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GRAY AWARDED CT DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL AWARD

Race Brook School Holds Special Ceremony to Surprise Their Leader

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Mike Gray, principal at Race Brook School, has always been well-liked by parents and staff during his seven years leading the school. But on April 2, it was clear that his respect was well-deserved as he was recognized as the Connecticut Association of Schools' 2014 National Distinguished Principal for the state of Connecticut.

As a National Distinguished Principal, Gray will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in a two-day recognition event and ceremony. He may also receive requests to represent the National Association of Elementary School Principals on national committees and he may be asked to speak at engagements at the state level.

It is an honor that the whole Orange community is celebrating. As Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin says, "Mike represents what everyone in Orange treasures." Being a solid elementary school leader is about more than test scores, according to McMullin. "For me personally, education isn't only about the curriculum and instruction, it's about the relationships of the staff to the children and their families. Mike's award isn't about how smart he is or how good his school's achievement scores are or how long he's been in education; it's about the quality of person he is as measured by his school's culture and respect for him," she says. "He makes me exceptionally proud! Especially, since all of our principals recognize how life-changing is their time with kids, staff, and families."

Gray was nominated by the PTA at Race Brook School in January and was quickly notified that he was one of two finalists. He was responsible for submitting a portfolio outlining his accomplishments. On March 27, the CAS selection committee met with the superintendent, and separate panels of central office staff, board of education members, teachers, students, parents and colleagues at Race Brook. The



interviews were followed by a tour of the school, with its hallways lined with bulletin boards featuring student accolades to Mr. Gray.

"Mike's PTA nominated him for the award and was instrumental in supporting him through the process. They made a book of letters from parents and arranged for refreshments," McMullin says. When it was announced that Gray had won, teachers quickly pulled together a surprise assembly to congratulate him. "Everyone is so proud," McMullin says.

Not easy to take off guard in his own school, Gray was visibly humbled to come into the gym for the surprise assembly, believing that he was taking care of an issue involving rowdy sixth grade students. They were rowdy, all right, along with the rest of the school's student body and staff, as Gray entered the gym and walked the red (paper) carpet. The cheers could be heard from outside the building when it was announced that Gray won.

Race Brook's music teacher Marie Olden said, "Here at Race Brook School, the teachers, staff, parents and community already know that Mr. Gray is the best principal in the world, not just in Connecticut. The students here have never been more proud, the staff is honored and privileged to work here at Race Brook and we are just so happy that you are principal of the year!" Gray was crowned King of the Day, donning a gold crown and red sash, as students in grades one through six read poems and shared memories of the impression that Gray made on them.

The humble leader was quick to extend the credit to his staff and students at the assembly, "Last Thursday was one of the best days I've ever had," he said referring to the day that the CAS team visited the school. "I went home and told my wife that I've been doing this for 19 years and that was the best day in 19 years. It's

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PROPOSED ORANGE SCHOOL BUDGET SHOWS 6.3% INCREASE

Town Budget Referendum Scheduled for May 20th

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange residents will be given the opportunity to learn about the proposed budget for 2014-2015 in the upcoming weeks. An information budget hearing will be held April 23 at High Plains Community Center at 7:30 PM. The annual Town Meeting will be May 8 at High Plains at 7:30 p.m. and a town-wide referendum will be held May 20, only at High Plains, from noon to 8 p.m. At press-time the town's proposed budget was pending approval at an April 7 Board of Finance meeting.

In March, the Orange Board of Education unanimously approved a proposed budget for the 2014-15 school year with a 6.3% increase over the current year's \$18.3 million dollar budget. Contractual salary increases and capital improvements are driving the increase. Requested funds for capital improvements at all four schools accounts for one-third of the budget increase. The town budgeted \$18,000 for capital improvements this school year. Next year, the Board of Education is asking for \$397,000 for improvements to the aging schools.

Newly appointed superintendent of Amity schools Charles Dumais calls the proposed 2014-2015 Amity budget 'fiscally responsible,' providing the necessary resources to maintain the high quality of education to students, while keeping the impact to taxes as low as possible. In his budget presentation, he noted that the five-year average increase in total expenditures was 1.24 percent and the current year budget increase was 1.98 percent. He adds, "These low budget increases cannot be sustained without seriously impacting the high quality of education expected by the community".

The 2014-2015 Amity Board of Education Approved Budget increases total expenditures by \$1,681,600 or 3.78 percent over the current budget. The member town allocations are \$1,436,073 or 3.32 percent over the current budget. Amity budget drivers are salaries, medical insurance, and special education. The budget balancers are the elimination of a certified staff position, OPEB Trust not funded, and lower debt service (i.e., redemption of principal and interest on the District's bonds).

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For the past 28 years, Tom Pisano has had one goal in mind – to make kids have a good time on the soccer field.



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Pisano, who shares co-presidency of the Orange Soccer Association with Bill Hoffman, said it was his off-the-cuff grumblings about the kids not having tee shirts on opening day when his son TJ

was a player that got him the post nearly three decades ago. “Rod Wachter grabbed me then and there and asked me to be on the board,” Pisano said. Needless to say, the kids have had their shirts on opening day ever since.

Pisano jokes that he cusses that day that led to him spending more than 400 Sundays on the town’s soccer fields. The program that had about 150 kids enrolled in the program now has more than 600 – more than any of the town’s three elementary schools – who play on the Sunday soccer and travel league teams. The program is open to children ages four to 13; and 13-19 year-olds are eligible to play in the OSA’s travel team.

By the time Pisano’s son, TJ, now 34 (and a soccer coach at Amity High School) finished the OSA program, daughter Katie, now 28, was involved in the sport. “I never expected to still be here,” he said.



Tom Pisano and his dog Lilly.

“But I get more pleasure from it now that I now longer have my own children in the program. Every decision I make is for the kids. It also keeps me active and he estimates he spent more than 400 Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the town’s two soccer fields, along with his dog, Lilly and his wife, Peggy. And that’s after a full work week as a sales engineer at Trane. Pisano’s vision for the program from the beginning is that the kids should have fun. “The format is near and dear to me and it hasn’t ever changed,” Pisano said. “On opening day I gather the kids in front of me, I sit on the grass and I tell them ‘my name is Tom and if you have a problem or you’re not having fun, you come tell me.’”

By all accounts the experience, which is often a child’s first introduction to a team sport, is positive. No mandatory

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practices, no red-faced coaches screaming at them from the sidelines, a family-outing-feel to the afternoon and an end of the season celebration of Italian ices and Dunkin' Munchkins all contribute to the laid-back feel of the program. "If kids leave the field laughing, then even if we didn't teach them a thing, they learned from the game," he said. "They take so much with them. They will love soccer ten years from now and their parents will love soccer. The problem is I can't get anyone to think like me!"

One of the contributions to the program that Pisano is most proud of is his involvement in the town's purchase of what is now Fred Wolfe Park as the home base of the OSA. When he presented a plan in the 1990s to lease the land that was then owned by Amity for a regional soccer program, former First Selectwoman Dottie Berger had an even better proposal. She wanted the town to buy it for recreational use. "I was involved in every inch of it," Pisano recalled. "Many people did not believe it would happen." Today the OSA and volunteers like Rick Capecelatro and Harlen Denny help keep the fields in tip top shape. In fact, it is volunteers that help the entire program stay strong, Pisano said. His dream for the future is to build a lighted, multi-use turf field at Fred Wolfe. "The OSA has been saving for 28 years to help fund buying lights for a field there," Pisano said. "That's what we need in town for soccer, lacrosse, and rugby to co-exist together."

His experience is coming full circle as these days he sees former soccer players now bringing their own children to the fields and the parents of his own children's friends are now the grandparents watching from the sidelines. He is able to say with pride that he's heard many stories of kids who were saved from taking the wrong path because they stayed involved in the sport. "I always say keep kids with a Gatorade in their hands so they stay out of trouble," he said. "Kids need something to strive for instead of playing electronic games or abusing drugs and alcohol that gives them confidence and that's why I do this."

With his son's upcoming wedding in May and his daughter's move to Boston, Pisano isn't sure how much longer he'll be running around the soccer fields. But one thing is for sure, opening day is around the corner, and he'll be there for that. And the kids will have their tee shirts, too.



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Honor Society Inductees

Scott Hurlburt Inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Baton Rouge, LA -- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Scott Hurlburt of Orange, Conn., was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Hurlburt was initiated at Fordham University.

Hurlburt is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Saint Anselm College Student Alexandra Lagoutis Inducted Into Honor Society

Manchester, NH -- Saint Anselm College student Alexandra Lagoutis, of Orange, a senior nursing major was inducted into the college's TAU Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society. Forty Saint Anselm College students were inducted in a ceremony on campus.

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national scholastic honor society for students, faculty, and alumni of colleges and universities with a Catholic tradition. Juniors must have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and seniors a 3.1 cumulative grade point average to apply for membership. Applicants are selected by a committee of TAU chapter faculty and administrators based on academic standing, leadership, and service to the college and community.

Stefanie Crocco Inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Baton Rouge, LA -- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is pleased to announce that Stefanie Crocco of Orange was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Crocco was initiated at The University of Tampa.

Crocco is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Dean's/President's List

Michael Goodman Earns Place on Dean's List at Berklee College of Music

Boston, MA -- Berklee College of Music announces that Michael Goodman of Orange has earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2013 academic year. To be eligible for this honor, a full-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or above; a part-time student must achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or above.

Kristen Killeen Makes Dean's List at Northeastern University

Kristen Killeen of Orange, a 2013 graduate of Amity High School has achieved the high academic standards of excellence for placement on the Dean's List at Northeastern University in Boston for the 2013 fall semester.

Alexandra M. Lagoutis Named to the Saint Anselm College Dean's List

Manchester, NH -- Mark W. Cronin, Interim Dean of the College, announced that Alexandra M. Lagoutis, a Nursing major, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH. Lagoutis, a resident of Orange, is a member of the class of 2014. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Kasey Killeen Makes Dean's List at Villanova University

Kasey Killeen of Orange, a senior in the Honor's Program at Villanova University has earned the high standard of academic excellence of placement on the Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester. She is majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Psychology and Spanish. Kasey is a 2010 graduate of Amity High School.

NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOLS DAY DURING PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

School environments play an important role in the health and academic success of children. The 12th Annual National Healthy Schools Day was April 8, 2014, occurring during National Public Health Week. This year, the CT Department of Public Health-led CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team (CSIERT), a consortium of over 23 agencies and organizations that assists schools to implement and maintain the EPA Tools for Schools (TfS) program in the state, sponsored an event to highlight how CT schools have successfully worked to improve the indoor air quality (IAQ.) The event was held on April 8 at Amity High School. The Amity District, with great leadership from the business manager, facilities director,

administration and others, have successfully used TfS to create a healthier indoor air environment. Subsequently, they have won two prestigious national Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awards. Amity Region 5 is now known as a leader in comprehensively addressing school indoor environmental quality problems. At this event, a Special Recognition Award was given to John Laudano, a sanitarian from the Quinipiack Valley Health District for his exceptional support to the schools in the implementation of TfS. This illustrates how federal, state and local health can work together for a healthier community. For more information on TfS, contact Quinipiack Valley Health District, 203 248-4528 or by email, info@qvhd.org.

HOW TO HELP YOUR KIDS IN THE CLASSROOM

Parents often play a crucial role in helping their kids do well in school. Numerous studies have shown the positive impact that parental involvement can have on a student's academic career, and those studies have inspired many educators to encourage their students' parents to take a more active role in their children's education, including helping them with their homework.

Parents can help kids with their homework in various ways, but that very involvement alone can help to establish a groundwork in which kids understand there are specific rules regarding their homework and that these rules will be enforced. Even parents who might not be able to help kids with their calculus homework are already helping by simply creating an environment in which kids know they are expected to do their homework every day and that mom and dad will be there to make sure they do.

But enforcing rules about homework is not the only way parents can help their kids in the classroom. The following are a few simple ways parents can support their children's academic efforts as well.

Contact teachers. Contacting teachers is now easier than ever before. Many teachers recognize the benefits of involving parents in their youngsters' education, and as a result these teachers go to great lengths to make information about their classes available, whether it's by posting a class syllabus online or emailing parents about upcoming assignments or examinations. Whereas the parents of yesteryear used to wait until parent-teacher conference sessions to learn how their child was performing in the classroom, today's parents can email their children's teachers for updates or questions if they notice their child is struggling with a particular subject.

Help your child choose his or her coursework. The competition to get into a good college is stiff, and many of today's high school students recognize that reality. Unfortunately, some students bite off more than they can chew. High school students don't have the flexibility with regard to their coursework that they will have in college, but that does not mean their schedules are entirely up to someone else. When the time comes for kids to pick their courses, parents should sit down and help kids choose a schedule that's challenging but not overwhelming.

Emphasize education over extracurricular activities. Parents often marvel at the ease with which their children juggle busy schedules. While students might be deft at balancing academics with a host of extracurricular activities, many adults feel that today's kids are overburdened, and parents who feel that way should not hesitate to take some tasks off their youngsters' plates. Parents should stress to their children that education takes precedence over their extracurricular activities, paying careful attention to kids' academic performances during those times of the school year when their children's schedule seems especially busy. During such times, parents also can contact children's teachers and ask that teachers let them know if their youngsters' academic performance begins to suffer.

