a still-pending matter, but only if the information proves to be credible. Trusted colleagues might be able to offer needed advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The week favors moderation, especially if a health problem is involved. Resist the impulse to do more than might be good for you at this time. You can catch up later.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could feel more than a mite upset by someone or some people who might be creating problems for you. Find out why they won't change their ways. Their reasons might surprise you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You know how to inspire others to do their best by setting a persuasive example of your own.

NEW DOG MAY HAVE TO WAIT

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'd like to get a dog, but my younger brother is very afraid of dogs because he was once bitten by one. How can I tell him not to be afraid,

so I can have a dog? -- Christine in Mesa, Arizona

DEAR CHRIS-

how they gave their dog commands and the different training methods they used, I got a wider perspective and better education on train-

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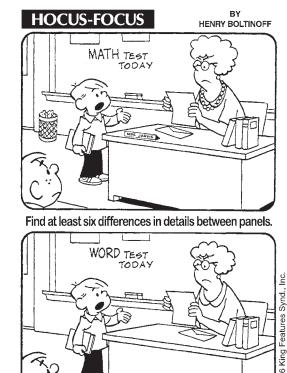
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by Gary Kopervas





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TINE: You might not be able to get a dog right now, unfortunately. If your parents don't think that it's a good idea because your

younger brother is still very fearful of them, then that may be that.

However, there are some other things you may be able to do, even if you can't have your own dog. You could spend time with a friend or a neighbor's dog. That's a good way to learn how to walk, feed and even train a dog. I myself grew up around many dog owners, and by spending time with them, paying attention to

by Sam Mazzotta

kids under 18 may be restricted from working directly with the pets residing there, many shelters have programs de-

signed especially for school-age kids so they can contribute to shelter pets' care, and learn about caring for these animals.

Consider getting a different pet to care for, as well. Learning to care for animals is a really important skill. Plus, your brother can and should have a say in what kind of pet to get -- and he'll share the responsibility for caring for it.

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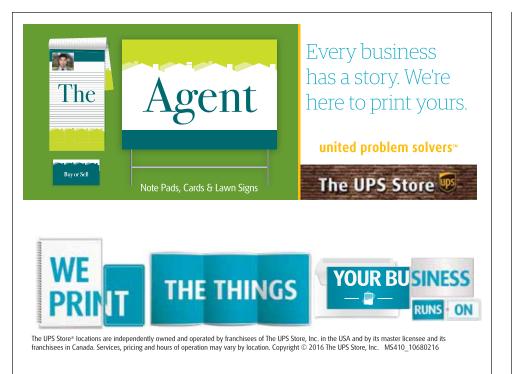
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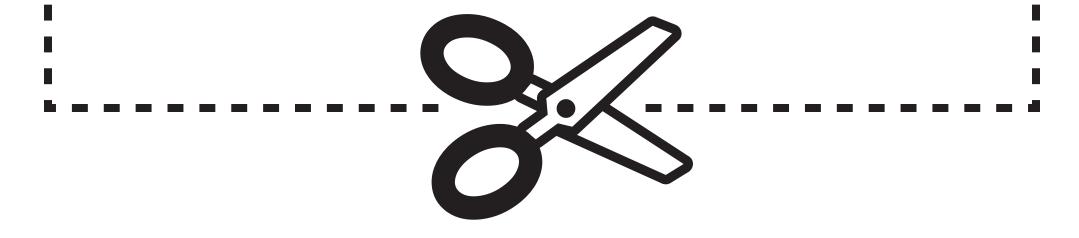
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