Limit distractions. Time to unwind is important, but parents should keep a watchful eye on just how much time their kids are unwinding. Too much time spent online or in front of the television can compromise academic performance. Establish limits as to how much time kids can spend online, watching television and playing video games, and enforce those limits so kids have time to focus on their academics.

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Thank you for your submissions to Your Home Town Newspaper.

<u>Upcoming Issue Deadline</u>	<u>Upcoming Issue Dates</u>
April 25th	<i>Mother's Day Issue</i> May 2nd
May 16th.....	<i>Memorial Day Issue</i> May 23rd
June 6th.....	<i>Fathers Day Issue</i> June 13th

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

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DECREASING FAMILY SCREEN TIME

Smartphones and tablets appear to have staying power. The Pew Research Center confirms that smartphone penetration has surpassed the 50 percent mark among mobile subscribers. Many others are routinely using tablets to access books, television shows, movies, and magazines. In multi-screen homes, televisions are still king. According to a 2012 Nielsen report, the average American over the age of two spends more than 34 hours a week, or more than 4 hours per day, watching live television. Those findings should raise an eyebrow, as health experts warn that excessive screen time can be hazardous to one's health.



A sedentary lifestyle spent in front of computers and video game consoles contributes to poor health. Of the leading industrialized countries, the United States has the highest obesity statistics, and Canada is not far behind. Obesity can impact cholesterol, cardiovascular health, risk for type 2 diabetes, and risk for stroke. Excessive screen time can lead to sleep and eating disorders, interfere with a person's ability to focus and negatively affect a person's performance at school or work. Getting a family active and reducing time spent in front of a screen can have profound effects, and reducing screen time doesn't have to be difficult.

Gradually implement changes. Families immersed in electronic devices can cut down on screen time slowly and over the course of several weeks rather than tuning out cold turkey. Start by reducing time spent watching television or playing video games by one hour per week, and gradually reduce time spent devoted to such activities in the ensuing weeks.

Hide devices. The mantra, "out of sight, out of mind" can work with respect to digital devices. If tablets or smartphones are tucked away, family

members may feel less inclined to reach for them at any given time. Just as you wouldn't stock your pantry full of fattening foods while trying to lose weight, don't make digital devices readily available throughout the day.

Keep televisions out of the bedroom. Children who have televisions in their bedrooms tend to watch an additional 90 minutes of programming per day than those who do not have televisions in their room. Keep the television in a shared area of the house so that time spent watching the TV can be monitored and adjusted.

Establish guidelines. Set firm limits on how much screen time will be allowed per day and stick with it. Adults can lead by example.

Plan more family activities. Boredom can easily give way to time spent fooling around on the Internet or channel surfing. Parents should have a cache of ideas at the ready that promote active family time. Neighborhood walks or tossing around a baseball in the yard are enjoyable activities that cut back on time spent being sedentary. Encourage indoor activities, such as puzzles or board games, if the weather is not cooperating.

Be steadfast. Do not throw in the towel too soon. Families should stand their ground when attempting to decrease their screen time in favor of healthier activities.

LOCAL BUSINESS

MARIA REYNOLDS ACHIEVES SALES ASSOCIATE OF THE MONTH AWARD

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange is pleased to announce that Orange resident, Maria Reynolds, a sales associate affiliated with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange, has achieved the Sales Associate of the Month award. Maria received the honor for achieving the highest number of sales for the month of February.

"I am pleased to recognize Maria's achievements over the last month. She is committed to her client's best interests and continuously works to ensure that their goals are met," said Aileen DeFeo, sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange. "I am proud that Maria is affiliated with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage."



Maria Reynolds

Maria was also recognized for the 2013 International President's Circle Award for Coldwell Banker. With more than 25 years of experience, Maria has been successfully meeting the needs of home buyers and sellers in Greater New Haven County. She holds several distinct designations such as CRS – Certified Residential Specialist and ABR – Accredited Buyer Representative.

Maria can be reached at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Orange at (203) 623-0684.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM THE ORANGE FOUNDATION

Applications are now being accepted by The Orange Foundation for grants to be distributed in the spring of 2014. 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 \$138,000 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: Camp Cedarcrest; Orange Arts Council; Necessities, Inc.; Orange Historical Society; and the American Legion Post 127.

Deadline for applications is April 30, 2014. Applicants are encouraged to complete the online form available at www.OrangeFoundation.org. Completed applications may be mailed to The Orange Foundation, P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477-0729.



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Did You Know? What is the Medicaid "Penalty" Period?

Last month, we wrote about the Medicaid "look-back" period. The look-back period is the five year period that starts on the date the Medicaid applicant files an application for long term care assistance and covers the five years immediately prior to that application date. Transfers of assets for less than fair market value, (called "gifts" in this article), made during the "look-back" period can result in a "penalty period."

What is the "penalty period"? The "penalty period" is the period of time that a Medicaid applicant would otherwise be eligible to receive Medicaid services but, instead, is ineligible because of a gift made during the "look back" period.

How long is the "penalty period"? The length of the penalty period is calculated by dividing the amount of the gift by what is called the "average monthly cost of care" for penalty calculations. As of July 1, 2013, the "average monthly cost of care" for penalty calculations in Connecticut was \$11,581.00. This figure changes every July 1.

Example 1: John transferred his home, valued at \$115,810.00, to his daughter on December 15, 2011. John enters a nursing home on April 1, 2014 and applies for Medicaid on April 4, 2014. The gift of the home, \$115,810.00, must be reported on the Medicaid application and will result in a penalty period of 10 months (\$115,810.00 divided by \$11,581.00 = 10 months). Medicaid will not pay for John's nursing home care for 10 months.

Who pays for your care during the penalty period? In most circumstances you and your family will need to put together resources to cover the cost of care during the penalty period. The nursing home may be willing to work with you, but you should not assume that will happen. Also, Connecticut statutes give nursing homes and the Attorney General the right to attempt to recover the gifted assets from the recipient in particular circumstances.

The moral of the story? As we said last month, *timing is everything and strategizing is crucial. Smart planning often will allow a family to work around a gift that otherwise might create a penalty period.*

If you are interested in learning more about how the penalty period could affect you and your family please visit our website and read our blog for recent posts. For advice specific to you or your family, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you for a no hassle, no charge initial consultation, no matter how long it lasts.

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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

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

Great! Basement Book Sale

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tons of great deals on new and gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and more for all ages. Come check it out!

Weekly Storytimes

Come to our weekly storytimes to have fun, meet new friends, and set your child on the path to lifelong learning!

Mother Goose is on the Loose! Lapsit Storytime

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months. Our lapsit storytimes feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Held on April 22 and 29.

Two-Year-Old Storytime

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Held on April 10 and 24.

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and finger plays and includes a craft. Mondays from 4-5 p.m. Held on April 28.

Events for Children

Celebrate National Library week at the Library with these fun-filled activities for children!

Disney Film: Frozen

Tuesday, April 15, 1 p.m.

For children of all ages (and adults too!). 102 minutes. Rated PG. Bring a light snack; we'll provide juice.

Earth Day Craft

Wednesday, April 16, 2 p.m.

Make a hanging plant basket from recycled plastic bottles! Please bring two plastic bottles (one 2-liter; one 16-ounce). We will instruct you on how to turn a bottle into a planter. Bring recycled embellishments and decorate them any way you wish. We will provide the soil, flowers, and additional decorations.

Spring Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate spring with a special teddy bear storytime for children ages 2-5. Come in your pajamas and bring your bear and blankie.

Events for Teens & Tweens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, May 20, 2:15 p.m.

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

Events for Adults

Oscar Films

Please pre-register for all Oscar films.

American Hustle

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

A conman, Irving Rosenfeld, along with his seductive partner Sydney Prosser, is forced to work for a wild FBI agent, Richie DiMaso, who pushes them into a world of Jersey powerbrokers and mafia. 138 minutes. Rated R.

The Wolf of Wall Street

Monday, May 5, 7 p.m. • Wednesday, May 7, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

Based on the true story of Jordan Belfort, from his rise to a wealthy stockbroker living the high life to his fall involving crime, corruption, and the federal government. 180 minutes. Rated R.

Philomena

Monday, May 19, 7 p.m. • Wednesday, May 21, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

A world-weary political journalist picks up the story of a woman's search for her

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son who was taken away from her decades ago after she became pregnant and was forced to live in a convent. 98 minutes. PG-13.

Drop-In Tech Help

Held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 2:30-3:30 p.m. as follows: Thursday, April 17, May 1, May 15, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Get the answers to your technology questions in this informal, drop-in session. Our experts will be there to answer your questions about how your device works, how to load things onto it, and how to solve those annoying little problems that we all have from time to time! Help is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cooking with John Bencivengo

Wednesday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Chef John and Chef Peter Bencivengo return to the Library for a demonstration of their favorite recipes. Registration begins Wednesday, April 9. \$5 per person food charge payable upon registration.

The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

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

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

Yoga for Joy and Renewal

Saturday, May 3, 11 a.m.

Experience a total state of well-being at this multi-level yoga class led by instructor Sue Neufeld. Bring a yoga mat or towel.

Cookbook Club

Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.

Come to the cookbook club for great food and great discussion about the featured cookbook: *The Silver Palate Cookbook* by Julee Rosso and Sheila Lukins. Come ready to share your dish and your experiences with the group. Copies are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

Books & Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 20, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of *Orphan Train* by Christina Klein Baker. Copies available at the Circulation Desk. Refreshments will be served.

Film Buffs: Still Mine

Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.

An elderly couple fight against local authorities in rural New Brunswick to build their final home. 102 minutes. Rated PG-13.

Art in the Library

April: Artwork by the children of Orange elementary schools.

Reception: Thursday, April 10, 4-6 p.m.

May: Oils, pastels, collage, and watercolors by Dolores Gall and Betty Donahoe.

Reception: Thursday, May 8, 5-7 PM.

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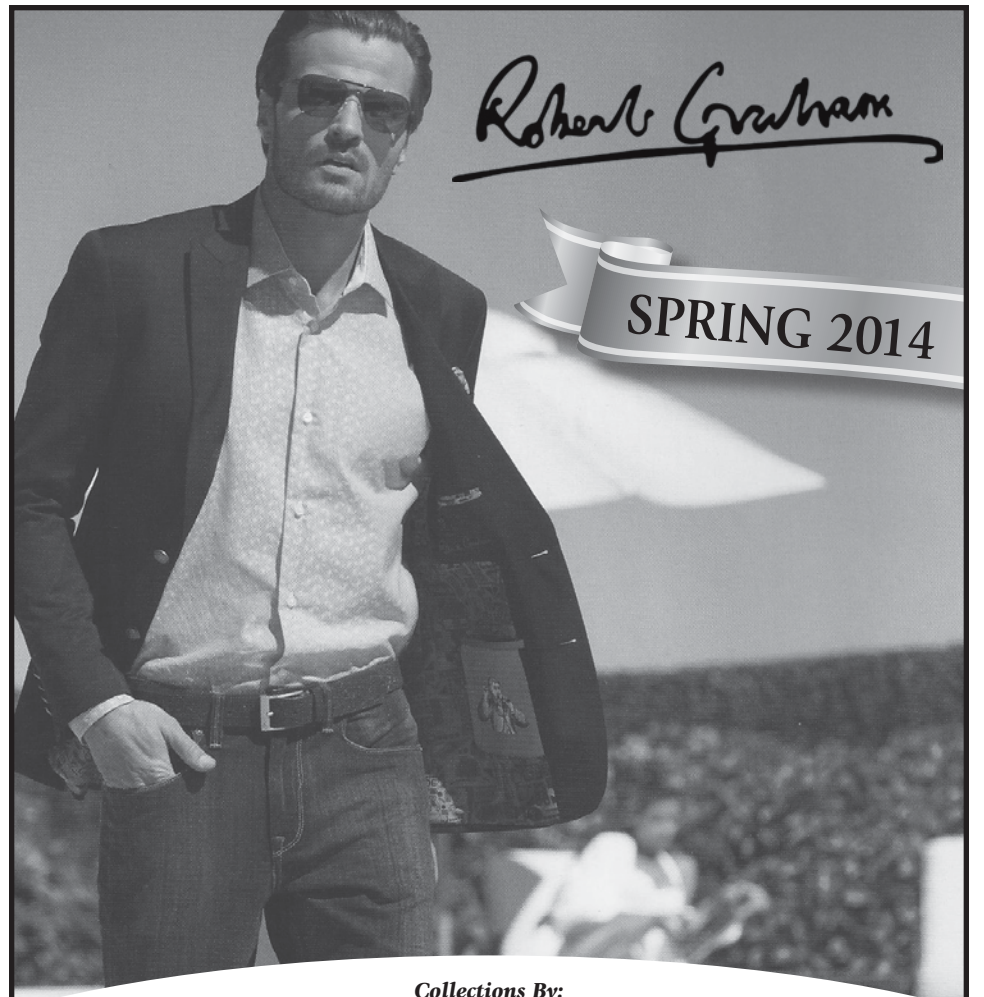
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- Downton Abbey, Season 4
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- Fruitvale Station
- Game of Thrones, Season 3
- Gravity
- The Killing, Season 1
- Rush
- 12 Years a Slave

Audiobooks

- Albom, Mitch - The First Phone Call from Heaven
- Alcott, Kate - The Daring Ladies of Lowell
- Evanovich, Janet - The Chase
- Hoffman, Alice - The Museum of Extraordinary Things
- Kellerman, Jonathan - Killer
- Lippman, Laura - After I'm Gone
- Moriarty, Liane - The Husband's Secret
- Oates, Joyce Carol - Carthage
- Quindlen, Anna - Still Life with Bread Crumbs
- Robb, J. D. - Concealed in Death

Music

- Broken Bells - After the Disco
- Calcagni, Enrico - Capriccio: 20th- and 21st-Century Works for Solo Oboe
- Cash, Rosanne - The River and the Thread
- Church, Eric - The Outsiders
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FROM THE DESK OF THE MUNICIPAL AGENT

By Denise Stein



There is a new email in town and this time the subject matter is your car taxes. I was actually the recipient of this email and yes it did make me pause and think for a moment about whether I had paid my taxes. The sender of this email was Orlando Gibbons.

In the email, he explained that I had not yet paid my car taxes and I had better shake a leg and pay my taxes. There were several flags that started waving. The due date for the taxes was incorrect. Also, he stated that there would be a lawsuit against me. Towns and cities do not bring lawsuits against those that

do not pay their taxes. They may turn it over to a collection agency or something along that line but not a lawsuit. Also, he wanted me to open the attachment in the email. Opening attachments contained in an email from an unknown person generally means that there is a virus attached.

So remember, the town is not going to send you an email about your car taxes, nor will they bring a lawsuit against you. Be wary!

Also, the food bank still needs cookies and crackers of any kind. Thanks so much.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Youth Services/Anti Defamation League to Offer Parenting Program on Bullying at High Plains Community Center

Orange Youth Services and The Anti-Defamation League - A World of Difference Institute are offering a Parenting session on Bullying at the High Plains Community Center on Tuesday, April 22nd, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Center's Cafeteria. As part of an E-Parenting series funding provided by SDE Enhancement Grant, the program is entitled "What Do We Want for Our Children - What Parents Need to Know About Bullying- Strategies". The program will cover both elementary and middle levels. There will also be a parent question and answer session to allow for personal strategies. The program will be filmed by OGAT. Admission is free and snacks and refreshments will be provided.



Pictured above are members of a recent Youth Services Artist Colony Watercolor class. Instructor was Audrey Galer.

KARATE CLASSES OFFERED BY ORANGE PARK & RECREATION

The Orange Park and Recreation is offering karate classes for ages 4 to adult. Classes start May 6, 2014 at the High Plains Community Center. Superior Karate offers a family discount and also teaches in Stratford and Monroe. For more information, contact Chris Sansonetti at 203-936-7508 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.

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14th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commissioners.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Conservation Commission.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
16th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
17th	Case Memorial Library Commission .	7:30 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
21st	Family Counseling Committee.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	ODAAC	7:00 pm	Clark Bldg
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
23rd	Safety Commission	9:00 am	Town Hall
	Memorial Day Committee	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Recycling Committee.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
24th	Senior Center Advisory Committee...	1:00 pm	HPCC
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25th	Emergency Management.....	8:00 am	Police Station
28th	Youth Services.....	7:30 pm	HPCC



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Relay for Life volunteers will be selling purple Mylar balloons throughout the community for the month of April. Balloons will cost \$5.00 and will be delivered to your home on Sunday, May 4th.

Relay for Life brings together friends, families, survivors and people from all walks of life whose lives have been touched by cancer. Relay for Life contributions are heavily distributed within our own community. These funds are used to help families with the hardships that come along with the fight against cancer. It provides for rides to treatment, stays at hotels, as well as many other programs offered.

It is not too late to get involved in this life changing event. You can take the opportunity to form a team or join an existing team. Go to RelayforLife.org and find our event. This year's Relay for Life will be held May 31st to June 1st at the High Plains Community Center.



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Passover celebrations can be traced back to the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

HISTORY OF PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS

Every year Jewish people celebrate Passover, a commemoration of the liberation of the Jews from slavery under Egyptian leaders.

Religious texts tell that God helped the children of Israel escape slavery in Egypt with the assistance of Moses and 10 plagues. Israelites were employed as slaves to build new monuments to Egypt's far-reaching power. Moses was the adopted brother of the Pharaoh at the time. Moses had fled the palace years earlier due to disillusionment over his Egyptian upbringing and his ties to the Israelite slaves.

One evening Moses was contacted by God via a burning bush that would not be consumed by fire. God called out to Moses and commissioned him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt after hearing their pleas and witnessing their suffering.

Moses asked God to choose another for the mission, but the Lord was adamant. Moses set out to speak to Pharaoh, but was unsuccessful in his efforts. It was then that God helped Moses' effort by inflicting the 10 Plagues, also referred to as the Biblical Plagues in the Christian bible. The plagues were designed to contrast the overwhelming power of the Israelite God from the importance of the Egyptian gods.

One of the plagues occurred when God turned the Nile River's water into blood. He also brought on hordes of frogs, lice and flies. God brought pestilence to Egyptian livestock and then boils to Egyptian people. Plagues of hail, locusts and darkness followed. When these efforts did not produce the freedom sought by the Israelites, God said he would go through Egypt and all of the firstborn sons of the Egyptians, including Pharaoh's own son, would perish. Moses was informed to tell the Israelites to mark their own doors with lamb's blood so that the Lord would pass over these homes and spare the Israelites' children from harm.

This final plague devastated the Egyptian people and proved so horrific as to warrant the freedom of the Israelite slaves. Pharaoh freed them, and Moses led them all on a mass exodus from Egypt.

Passover, or Pesach, is first mentioned in the Torah's account of the Exodus from Egypt. The word "pesach" is believed to mean "he hovered over, guarding," which is the image evoked by the retelling of the Passover story.

Today there are many Passover traditions that date back to early history. Jewish people may dine on lamb or goat meat in memory of the lambs sacrificed. All forms of leavened bread or leavening agents (chametz) are avoided as the fleeing Israelite slaves had no leavened bread to take with them on their journey. Homes are cleared of all leavening agents. Firstborn sons are commanded to observe the Fast of the Firstborn. Passover seder feasts are enjoyed, and men and women drink four cups of wine during the meal. Homes are made Kosher for the purpose of the holiday, and a separate set of Passover dishes, glassware and silverware that have never touched chametz are used.

Games, songs and traditional readings are all part of the Passover celebration, which lasts for seven or eight days depending on the area of the world in which it is being observed. Historically, together with Shavuot and Sukkot, Passover completes the trio of the pilgrimage festivals of the Jewish people.

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By Paul Davis



REP. DAVIS RECEIVES "COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD"

State Representative Paul Davis (D-Milford/Orange/West Haven) has been honored by the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) presenting him with its "Community Service Award" at the Association's 30th Awards Banquet held recently in Rocky Hill. Rep. Davis was honored for his previous career as an educator and coach and in his current role as a state representative.

CAAD noted that it is "grateful for his support of high school athletic directors and high school coaches in their efforts to provide positive, meaningful educational experiences for student athletes". "I deeply appreciate receiving this honor from the Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors," Rep. Davis said. "It is important that we continue to support our student athletes at all levels and the programs that not only provide them with life-long skills but contributes to everyone's quality of life."

Rep. Davis was a science teacher in the West Haven Public Schools for thirty four years and began his interscholastic

coaching career in 1979 when he was named head girls and head boys swimming and diving coach at Amity Regional High School. The combined record of both teams during his tenure was 351 wins, 102 losses and 3 ties. He received numerous "Coach Of The Year" awards and was inducted into the CHSCA Hall of Fame in 2009.

Rep. Davis was the leading author of a new law concerning swimming pool safety and helped pass legislation to raise the professional standards of athletic directors. Amity Regional High School's Athletic Director, Paul Mengold said, "Paul Davis is a man of integrity and ethics. He embodies all the qualities that outstanding coaches and educators possess."

The Connecticut Association of Athletic Directors (CAAD) is comprised of educators whose primary goal is to aspire to excellence for its athletic programs in member schools of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference.

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By Dennis Marsh



For Information or Reservations on the Following Events Call the Center at (203) 891-4784.

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Hot New Class! Mondays, April 21-June 30, 9 am. 10 wks, (no memorial day), Tara Graham will teach Latin Dance. If you enjoy Brooke's Friday morning class, you now can have it twice a week! You know Tara from Fitness and Wellness. Be sure to join her in Latin Dance!

Emergency Preparedness Presentation

The Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) will present "Why you need to Prepare for Emergencies" on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 1:00. Denise Stein, Elderly Outreach Worker will also be on hand to give out Yellow-Dots. Call 203-891-4784 to reserve a seat. Refreshments will be served!

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta Trip Presentation

Just In! Thursday, April 30, 4pm. Tracey from Collette Tours will be in the Senior Lounge to present a slide presentation and answer questions about our new trip Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. This trip is scheduled for October 8—October 13. There is an early booking discount, so don't miss out!

Teen Tech Talk

Tuesday, April 8th -4 pm Rabbi Wainhaus and the Congregation Or Shalom Amity High School Teens will offer personalized help with iPhone, iPad, and laptop computers in the Senior Lounge.

iClub

The i-club will be meeting the second Thursday this month—April 10, 11:30am in the Computer Room. The club meets to discuss the wonderful apps found, answer questions, and share experience using i-phones, i-pads, and laptops.

Money Management Club

The Money Management Club, continues to meet bi-weekly. Its next meetings are on April 11 & 25, from 9:00am to 10:00am. The group is intended as a means to share and discuss basic financial planning experiences and perhaps review some investment vehicles of interest.

Wellness Seminars

The Senior Center Fitness Instructor, Tara Graham is a Health & Wellness coach. She will lead our Wellness series at 11:30am-12:30pm in the Senior Lounge. April 15 Annette Hise, Nutritionist from FSW will present Bone Health. April 24 Tara will present Food & Mood. RSVP at (203) 891-4784.

Lunch & Learn is now LUNCH & FUN!

Join us for Lunch & Fun on April 17 from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Trash to Tunes with Dr. Dennis Waring. Trash to Tunes is a fun show where Dr. Waring uses handmade and homemade musical instruments inspired from instruments around the world. The show is filled with interesting sights, sounds, and stories about the instruments that will give the audience new insights into folklore, music, craft, science and world view. Dr. Waring is an ethnomusicologist, educator, author, instrument maker, collector, performer, and arts consultant. He teaches World Music, American Music, and Music Education courses on the university level. It's a great time for everyone! Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be available. Call the Center to let us know you will be attending.

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Come join the FREE Senior Center Book Club to be held the 4th Friday of each month starting April 25, from 2-3:30pm in Lounge. One meeting a month. The first meeting will brain storm ideas for reading materials.

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5th Annual Peck Place Senior Prom

Peck Place School will once again host a Senior Prom here at the HPCC on Tuesday, May 12 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Last year we had a ton of fun! There will be a buffet style lunch and beverages. This is an actual prom with music and dancing. The attire is dressy, but you could wear whatever will make you comfortable. Oh,

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Senior Lunch Program

The senior lunch program runs Monday through Friday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A nutritious lunch is served meeting the daily allowance guidelines set forth by a licensed nutritionist. A \$3.00 donation is accepted for persons 60 years and over. People under 60 years of age will need to pay the full price of \$5.60 a meal. Call Ellen in the kitchen by noon the day before to register (203) 891-4765.

Trips

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ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA – October 8—October 13, 2014 (6 days, 8 meals). Highlights include: Balloon Fiesta, Old Town Albuquerque, Nuclear Science & History Museum, Indian Cultural Museum, Turquoise Trail, Santa Fe, Loretto Chapel, and the Santa Fe School of Cooking. Includes round trip air from Bradley International Airport, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers and group transportation to/from Bradley Airport. Cost is \$2,299pp with early booking discount, double occupancy. Cancellation insurance is available

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HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



Do You Know Where You Are?

In reading the minutes of the Orange Annual Town Meeting for October 3rd, 1922, a committee reported, in detail, the progress of erecting and marking the names of the streets and were instructed to report at the next annual meeting on May 2nd of 1923 for the costs of such an effort. An assessor's map of January 1922 outlines the town with names, some of which are no longer part of Orange.

Some of the roads we pass each day appear to commemorate the area around it or a person who owned a large parcel of land where the road now stands. Through the many years of the Orange Town News, references have been made concerning the roads and byways of the Town of Orange.

While some appear to fit this description, others are a stab in the dark by those who have built up an area after the purchase from the original owners.

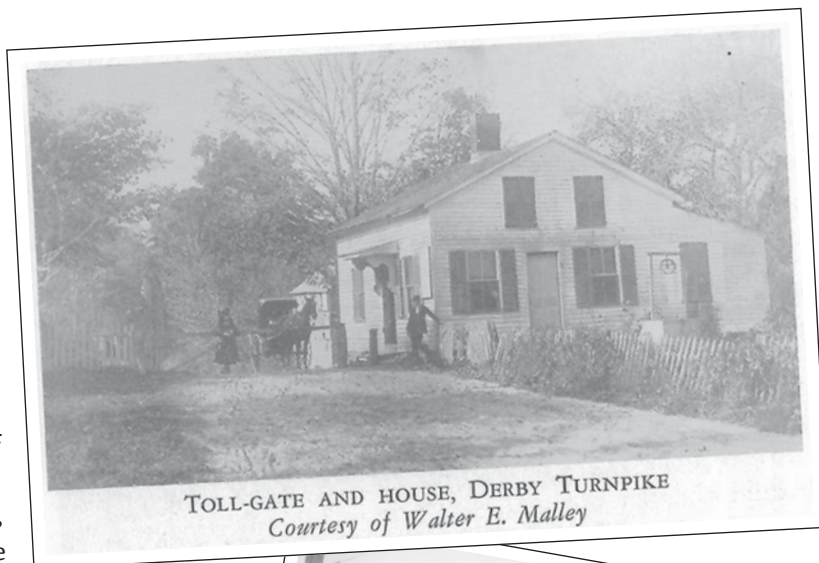
See if your "know where you are".

1. Old New Haven & Milford Road
2. UMBERFIELD ROAD
3. Henry Clark's Road
4. Race Road
5. Clark Street
6. Elizabeth Street
7. Morse Road
8. Main Street
9. Bradley Ave.
10. Milford Turnpike
11. Church Road

One of the roads appears in three different places, Cranberry Lane. At one time this little road started just off Grassy Hill Road to the right as you enter the "on" ramp for New York for Route 15. It crossed Turkey Hill Road, meandering its way west, exiting at Derby-Milford Road. Peck Lane too has its extension just off Meeting House Lane with the majority of the road between Pine Tree and Route 1. At one time, the little cut-off, Wepawaug Road that connects Old Grassy Hill with Grassy Hill was Wepawaug Lane and went straight, parallel to the Wepawaug River.

The roads once associated with Tyler City, the "new" portion of Orange that was expected to bring people out of New Haven in 1872, are named for members of the railroad and entrepreneurs Philander Ferry and Samuel Halliwell who envisioned it. Morris Tyler was the railroad president at the time, Nehemiah Sperry put the town "on the map" by establishing a post office on New Haven Avenue, Edwin Marble was one of the original directors of the newly formed New Haven & Derby railroad and Eli Quintard was the superintendent of the railroad known for his detailed reports on the operations of the railroad. Other names proposed were Harrison, Atwater, Hubbell, Park & Butler. With the demise of the Tyler City plan, only Quintard, Marble, Halliwell and Ferry remain.

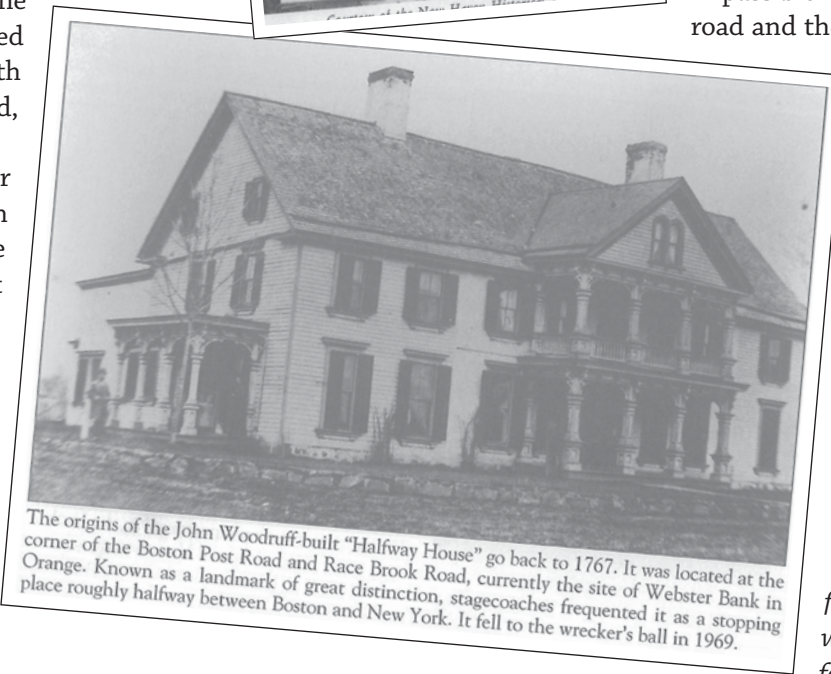
One of the more obvious names is West River which is west of the Wepawaug River and Old Tavern was named for the Woodruff Tavern that once stood at the end of the road facing Route One. It was also known as the Halfway House as it was halfway between New York and Boston on the Post Road. Meeting House Lane is, of course, associated with the original meetinghouse that was erected on the north side of the Green after the North Milford citizens asked to have their church services held in town as opposed to the First Church in Milford. The road, at that time, crossed the Green, a short distance from its location today. It actually cut the Green in half just south of the Congregational Church parsonage.



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The origins of the John Woodruff-built "Halfway House" go back to 1767. It was located at the corner of the Boston Post Road and Race Brook Road, currently the site of Webster Bank in Orange. Known as a landmark of great distinction, stagecoaches frequented it as a stopping place roughly halfway between Boston and New York. It fell to the wrecker's ball in 1969.

Demarest Drive is named for John Demarest, son-in-law of Wilson H. Lee of Fairlea Farm. Mr. Lee's foreman was William Knight and at one time Mr. Lee had proposed a section of Orange for residential housing and Knight Lane is part of that proposal. Andrew Lane and Wellington Drive are names from the William Andrew family tree. Dogwood and Dogburn are two of the more difficult roads to explain as Dogburn starts at the Post Road, as does Dogwood and just after Alling Farms Road, Dogburn becomes Dogwood Road until it crosses Derby Avenue and becomes Dogburn once more. To make matters more complicated, these roads were once referred to as Dogman Road and can be seen on very old New Haven City Directory maps.

In the history of the New Haven & Derby railroad, Alling's Crossing or Sheldon's Crossing is just east of New Haven Avenue. It was named for a prominent citizen J. Sheldon Alling with Sheldon Court still listed in this area.

Allingtown was settled by two of Roger Alling's grandsons and Daniel settled in the western part of New Haven and later into Orange establishing the Orange or Dogman Allings. The Alling lands ran from the Milford Turnpike (Route 1) to the Ansonia turnpike in Woodbridge. The railroad crossing pictured is labeled Milford Road but using railroad valuation maps of the time it is believed to be Alling's Crossing. *Grace Trail is believed to have been named for his daughter.

One of the many interesting roads is Racebrook Avenue, which in reality does not exist although it does on paper. A 1980 map lists the name in the area of Sheffield Road and tax records show Racebrook Avenue as part of a residential property today. As of 1953 a certificate for abandon roads shows that Racebrook Ave.nue. would no longer be an Orange road. It is understandable that Racebrook Road would be so named as it crossed the Racebrook River just north of the Derby Turnpike. Which brings up the subject of a "turnpike" whose definition is a barrier placed across a road to stop passage until a toll was paid.

The Derby Turnpike Company was formed in 1798 with a capital of \$7,500, 100 shares issued to ten original stockholders. A petition for a road was put forth to the General Assembly and approved, to be built, 18ft. wide where possible. It began in New Haven on York Street and went about eight miles into Derby landing. At that time, Derby was a bustling village with quite an import trade, especially from the West Indies. The road was a turnpike with the toll station on the south side near Maltby Lakes.

They say it was always just an ordinary dirt road and almost impassible in the spring. By 1897, it was discontinued as a toll road and the company was paid by the various towns for the right of way. Orange paid \$800. There are some who wish to have Route 34 or Derby Avenue referred to as Derby Turnpike as it was in its inception. At a Town Meeting in 1897, it was voted to spend \$3000 to make improvements to the "Derby Turnpike".

Now do you know where you are?

Answers: 1. Route 1, 2. Lambert Road, 3. Ridge Road, 4. Grassy Hill, 5. School House Road off Orange Center, 6. School House Road off Tyler City Road, 7. Old Tavern Road, 8. Orange Center Road, 9. **Racebrook Road, 10. Another name for Route 1, 11. The small section of road west of the Green. *Details of the New Haven & Derby Railroad can be found on www.tylercitystation.info. **Bradley Avenue was named at the time of the Tyler City development for the prior owner of the area, Lewis Bradley.



REP. KLARIDES KEYNOTES YOUNG LAWYERS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

On March 26th, State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) served as keynote speaker at the Connecticut Bar Association's 2014 Annual Legislative Breakfast for Young Lawyers. The annual event draws dozens of lawyers for a chance to meet state legislators and discuss legal and legislative issues facing Connecticut. Rep. Klarides, who is a practicing attorney, spoke at the Capitol Complex about proposed legislation in the Judiciary Committee and recent judicial appointments.



Peck Place School recently held its annual Mother-Son Bowling Night at Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling in West Haven. This event was open to all grade levels and was very well attended. Pictured is a group of bowlers at the end of their bowling session.



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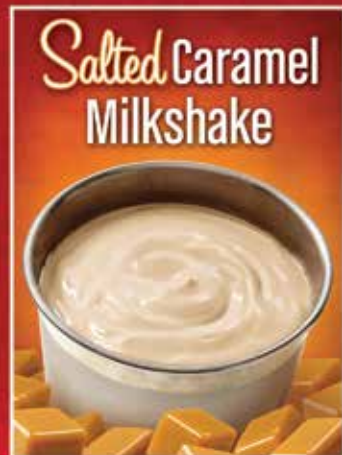
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Pop's Family Restaurant is settled into its new location in Milford near the CT Post Mall. I am pleased to report that its business is booming! So much so that they are already talking about adding an outdoor patio and additional parking. The background of this family owned and operated business is truly a great success story so I felt it was something special to share.

It all began with a man named Kostandinos Grigoriadis who is now called Gus. Gus migrated to the United States of America from his hometown named Kassos, from Greece, in 1975, at the age of 17. He came over to this country with only what he was wearing and no money in his pocket. He lived in New York and began to work immediately. Gus began his working experience as a dishwasher. He worked long and hard hours to make money. Over the years, he married his wife, Julia Grigoriadis, and soon began a family. In 1991, he was offered an opportunity that he had to take. He moved his wife, three daughters and himself to a better future. He left from The Bronx, N.Y and moved to Milford, CT. In 1991, Pop's was a donut shop that was located on 587 New Haven Avenue. After several years, it was brought to Gus's attention that Dunkin Donuts was opening right across the street. With a big franchise such as Dunkin Donuts coming in, Gus was left to make a quick decision on what to do next. He knew if he stayed with a donut shop he would not be in business much longer. He made the decision to renovate and become a Breakfast and Lunch restaurant. After being in business in that location for 22 years, Gus wanted to own his own property. He and his family have built many relationships with many customers and wanted to stay in Milford. Pop's moved to 134 Old Gate Lane on July 8, 2013. Gus and his family continue to work hard at doing what they love to do. Pop's motto that appears on the wall is "Where Friends Meet and Friends Are Made!" This message is so obvious when you enter the restaurant as the entire family and their staff try hard to make each and every customer feel like they are part of the Pop's family without a doubt. They have so many regular customers the atmosphere makes you feel like you are part of one big happy family! Pop's Family Restaurant is open 7 days a week - 364 days a year (they only close on Christmas) for breakfast (served all day), lunch & dinner.

Most of Pop's food is homemade and quality & freshness are definitely a priority. The menu is extensive offering country fresh eggs, omelettes, benedicts, fresh fruit, cereal, breakfast sides, pancakes, French toast, waffles, freshly baked muffins, bagels, toast, appetizers, soups, salads, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, paninis, etc. In addition, Pop's offers a wide range of dinner choices including meat, chicken, seafood & pasta. Homemade desserts include cheesecake, rice & bread pudding, pies, cakes, etc. Daily specials are offered for breakfast, lunch & dinner. Pop's "Early Bird Special" is served Monday-Sunday from 3p-5p for only \$10.95. The choices include Rib-Eye steak, broiled scrod, meatloaf, turkey with stuffing, hot open roast beef, liver & onions, Chicken Marsala, pasta con broccoli with chicken. Most are served with potatoes & vegetables and include a choice of soup or salad, coffee, tea or soft drink and choice of rice pudding, bread pudding, or Jell-O. What a great deal! Pop's also offers beer and wine (by the glass or bottle).

Serving breakfast, lunch & dinner- 7 days a week - Monday-Saturday 5am-9pm - Sunday 6am-9pm - I would like to mention that every Thanksgiving Gus and his family give back to the community by offering a free dinner to those in need, serving over 120 dinners.

Pop's Family Restaurant

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Final notes: Gus, his lovely family and staff will welcome you to Pop's with open arms! Make a visit soon to experience the great food, service, and reasonable prices at this family friendly restaurant! Remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant, please e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com or susan@woodbridgetownnews.com.



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By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

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The evening will include professional male and female dancers dressed in ballroom attire, sprinkled with crystals, and sprayed bronze who will entertain the crowd with rhumbas, cha chas and waltzes that rival anything you've seen on "Dancing with the Stars." Guests will also be encouraged to take a twirl on the dance floor with one of the instructors, and students will perform choreographed dance routines they've been working on. There'll be food, fun door and raffle prizes, great music and plenty of laughs. Promotional packages will be available for those interested in signing up for a program.

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General meetings are quite informal and held on the third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, at Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue) in Hamden. Anyone interested in possibly joining the Elm City Kennel Club is invited and encouraged to attend one of our meetings.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. Our April meeting will include a program on AKC Dog Shows 101.

For more information, you can contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net).

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This is a one week program of The American Legion. Boys State developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, born out of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

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Applicants are notified that we are requesting receipt of complete signed applications by MAY 2nd. This year the application and supplementary materials on the program are available on line: <http://ctboysstate.tripod.com>. Candidates should fill applications out, print them and get them signed per the directions on the website and mail them to the post coordinator by the deadline at:

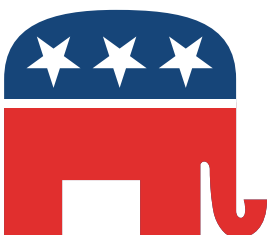
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WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB HOLDS SPRING LUNCHEON

The Women's Republican Club of Orange will have its annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, April 26th, at Gabriele's Restaurant, at 1:00pm. Members and guests are invited. Door-prizes, donated by members, may be brought to the event. If you would like to bring a prize, please advise Pat Zeoli at 203-795-9679. Reservations may be sent to Beth Michael, 386 Drummond Road, Orange, CT 06477. Phone 203-799-1223. The price is \$30.00 per person. Menu choices are: Chicken Parmigiana, Veal Marsala, Scrod Calabrese, or Eggplant Siciliana. Pasta, Salad, dessert, coffee or tea are included. Please send in reservations by April 16th. Annual dues of \$5.00 may be sent with a separate check to Beth Michael or brought to the luncheon. Make checks payable to WRCO. Let's start Spring with a "Fling". We hope to see you on the 26th!



UPCOMING JCC EVENTS

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

Beckerman Lecture Series: Food For Thought - Jacques Pepin And Faith Middleton

Thursday, 5/1, 5:30pm - World-renowned chef Jacques Pepin appears in conversation with WNPR's Faith Middleton, host of The Food Schmooze. Pepin, a Dean at the French Culinary Institute and creator of more than 20 cookbooks and 11 cooking shows, will discuss his life in and out of the kitchen. Prior to the lecture, participants will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres based on Pepin's classic recipes.

Thanks to the generosity of the Beckerman family, the JCC's annual spring lecture series formerly known at Perspectives, will return this year revamped and renamed. This year's April-June series entitled, Food for Thought, will explore history, art and conscience of cuisine.

Kosher catering provided by Abel catering. \$25 for JCC Members, \$30 for non-members. Contact: DeDe Jacobs-Komisar, 203-387-2JCC, dedek@jccnh.org, <http://jccnh.org/page.aspx?id=253845>.

Dancing Thru Pregnancy: Total Pregnancy Fitness

Class begins Tuesday, 5/6, 6-7pm - The premier pregnancy fitness program for healthy mom and baby! Four sessions: \$40 for JCC members, \$60 for nonmembers or drop-in \$15m/\$20nm per class. Contact: Susan Donovan, 203-387-2JCC, susand@jccnh.org

Kabbalah Inspired Expressive Art & Writing Workshop

Register by Tuesday, 5/1 - Wednesday, 5/7, 7-9pm. Facilitated by certified expressive arts educator, Amy J. Barry. A modern interpretation of the ancient Hebrew letters of Kabbalah will serve as inspiration for a variety of creative exercises that help people explore the intuitive, imagistic right side of the brain and transform negative thoughts and emotions into positive, life-altering responses. Atmwrite-ct.com. Cost: \$25. Location: JFGNH Shoreline Office, Lighthouse Square, 705 Boston Post Road, Guilford, 06437. Register: Jill Lesage, 203-738-0033, jwlesage@jewishnewhaven.org.

Shabbat Friends Cooking Series (Ages 3-5)

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

LJ On The Shoreline

Wednesday, 5/14, 11am - LJ is coming to you! Join LJ as we play, learn and grow to a surprise PJ book! Location: JFGNH Shoreline Office, Lighthouse Square, 705 Boston Post Road, Guilford, 06437. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

JCC Youththeatre Presents The Wizard Of Oz

Sunday, 5/18, 2pm - Fun for all ages. Tickets: \$10. Contact: Alison Lurie, 203-387-2522 x313, alisonl@jccnh.org.

Field Day And Cookout At JCC Day Camp (Ages 5-8)

Sunday, 5/25, 2-4pm - \$5 per child. Participate in outdoor games and activities, smores by the fire and more up at JCC Day Camp! Appropriate for ages 5-8 years old with caregiver. Registration Required, Laura LJ Ross, 203-387-2522 x 317, laurar@jccnh.org.

On The Road With LJ

Wednesday, 5/28, 4pm - Keep your eyes peeled for LJ coming to a location near you! Play, Learn & Grow. Location: Peabody Museum, 170 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, 06511. Contact: Laura Ross, 203-387-2JCC, laurar@jccnh.org.

GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE HOLDS APRIL MEETING

"Flower Arrangements From Nature's Bounty" will be the topic for Garden Club of Orange's meeting to be presented by Carol King Platt. She will be making nature inspired arrangements with backyard and roadside materials and maybe a little help from the florist! Members will also be exhibiting a creative design "April Fool".

The program will be held at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange at 1:00 p.m. Guests are welcome.

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

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ORANGE CUB SCOUT PACK 922 "BLUE AND GOLD" BANQUET

Orange's Cub Scout Pack 922, chartered by the Orange Volunteer Fire Department, celebrated its accomplishments with its annual Blue and Gold dinner on March 23rd at Grassy Hill lodge. The Blue and Gold dinner is one of our most exciting events of the year, because it is a Birthday party for Cub Scouting in which all pack families can take part. The banquet is held to celebrate the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America. The pack's big celebration gets its name from the Cub Scout colors, Blue and Gold. Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty and the sky above. The Gold represents sunlight, good cheer and happiness.

The most important portion of the program is the recognition of advancement of the scouts. The ceremony acknowledges the boys who have achieved the requirements to advance to their next level. Pack 922 proudly recognizes all 30 boys who have achieved their next level of scouting! Congratulations scouts! The boys, their leaders and parent partners work throughout the year to complete their requirements and have fun.

The children and their parents were joined by special guests Michael Gray, Racebrook School Principal and Elementary School Principal of the Year for the State of CT, Donna Wesolowski, Unit Commissioner from CT Yankee Council, Dee McLenithan, WV District Commissioner from CT Yankee Council, and John Wesolowski, Scout Master Troop 925.

Cubmaster, Jeff Cap, and Assistant Cubmaster, Vicky Cap, opened the Blue and Gold ceremony with a wonderful opening, including leaders and scouts. All enjoyed an amazing dinner, entertainment by Danny Magic, and a beautiful recognition program.

When a boy begins cub scouting; he starts as a Bobcat and progresses to his next level.

Tiger Cub: The Tiger Cub program is for first-grade boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achieve-

ment areas. The Tiger Cub, working with his adult partner, completes 15 requirements within these areas to earn the Tiger Cub badge. These requirements consist of an exciting series of indoor and outdoor activities just right for a boy in the first grade. Pack 922 Den 4 had 9 Tiger Cub Scouts who advanced to the rank of Wolf!

Wolf: The Wolf program is for boys who have completed first grade. To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass 12 achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. Pack 922 Den 3 had 7 Wolf Cub Scouts who advanced to the rank of Bear!

Bear: The Bear rank is for boys who have completed second grade. There are 24 Bear achievements in four categories. The Cub Scout must complete 12 of these to earn the Bear badge. These requirements are more difficult and challenging than those for Wolf rank. Pack 922 Den 2 had 10 Bear Cub Scouts who have advanced to the rank of Webelos!

Webelos: This program is for boys who have completed third grade. A boy may begin working on the Webelos badge as soon as he joins a Webelos den. This is the first step in his transition from the Webelos den to the Boy Scout troop. As he completes the requirements found in the Webelos Handbook, he will work on activity badges, attend meetings led by adults, and become familiar with the Boy Scout requirements - all leading to the Arrow of Light Award. Pack 922 Den 1 had 4 Webelos I Cub Scouts who have advanced to the rank of Webelos II!

Cub Scout Pack 922 is currently open for recruiting new boys into their scouting program. Any current kindergarten boy going into first grade September 2014 can join Pack 922. Current boys in grades 1st through 4th can also join Pack 922. Pack 922 is holding a recruiting open house on Tuesday, May 27th at Mary L Tracy School in the cafeteria at 6:30 PM.

For more information about Pack 922 Cub Scouting, visit www.OrangeCTscouting.com.

ROTARY CLUB OF ORANGE OFFERS 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Rotary Club of Orange will again award three \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors from Orange. Additionally, there will be a scholarship in honor of Joseph Cuzzocreo, the Joseph Cuzzocreo Memorial Scholarship, awarded to an individual who is pursuing a degree in Human Services or related field, i.e., Special Education.

All requests must be received by May 9, 2014. Awards will be awarded in June. Questions regarding this program may be directed to:

Don Lewis, Rotary Club of Orange
727 N. Greenbrier Drive
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Our meeting room is on the 2nd level (the small meeting room). There is an elevator available (wheelchair accessible).

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Turkey Hill School classrooms had a special visit from Orange Police Officer Mike Kosh and his K-9 partner Maximus, "Max". Ms Malafronte's first grade class is pictured here with them. Officer Kosh is the school's resource officer and spoke to the students about the correct way to meet and greet a dog.

Officer Kosh will be visiting the school and students throughout this year and encouraged the children to say hello when they see him again or to ask more questions about Max. The children also had a chance to meet, greet and pet Max, who was of course very friendly and well behaved.



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Sean Bean

Q: With “**Games of Thrones**” starting back up, it got me wondering what **Sean Bean** is up to. Can you tell me what he’ll be in next? -- Alicia W., via email

A: Beginning in August, Sean stars in the new TNT action-thriller series “**Legends**,” which is set to premiere Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 9 p.m. ET/PT. The story centers on Sean’s character, Martin Odum, who plays a deep-undercover FBI agent who may be losing his grip on reality. Martin has the ability to transform himself into a completely different person for each job, but he begins to question his own identity when a mysterious stranger suggests that he isn’t the man he believes himself to be.

The series comes from “**Homeland**” executive producers **Howard Gordon** and **Alexander Cary**, and “**Fringe**” co-executive producer **David Wilcox**, and co-stars **Ali Carter**, **Morris Chestnut**, **Amber Valletta**, **Steve Harris** and **Tina Majorino**.

Q: I was happy to read in your column that **Kiss** will be inducted into the Rock ‘n’ Roll Hall of Fame. Will they be touring to support their induction? -- Gary T., Cleveland

A: Kiss will indeed be embarking on a joint project this summer, co-headlining with hard-rock superstars **Def Leppard** in a 42-city summer stadium tour, which will run from June 23 to Aug. 31. Def Leppard lead singer **Joe Elliott** said that he and Kiss bassist **Gene Simmons** first discussed the idea of the two bands touring together when they played some South American dates two years ago as part of a rock-and-roll all-stars tour. “It’s finally happened, which is fantastic,” Joe said. Also, a dollar from each ticket sold on the tour will go to the Wounded

Warrior Project and other military nonprofits. (Go to livenation.com for ticket info.)

Q: Starz canceled “**Magic City**” just as season two ended. What a disappointment. The show was never given much publicity, but it was wonderfully done. I love it and miss it so much, and so do my friends. Is there any chance of “**Magic City**” going to another cable network? -- Dale P., Fort Worth, Texas

A: While I never say never (see “**Scrubs**” and “**Cougar Town**” for examples), there hasn’t been much talk about the series continuing. Set in 1959 in Miami shortly after the Cuban Revolution, “**Magic City**” centered on the story of Ike Evans, played by **Jeffrey Dean Morgan**, who owned Miami’s most glamorous hotel, the Miramar Playa. I do have slightly good news for you, though: The entire 16-episode “**Magic City**” series will be released by Starz and Anchor Bay in Blu-ray and DVD formats on May 13.

Q: Can you tell me if “**Unforgettable**” will be back? -- Tom V., The Villages, Fla.

A: The CBS drama series starring **Poppy Montgomery** as Carrie Wells, a woman with hyperthymesia -- a rare medical condition that gives her the ability to visually remember everything -- will return with a 13-episode third season beginning in June.

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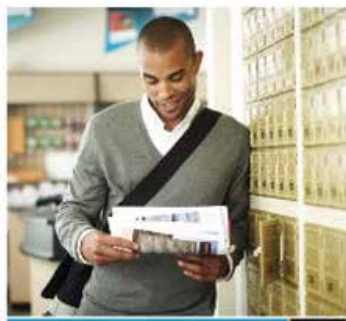
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A lot of hands on fun happening at Holy Infant Preschool! As part of their dinosaur unit, students made and painted a volcano. Holy Infant Preschool in Orange is now enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year. To schedule a visit or for more information, contact Shirley Conroy at 203-799-6783 or holyinfantparents@yahoo.com.



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The elementary classroom at New England School of Montessori began its morning with a parent visitor presenting a "science talk". A fifth grader's father gave the class a lesson on Sir Isaac Newton and his laws of motion. It tied in beautifully with our current exploration of rocketry.

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YOURS, MINE AND OURS - DIVIDING PROPERTY IN A DIVORCE

One of the biggest challenges that many couples face during the divorce is the division of assets. Connecticut is not a community property state; meaning, the law does not require that all property be divided 50/50. Instead, Connecticut is an "equitable distribution" state. Equitable does not mean equal, so what does it mean? In Connecticut, the law requires that property be divided as is fair under the circumstances. If that seems vague and imprecise, that's because it is. One thing is for sure: once property is divided following a Connecticut divorce, that order cannot be modified (except for in very rare circumstances, such as when fraud is involved). Therefore, you must get it right the first time.



Emily S. Lucibello

So, how is it determined what an 'equitable division of property IS in Connecticut?

Some couples have prenuptial (otherwise known as "premarital" or "antenuptial") agreements in place which, provided that agreement is enforceable, deals with the division of assets after a divorce. However, prenuptial agreements are not always upheld. Therefore, if the enforceability of your prenuptial agreement is an issue, you should consult with a Connecticut divorce attorney.

If you do not have a prenuptial agreement, you will need to try to work out a property division on your own. This can be done through discussions between parties and their attorneys, through negotiation, or even through mediation. Working out the issues is usually preferable, because it gives you some control over what the final resolution is.

However, couples who are not able to come to a decision by themselves will need to ask the court to decide for them. This will require a trial, or a hearing, before a judge. The judge will decide how property should be divided, and Connecticut law allows a judge to divide the property of both spouses in any manner that is deemed fair, not just property acquired after marriage.

Under Connecticut law, if a judge has to perform the division of assets, he/she must take into account various statutory factors, such as the age of each spouse, their health, occupation, income, needs, etc. Other factors the judge considers include the cause for the dissolution of the marriage – including who was primarily responsible (i.e. who is at fault), and the contribution made by each spouse to the value of an asset. There is no fixed formula for the division of property after a divorce, and it varies from case to case. Also, while the court must consider each of the statutory factors in awarding property, the law does not require that the judge give each factor the same amount of weight.

There is a lot of discretion given to the judges in Connecticut when awarding property in a divorce therefore, it is important that you are able to make the right legal arguments, given the factors and the circumstances of YOUR case, as to how property should be divided. A skilled divorce lawyer can advise you on the laws in Connecticut governing divorces, and help you to make an argument as to how property should be divided in YOUR case, and why.

If you have questions about your Connecticut divorce, you should consult with a knowledgeable and experienced family law attorney. He or she can work with you to gather information, and request financial records from your spouse (through "discovery") to help put together an accurate and complete financial picture. Having a complete financial picture is the first, and arguably the most important, step in equitably dividing property in a divorce.

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(L to R) Rev. Fr. Ignatios Achlioptas of Saint Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) and Rev. Fr. Charles Simones of the Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Chapel gather at the State Capitol in celebration of Greek Independence Day on March 25th.

REP. KLARIDES CELEBRATES GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

On March 25th State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) attended the 20th Annual Greek Independence Day celebration at the State Capitol, which featured speeches by Greek community leaders, folk dance, student poetry readings and traditional cuisine. The celebration commemorated Greece's independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821, and was sponsored by the Hellenic Student Association Paideia of the University of Connecticut.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



Wines for Easter

Easter Sunday, a time to reflect and celebrate the Lord's resurrection, and a time to gather with family and friends to share a special meal together. Traditional Easter menus tend to center around either a roasted ham or a leg of lamb, begging the question, "Which wine goes best with what?" We'll start with the ham. Ham is often prepared with glazes or toppings that are sweet and can balance the inherent saltiness of the actual meat. Well-paired wines can accomplish the same objective. For ham, the best "tried and true" companion wines are, hands-down - a Riesling or a Gewurztraminer. Both wines tend to offer fresh, flavorful taste profiles with enough sweet fruit to balance the salt in the ham and enough acidity to support the combination without compromising the flavor in either the ham or the wine. There are plenty of easy to find Rieslings that offer good value and high quality - perfect for experimenting with this Easter. Consider an Alsatian or German Riesling for their mineral-laden Old World character or a bright Washington state Riesling from either Hogue Cellars or Chateau St. Michelle. If you are opting for a spicy Gewurztraminer, you may consider successful vintners such as Columbia Crest, Trimbach or Dominane Schumberger. Both Riesling and Gewurztraminer are crowd-pleasing white wine favorites that have the versatility to handle a wide variety of palates, while accommodating plenty of preparation options for ham. A lightly oaked Chardonnay would also handle ham well, if you are partial to this particular white wine.

As for lamb, whether rack of lamb, leg of lamb or roast of lamb, the strategy is to stick with your well grounded red wines - a red Burgundy, a northern Rhone red, a Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Merlot or a Tempranillo or Shiraz. You are shooting for red wines with decent tannin structure, good fruit and a finish that can endure as long as the lamb itself. The goal is to have a wine with enough fruit and acidity to handle the robust flavors of the lamb, but not overpower it in the process. I love a big Zin with my lamb dishes which is one of my favorites. There are many great Zins. One of my favorites is 7 Deadly Zins which is available locally and inexpensively. I have a bottle of Cline Ancient Vines Zinfandel 2005. This has a flavor of dark berries, coffee and chocolate with great vanilla oak characteristics. It is aged for 9 months in American oak and produced from 80 to 100 year old vines from a Lodi vineyard planted in 1911. It is killer with my wife's lamb roast and I can't wait to pop that cork! You can contact them at 800 546 2070 or on line at www.clinecellars.com.

This month's wine quiz: Which scale system is used in the United States to Measure the sugar content of grapes and wine? Email me at ray.spaziani@gmail.com and for a correct answer you may win an award winning bottle of Spaziani wine.

Answer to Last Month's Wine Quiz: Which fortified wine is traditionally used to douse the sponge cake in an English trifle? The answer is Sherry! Ira Kroopneck from Milford was the only correct answer and he won a bottle of Spaziani Sangiovese. Salute Ira!

Top 5 Kosher Wines for Passover

Not all kosher wine is super sweet. Wine and Food Magazine tasted 40-plus bottlings from around the world to find the five best kosher-for-Passover wines, which are made according to Jewish rabbinical law.

2007 Ramon Cardova Rioja: This easy-to-drink Rioja (made from Tempranillo) comes from the same vineyards and winery used by the well-known producer Ramon Bilbao. It's a great match for savory roasted chicken.

2008 Yarden Odem Chardonnay: Victor Schoenfeld, a leader in Israeli wine, produces this pear-scented Chardonnay with organically farmed grapes from the cool, northern region of Galilee; excellent with chicken soups.

2007 Giordano Borgo Reale Toscano Rosso: Along with the earthy notes common to Super-Tuscans (usually blends of Sangiovese with French varietals like Cabernet and Merlot), this wine has herbal aromas that pair well with roasts and stews.

2005 Château Malartic-Lagravière: Some of Bordeaux's most renowned châteaux allow kosher winemakers to use their grapes and facilities to make kosher versions of their wines. One is this brambly red—super.

NV Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Rosé Brut: Made entirely of Pinot Noir, this rosé Champagne is nutty and full-bodied with bright strawberry aromas, perfect with salty fish appetizers.

Enjoy some of these wonderful wines with your Passover feast!

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Church of the Good Shepherd

Holy Week Schedule

- April 17 Holy Thursday: Supper, Foot Washing, and Worship—6:00 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday: Stations of the Cross, Youth—4:00 p.m.; Good Friday Liturgy 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil, Worship, and Eucharist—8:00 p.m.
- April 20 Easter Sunday: Easter Sunrise Worship Service—6:00 a.m.; Family Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt on Church Lawn—8:30 a.m.; Choral Eucharist of the Resurrection—10:30 a.m.

SECOND NIGHT SEDER AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

All are welcome to attend the second night seder at Temple Emanuel on Tuesday, April 15 at 5:45 pm. The seder, led by Rabbi Michael Farbman, is open to all members of the community – it is not necessary to be a member of TE to participate. The charge for people aged 12 and over is \$36, and \$10 for people under 12. For additional information or to register, please go to the TE website: www.templemanuel-gnh.org or call the office: 203-397-3000.



Temple Emanuel

OUR LADY OF SORROWS EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

Our Lady of Sorrows Church, a traditional Catholic Church, located at 378 Spring Street, Orange, CT 06477 (203-795-5076) announces its Easter week schedule.

<i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:00am, 1:00pm
<i>Holy Thursday</i>	6:00pm
<i>Good Friday</i>	6:00pm
<i>Holy Saturday</i>	Midnight, Pre-Mass ceremonies start at 11:30pm.



Our Lady of Sorrows

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Orange Congregational Church

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday service at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. At the 10:00 am service our palm processional led by Jeff Dyer and Kyle Dougherty playing bagpipes will meet at 9:50 am out in the back parking lot, weather permitting. We will process into the church followed by a blessing of palms. Our Junior Choir will offer 'Sing Glad Hosannas', the Handbell choir will offer 'Theme from Symphony 40 by Mozart and the Senior Choir will offer an anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross". This is a traditional service of hymns, meditation and music which will be followed by the reading of the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John to set our journey to Gethsemane.



Orange Congregational Church

Maundy Thursday

At 7:00 pm we will gather in the sanctuary for the Vigil of Maundy Thursday, the Sacrament of Communion, and the Service of Tenebrae or the darkening of this night. This is a profoundly moving service that symbolizes the disciples' desertion of Jesus and the approach of that dark hour of loneliness and hate. The Senior Choir will offer Scene 1 from "The Crucifixion" by Stainer. The sanctuary will be in darkness following the last reading.

Good Friday

Centers of Prayer are a new interactive way of being in prayer and meditation on this Good Friday. There are two ways in which you can experience and worship on that day. The sanctuary will be open from Noon until 3:00 pm for reflection and experiencing the Centers of Prayer. Rev. Suzanne will be available for healing prayer as well.

At 7:00 pm a Worship Service with Hymns, Readings and time to experience the Centers of Prayer will be held. Mr. Ron Barber will be our soloist and will sing "He Grew the Tree" by Lawrence.

Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Come and worship the risen Christ with us, the glory of the resurrection for us to celebrate!

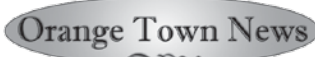
6:00 am Sunrise Service on Hannah's Hill by the Church. A service of readings, prayer, meditation and song offered by the Confirmation Class and the Youth Pilgrim Fellowship.

9:00 and 11:00 am Traditional Easter Service with joyous hymns of praise! At the 9:00 am service the Junior Choir will sing "This is the Day" by Sleeth and at the 11:00 am service the Handbell Choir will play, "Rondo Jubilante" by Wagner. The Senior Choir will sing "God So Loved the World" by Stainer and we will conclude with the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus!

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The First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Avenue, will host its monthly Used Book Sale, White Elephant Shop, SERRV Shop and Clothes Closet in conjunction with the Easter Fest sponsored by the West Haven Green Nursery School on Saturday April 12th between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Free Admission. Come to meet the Easter Bunny and shop for many bargains. Call 203 933-6291.



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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program which will provide up to \$10 million in funding for citizenship preparation programs in communities across the country. The Citizenship and Integration Grant Program is a competitive grant opportunity for public or non-profit organizations which promotes immigrant civic integration and prepares permanent residents for citizenship. Applications are due by May 16.

Through the Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, USCIS seeks to expand the availability of high-quality citizenship preparation services by providing grants to organizations that offer both citizenship instruction and naturalization application services to permanent residents. USCIS expects to announce up to 40 grant recipients in September. Since 2009, USCIS has awarded approximately \$33 million through 182 grants to immigrant-serving organizations that have provided citizenship preparation services to more than 78,000 permanent residents in 33 states and the District of Columbia.

To apply for this funding opportunity, visit www.grants.gov. USCIS encourages applicants to visit www.grants.gov as early as possible to obtain the registration information needed to complete the application process.

For additional information on the FY 2014 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program, visit www.uscis.gov/grants or contact the USCIS Office of Citizenship by email at citizenshipgrantprogram@uscis.dhs.gov. For more information about USCIS and its programs, visit www.uscis.gov. Follow us on Facebook (/uscis), Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis) and the USCIS blog The Beacon.

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because of all of you. I thank my staff. You guys are amazing and I can't do any of this without you. This is not a Mr. Gray award, boys and girls, this is a whole Race Brook School award. I couldn't be in a better school and you are all a part of what makes this school so great."

Jeff Cap, a member of the Orange Board of Education was on a committee of six board of education members who were interviewed by CAS representatives on March 27. Cap, a parent of a Peck Place School student, says, "Mike truly cares about the children. He has attended Cub Scout Pack 922's Blue & Gold banquet three years in a row. He comes to see the boys advance to the next scouting rank from Race Brook School, as well as from Peck Place and Turkey Hill schools. Without hesitation, he attends this event on a Sunday afternoon to support the scouts. It's an honor to have him as a special guest each year!"

RBS PTA co-president Jeannette Young says the nomination and recognition process was a positive reinforcement of what Race Brook parents already knew, "We're just so lucky to have him. This was a unifying event for our school, whether he won or not, so much good has come out of this and now he knows how much we appreciate him. This process has shown us all what an impact he has made on our families."

The PTA compiled a bound book of over 75 letters from parents, present and past from RBS and neighboring schools and presented it to the interview committee and also to Gray. One letter, from Peck Place parent Jill LaPlante, said, "I am writing this letter in support of Mr. Gray, a principal I've never met. I am the parent of a Peck Place student who had the honor and privilege of attending Race Brook School for three weeks in January during the unexpected closure of Peck. It became clear to me very quickly that Mr. Gray is an exceptional leader who has created a caring and welcoming community. I have always heard positive comments about Mr. Gray throughout the community from friends and teachers in the Race Brook district, but did not have a personal story until now.

"From day one, our Peck kids were welcomed with open arms by Mr. Gray and his staff and students. The Race Brook teachers and paraprofessionals went out of their way to ensure that the kids felt welcome and that learning was taking place. Mr. Gray visited my son's new class often and supported his staff through the challenges of having an extra 200 students for three weeks. I could not have asked for a more positive experience!"

A grandmother also wrote, "I have been a resident of Orange, CT for almost 40 years and my children went through Race Brook School many years ago. My granddaughter now attends Race Brook and I have had the wonderful opportunity to visit the school on a variety of occasions. When I would drive her to school in the morning Mr. Gray would be outside greeting buses with a smile on his face while becoming familiar with each child and parent or in this case grandparent that was passing through the doors of the school. I never remember a principal being so visible on the school grounds. I have also attended many functions at the school and been impressed with how he interacts with the children and is able to maintain order in a variety of situations."

"He is very warm and caring and makes the children proud to be attending their school. At school activities his presence is always entertaining and his personality fills the room with his professional yet inviting manner. He is definitely a special principal and we are very fortunate to have him at our school. He sets high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families and staff in our community and is very deserving of this prestigious award," signed: Janet Perreault.

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WHAT'S YOUR TARGET DATE?

By Roberta L Nestor

You have had a lifetime of working and somewhere in the back of your mind you know you want to retire, soon, very soon. There are plenty of signals, especially after such a rough New England winter. It may start with the feeling of tiredness each morning or simply the lack of desire to start another day of work. Pulling back from socializing with co-workers and the feeling that you just want something more are all signs. Perhaps the most poignant sign of wanting to retire is when you start to envision yourself as a retiree and you can picture how your life will look. If you can visualize your golden years, maybe it's time to set a target date.

Your target date should give you at least 5 years of planning. Those last years before retiring can be the most difficult. Not only is this the time you will "sock away" as much money as possible, you will also be looking at considerable spending as you take care of major expenses that would be unaffordable if you weren't bringing home a paycheck. There are home improvements such as driveways, roofs and remodeling and then there could be additional expenditures if you plan on staying at your current home during retirement.

An important part of setting your target date will also be deciding where you will be spending the next 20 or 30 years. This process is the most difficult. Generally, you are not inclined to just pick up and go to a new state leaving behind all that is familiar. There is also that tug of our families that keep us close to home, but is CT really the best place for retirees? Sadly, our state often ranks in the bottom and is better known for being one of the worst states for retirement. Property taxes are a huge deterrent and "down-sizing" in CT can be trading down in living space, but still having the same expenses.

Take advantage of the five year plan and start to spend vacation time in places you think you would like to live. We know that states like Florida and the Carolina's have a lower cost of living and lower taxes that can potentially allow you a different lifestyle during retirement. Would you enjoy golfing and tennis? Are you a beach person? What are your hobbies? Even more important, what hobbies have you always wanted to pursue in life but have never had the time?

If you decide to stay in your home, not only do you have to consider the afford-

ability long term, but also making sure your home will be "age friendly". Do you have to redo the bathroom, lower the kitchen cabinets or move the laundry machines from the downstairs? What other home improvements will have to be done so that you will be comfortable in your home.

If you have your vision, your target date and a good idea of where you want to live and what things you want to do, then it is time to get to your financial advisor. Let them help you through the planning process and assist with projections for income planning. See if retirement is a real possibility and share your vision of your retirement. If travel is going to be important, make sure you have a budget for that. While planning for the next 30 years is not a science, there are many tools that your advisor can use to determine the probability of success – the probability that you won't run out of money.

The fact is very few people have the confidence that they can afford to retire. And, if you think you will never be able to retire, it can prevent you from planning and setting that target date. You need those 5 years! You can't plan for every contingency, hard as you try. You need to have open and thoughtful discussions about your retirement vision. You have to be open about alternatives and options that may offer more financial security. Don't make the financial aspects the only part of your setting your target date. Retirement is not the end of life, it is the beginning! You will be stepping into a whole new world and an entirely new life, one that you have worked very hard for!

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Spring is the season to assess lawn health and reseed as necessary to ensure a healthy lawn.

SPRING LAWN SEEDING BASICS

Spring has sprung, and there are many activities to enjoy now that the warmer weather has arrived. Many homeowners make the most of warmer weather by tackling projects around their properties.

While autumn is a better time to overseed a lawn for new growth, satisfactory results still can be had if seeding is done early enough in the spring. Grass needs ample time to establish roots and grow strong before the summer heat takes its toll. Many types of grass need six to 12 weeks of ideal temperatures and growing conditions to germinate and produce a sturdy grass that will grow and endure.

Seeding can be done to rejuvenate an existing lawn and fill in bare spots. It also can be done to start a lawn from scratch. The following are some tips to help make seeding projects more successful.

- Begin by raking the lawn to remove thatch and any fallen leaves leftover from autumn and winter. Raking also enables you to inspect the lawn for bare patches or matting of grass that may be indicative of a fungus or other problem.
- Dust off the mower and trim the lawn short, especially if it was left long at the end of last season. This will help seed penetrate the blades of grass and get to the soil beneath.
- High-traffic lawns may need aeration to counteract compacted soil. Moss on the ground is often an indication of compaction. Aeration will help with this problem, as it pokes holes into the soil to enable oxygenation that keeps new grass robust and promotes faster growth. Lawn aerators can be rented from many garden centers.
- Spread a mixture of topsoil and compost over the top of the lawn. This will add nutrients through organic matter to the lawn and create a good base for the new seed to take root. It will also help strengthen any existing grass and promote long-term health.
- Test a sample of the soil to check the pH. Grass prefers a neutral pH, but some soil tends to lean toward the acidic side, especially if you see the presence of moss. Knowing the pH will help determine just how much lime per square foot you will need to adjust it accordingly. Liming is a corrective measure and does not need to be used on a healthy, thriving lawn.
- Invest in a spreader to add seed to the lawn. The spreader will have various settings that enable you to calibrate the rate of seed dispersion depending on your walking speed. Fill the spreader with seed and begin to walk around the lawn. Drop spreaders require you to apply seed in rows with no overlap. Broadcast spreaders will cast seed widely and may need some overlap to guarantee complete coverage.
- Spread another thin layer of compost mix over the seed and water thoroughly. The compost will help keep moisture in while the seeds germinate.
- Aim for lawn watering two to three times per day. The seed should be barely dry between watering. After seeds have germinated and established, you can reduce the frequency of watering but increase the depth of the watering to keep roots strong.
- Avoid foot traffic on a newly seeded lawn until the grass is well established.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF HEARING –TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the statutes in such cases provided, the Orange Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477 relative to the expenditures and proposed budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Citizens may present oral and/or written comments. The proposed budget will be available for examination in the Office of the Town Clerk in the Orange Town Hall on Monday, April 21, 2014.

Dated at Orange CT this 4th day of April 2014.

*Orange Board of Finance
Kevin Houlihan, Chairman*

DEATH NOTICES

Violet M. Lloyd

Violet M. Lloyd, 94, of Orange, peacefully entered into eternal rest on March 23, 2014, at the St. Raphael Campus of Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was the beloved wife for 71 years to the late Norvel W. "Brownie" Lloyd.

Mrs. Lloyd was born in Ansonia on April 19, 1919, daughter of the late Sebastian and Susan Lanteri Cannata. A resident of Orange since 1956, she was employed as a seamstress at the former Valley Dress Co. in Ansonia until her retirement in 1982. She was a communicant of Holy Infant Church in Orange and a member of its Ladies Guild.



Violet M. Lloyd

She is survived by two loving daughters, Donna Cuthbert and her husband Stuart of Ocala, FL and Gail Cuomo and her husband Robert of Orange, a brother, Seb Cannata of Ansonia, 3 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by sisters, Minnie Dube, Ann Vacca and Jane Conroy.

Friends and relatives attended her funeral on March 28, 2014, at Holy Infant Church in Orange for a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment followed in Mt. St. Peter Cemetery in Derby. Spinelli-Ricciuti/Bednar-Osiecki Funeral Home, 62 Beaver St. in Ansonia was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2911 Dixwell Avenue, Suite 205, Hamden, CT 06518. To send an act of sympathy, please visit www.spinelliricciutifh.com.

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TACKLE SPRING CLEANING WITH THE ENVIRONMENT IN MIND

Spring is a time of year when many people resolve to give their homes or apartments a thorough cleaning. Spring cleaning projects help people revitalize their homes for the warm months ahead, when windows are once again opened, fresh air pervades homes and items that might have accumulated over a dark and dreary winter have become a distant memory.

Many families have spring cleaning rituals that allow them to efficiently clean their homes in a single weekend. But it's just as important for spring cleaners to place as great an emphasis on the environment as they do on efficiency when cleaning a home. Eco-friendly spring cleaning practices produce less waste and rely on less chemicals to rejuvenate a home and get it ready for those seasons when huddling inside under the covers takes a backseat to lounging around the house as fresh air washes into the home. The following are a handful of ways to efficiently clean a home while also protecting the environment.

Clear out the clutter. Clutter is an enemy to homeowners and the environment alike. That's because addressing clutter is often an inefficient process in which homeowners methodically go through items that have accumulated over the years, individually choosing which items to keep and which items to discard. Clutter can also prove harmful to the environment because rooms filled with clutter tend to collect dust, reducing air quality and leading to more indoor air pollution that can prove harmful to human health.

When sifting through clutter in a home, discard those items that have gone ignored for years, as they likely have little or no financial value and it's safe to assume they serve no practical purpose as well. Once clutter has been cleared out, prevent more of it from accumulating by making a conscious effort to discard items once they no longer serve any practical purpose. This includes old newspapers and magazines, as well as any other items that are likely to sit in a pile or on a shelf for months on end. Preventing the buildup of clutter reduces the amount of time you need to spend spring cleaning next year while also improving indoor air quality.

Use cleaners only when windows are open. Many people get a head start on spring cleaning in late winter, when the weather might have started to warm up but has not yet warmed to the point when windows throughout the home can be opened. Though there's nothing wrong with starting early, avoid using cleaning products on days when you can't open the windows. Many cleaning products contain ample or even just trace amounts of chemicals that can compromise indoor air quality and may exacerbate existing medical conditions like respiratory ailments. When using cleaning products, try to do so only when the windows are open and fresh air can enter the home.

Ensure appliances are working at peak efficiency. Spring cleaning is a great time to inspect appliances to make sure they are operating efficiently. Clean or replace filters on window air conditioning units. Dusty or dirty filters will force the air conditioner to work harder and use more energy to cool a room. In addition, dirty or dusty filters make units less efficient, which means rooms won't cool as quickly on those scorching summer afternoons. Appliances forced to work harder also cost more money, and those costs can be considerable.

When checking appliances, be sure to check the refrigerator as well. Refrigerators are plugged in all day long, and those that are not operating at peak efficiency can cost you a lot of money in the long run. Periodically clean the coils on the back of your refrigerator so it can operate more efficiently, saving energy and money.

Vacuum cleaners should also be inspected before each use to make sure reels are not covered in hair, which can make it nearly impossible for the machine to collect dirt and dust from the floors.

Use reusable cloths. Another way to turn spring cleaning into a more eco-friendly affair is to forgo using paper towels in favor of reusable cloths. Reusable wash cloths can be just as effective at wiping down counters as paper towels, which

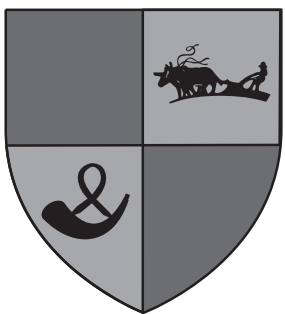


Homeowners should periodically inspect their appliances, including vacuum cleaners, to ensure they are working at peak efficiency and not expending excess energy.

require more and more trees to be cut down and eventually end up in landfills. If you are feeling especially eco-friendly, you can go the extra mile and create your own reusable cleaning cloths out of old clothes or linens, saving you money and making use of items that might otherwise have been headed straight for a landfill.

Spring cleaning can rejuvenate a home after a long winter. Emphasizing eco-friendly techniques when cleaning can ensure your home's revival is as beneficial to the environment as it is to the home's inhabitants.

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WHY IT PAYS TO GRADUATE

Graduation ceremonies and other events that mark the end of a school year are rife with tradition. Students know it is important to receive their diplomas but may not have a full understanding of why that piece of paper can help open so many doors.

Diplomas date back to some of the earliest schools, but were also conferred upon land owners in ancient times by kings and other authority figures. Some military personnel were also given diplomas to signal land grants that were not subject to taxes. Nowadays diplomas take on a different meaning and vary depending on where one lives in the world.

Graduates who complete a specific course of study are issued diplomas. Diplomas were once written on Italian sheepskin. Although "diploma" translates to "folded papers," paper was not always an economically viable medium for diplomas. In fact, animal skins were used as recently as the 1950s.

Receiving a degree or diploma can be a point of pride in families where older members may not have had the same educational opportunities as younger members. Many people move to North America for the educational opportunities, and a diploma can symbolize taking advantage of those opportunities.

According to the organization Do Something, roughly 20 percent of first-time college students come from parents who have a high school diploma or less. The United States Department of Education says high school graduation rates have increased since the 2006-2007 school year. Around 80 percent of student who enter high school now earn a regular or advanced diploma. Dropout rates are on the decline, and a growing number of high school students continue on to two- or four-year degrees.

In Canada, numbers are quite similar. Canada is second only to the United States in the high school completion rate of its working-age population. Statistics Canada says that enrollment in Canadian universities continues to increase. Enrollments are now approximately 5 percent larger than they were just a few years ago.

Community colleges are benefitting from this influx of students. Various statistics from the 2010-2011 year point to more than eight million American students enrolled in community colleges at that time. Community colleges enable students to take core curriculum credits at a less expensive institution and then move on to a four-year school later on to expand on their coursework. This presents a viable option to students who are looking to keep education costs manageable.

The reason so many students continue to apply themselves and come out after four or more years with diplomas and degrees is that they realize how competitive the job market can be. Graduates have a distinct advantage over other candidates. Some companies will not even consider a job candidate who does not possess some college education. Other employers pay more depending on the level of education the job candidates completed. According to the United States Department of Labor, employees with a bachelor's degree earn about 54 percent more on average than those who attended college but didn't finish. Workers with advanced degrees (master's, doctoral, etc.) can average \$20,000 to \$30,000 more per year than those with bachelor's degrees, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Some students, however, will insist that failure to have a diploma isn't a barrier to success. For example, Richard Branson, the billionaire entrepreneur who owns Virgin Group, did not graduate high school. But such people are an aberration. Typically, earning a high school diploma and a bachelor's degree is a key ingredient to landing a good job and enjoying professional success.



BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 (formerly Laurel Estates), 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-2:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

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

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

Bridgeport Art League 80th Annual Juried Art Show, Milford Public Library, 57 New Haven Avenue during regular library hours, April 2-April 29, 2014, Artists from Milford, Trumbull, Shelton, Stratford, Bridgeport, Monroe and New Haven County represented in all mediums. Reception Saturday, April 12, 2014, 11:00am-1:00pm, Awards presentation at 12 p.m, Light refreshments served – all are welcome to attend.

Aqua Zumba, Milford Parks and Recreation, beginning on Monday, April 7, 2014 and Wednesday, April 9, 2014, McCann Natatorium, 34 Park Circle, led by Renay, Pre-register at www.ci.milford.ct.us or call Renay 203-522-2616 zumbarenay@gmail.com, 8-week class, 7:30-8:30pm, Mondays or Wednesday's \$56R/61NR for 8 classes or Monday and Friday's \$112R/\$122NR for 16 classes.

New NAMI Support Group Meeting, every first Monday of the month, meetings begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, conference room on the second floor, next meeting Monday, May 5, 2014. They are free of charge and facilitator led.

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG)**
animated
- 2. 300: Rise of an Empire (R)**
Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green
- 3. Need for Speed (PG-13)**
Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper
- 4. Non-Stop (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore
- 5. The Single Mom's Club (PG-13)**
Nia Long, Wendi McLendon-Covey
- 6. The Lego Movie (PG)**
animated
- 7. Son of God (PG-13)**
Diogo Morgado, Amber Rose Revah
- 8. The Grand Budapest Hotel (R)**
Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham
- 9. Frozen (PG)**
animated
- 10. The Monuments Men (PG-13)**
George Clooney, Matt Damon

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence
- 2. Thor: The Dark World (PG-13)**
Chris Hemsworth
- 3. Dallas Buyer's Club (R)**
Matthew McConaughey
- 4. Captain Phillips (PG)**
Tom Hanks
- 5. Ender's Game (PG-13)**
Harrison Ford
- 6. Last Vegas (PG-13)**
Robert De Niro
- 7. Escape Plan (R)**
Sylvester Stallone
- 8. Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)**
Johnny Knoxville
- 9. About Time (R)**
Domhnall Gleeson
- 10. Riddick (R)**
Vin Diesel

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Top 10 Pop Singles

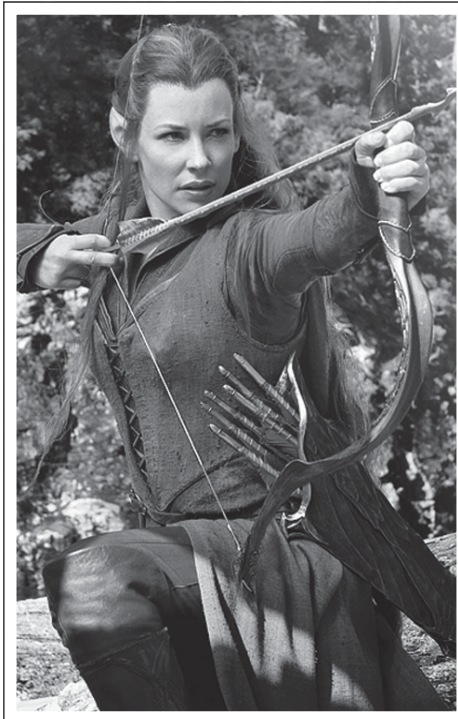
- 1. Pharrell Williams**
"Happy"
- 2. Katy Perry**
"Dark Horse"
- 3. John Legend**
"All of Me"
- 4. Jason Derulo feat. 2 Chainz**
"Talk Dirty"
- 5. Bastille**
"Pompeii"
- 6. Lorde**
"Team"
- 7. Beyonce feat. Jay Z**
"Drunk in Love"
- 8. One Republic**
"Counting Stars"
- 9. Idina Menzel**
"Let It Go"
- 10. Pitbull feat. Ke\$ha**
"Timber"



John Legend

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Brantley Gilbert**
"Bottoms Up"
- 2. Florida Georgia Line feat. Luke Bryan**
"This Is How We Roll"
- 3. Blake Shelton**
"Doin' What She Likes"
- 4. Jason Aldean**
"When She Says Baby"
- 5. Dierks Bentley**
"I Hold On"
- 6. Keith Urban**
"Cop Car"
- 7. Lady Antebellum**
"Compass"
- 8. Eric Church**
"Give Me Back My Hometown"
- 9. Jerrod Niemann**
"Drink to That All Night"
- 10. Scotty McCreery**
"See You Tonight"



Evangeline Lilly in "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 7, 2014.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" (PG-13) -- Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) and his dwarf companions continue their quest to defeat a dragon and reclaim a kingdom in the second piece of the trilogy. When last we left Bilbo, he had just picked up the golden Ring from Gollum. Now the short crew continues through hostile elven woods, into the town of Lake-front,

and then on to the Lonely Mountain for the first face-off with Smaug the dragon -- with a lot of cameos and action in between.

If the first film was all packing luggage and pointing at maps, then this film is all water-slides and daring escapes. The story includes much more Middle-Earth lore than Tolkien ever included in the novel. A new character, an elven huntress named Tauriel (Evangeline Lilly) is one of the more galvanizing additions.

"Grudge Match" (PG-13) -- Robert De Niro and Sylvester Stallone star as boxers with a decades-old rivalry ripe for one last match. If you're expecting the dramatic equivalent of Raging Bull vs. Rocky, then you've played right into their hands, and you deserve the sucker punch. Billy "The Kid" McDonnen (De Niro) and Henry "Razor" Sharp (Stallone) were A-list prizefighters in their day, but each one has spent the past 30 years out of the ring. The son of a shady fight promoter (an electric Kevin Hart) gets the old timers to gear up for one last bout. What this movie lacks in heart (which is considerable) it tries to make up for with prostate jokes.

"Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones" (R) -- Recent high-school grad Jesse (Andrew Jacobs) and his pal Hector (Jorge Diaz) are enjoying a summer of illicit fun in their native Los Angeles, when they decide to investigate the mysterious death of Jesse's downstairs neighbor. Turns out she was a witch, and she had a particular interest in Jesse, who starts to show symptoms of demonic possession. This spin-off of the popular horror franchise dabbles with a new setting and new mythology. The scares are the same ol' jump-out-of-your-seat shocks, though maybe less effective since they've become so predictable. Thomas' unending weirdness.

- Name the song that ended each section with "And the band played on."
- John Lee Hooker, Boston, Bruce Springsteen, Fine Young Cannibals and the Temptations all released songs with the same title. What was it?
- Which group released "You're Driving Me Crazy," "Pasadena" and "Hard Hearted Hannah" in 1961?
- Name the Kinks band member who went solo on "Death of a Clown."
- Name the song that contains this lyric: "Listen to the ground: there is movement all around. There is something goin' down and I can feel it. On the waves of the air, there is dancin' out there. If it's somethin' we can share, we can steal it."



1. "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World Is Today)" by the Temptations in 1970. The song talks about drugs, the Vietnam war, segregation and white flight.
2. "Don't Look Back"
3. The Temperance Seven, known for releasing songs reminiscent of 1920s jazz.
4. Dave Davies, in 1967.
5. Disco song "Night Fever" by the Bee Gees on the soundtrack to "Saturday Night Fever." The original music video, done in 1978, didn't surface for decades. You can find this rare video on YouTube. Check out Barry Gibb minus the beard.

Sudoku answers on page 38

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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BY DON TRACHTÉ

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The Spats
by Jeff Pickering

HAROLD!!

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BUT I'M NOT DONE MAKING IT YET.

HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Garrett Hedlund

HOLLYWOOD -- Could Warner Brothers be trying to beat NBC to the punch with Peter Pan? It's moving full steam ahead, with Hugh Jackman already cast as Blackbeard, Garrett Hedlund as Captain Hook and Rooney Mara as Tiger Lily. Now Warner Brothers is searching Hollywoodland for a young boy to play Pan in this prequel about an orphan kidnapped during World War II by pirates and brought to Neverland. NBC's live production of "Peter Pan" will air Dec. 4.

Hedlund, who last appeared in "Inside Llewyn Davis," has three films upcoming. He stars with Amy Adams, Terrance Howard and Jennifer Hudson in the drama "Lullaby," the very secretive "Mojave" and the Coen brothers film "Unbroken," being directed by Angelina Jolie. It's based on the life of World War II prisoner of war and Olympic distance runner Louis Zamperini.

his "The 47 Ronin" cost \$175 million to make but only earned \$145 million. He'll have to do better with the action-thriller "John Wick," co-starring Willem Dafoe and Bridget Moynahan, later this year, and the sci-fi film "Passengers," with Rachel McAdams, next year. ... Ryan Reynolds' star is shaky after "R.I.P.D.," despite starring with Oscar-winner Jeff Bridges and Kevin Bacon. The film cost \$130 million and made only \$78.5 million. He gets another chance with the comedy horror-thriller "The Voices," co-starring Anna Kendrick and Gemma Atherton; the thriller "The Captive," with Scott Speedman and Rosario Dawson (out this year); the drama "Selfless," with Ben Kingsley; and the comedy-drama "Mississippi Grind," with Sienna Miller, due out next year. ... Zac Efron's "Parkland" cost \$10 million but grossed only \$1.4 million. Luckily, "That Awkward Moment," which cost \$8 million, took in \$25 million. That's why his next film, "Neighbors" with Seth Rogen, HAS to score big if he wants to stay on top.

Michael Fassbender, Oscar nominated for "12 Years a Slave," has a full slate of films upcoming. The comedy "Frank," with Maggie Gyllenhaal, premieres May 2 in England (no U.S. date yet). "X-Men: Days of Future Past" comes out May 23, followed by the action-thriller "Slow West." Fassbender currently is shooting "Macbeth" in Surrey, England, with Oscar-winner Marion Cotillard as Lady Macbeth and "Harry Potter's" David Thewlis. "Macbeth" will be a hard sell, but in the hands of producer Harvey Weinstein it could be a major film at award time.

Getting to the top of the leading-man heap is hard enough -- but staying there is harder! Take Keanu Reeves --

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Longtime TV host Griffin
- 5 Lion or tiger
- 8 Wound cover
- 12 Lotion additive
- 13 Caustic solution
- 14 Dorothy's dog
- 15 Violent protest
- 16 Always, in verse
- 17 Soldiers collectively
- 18 Connected series
- 20 IncurSION
- 22 Finds by chance
- 26 Actor Lorenzo
- 29 Chart format
- 30 Cistern
- 31 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 32 Corral
- 33 Long story
- 34 Hostel
- 35 Skillet
- 36 Choir member
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 - 53 Compassion
 - 54 "CSI" evidence
 - 55 Relax
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 - 5 Pristine
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 - 7 Lay of the land
 - 8 Flight component
 - 9 Fine-grain leather
 - 10 \$ dispenser
 - 11 Tarzan's son
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 - 21 Expert
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 - 32 Spacecraft statistic
 - 33 Any of 100 in Washington
 - 35 School org.
 - 36 Pair
 - 38 Indigent
 - 39 Last letter
 - 42 Hub
 - 43 Former partners
 - 44 Gossip
 - 45 Cleopatra's slayer
 - 46 Mainlander's memento
 - 48 Sister

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POPEYE

OLIVE SEES ME AS A LOSER AN' I THINK SHE'S RIGHT!

EXACTLY THE WRONG ATTITUDE

YOU HAVE TO SEE YOURSELF AS A WINNER...

A HANDSOME DON JUAN!

REMEMBER... "THINK POSITIVE!"

AHOY THERE, OLIVE!

OH... HELLO, BRUTUS!

I KNOWS YA THINKS I'M A LOSER...

...BUT IF YA LOOK REAL CLOSE Y'LL SEE I'M A HAN'SOM DUDE!

HMM... YOU'RE RIGHT!

I YAM?

YES... IN A WAY!

REALLY? WOT KINDA WAY?

THAT-A-WAY!

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- Event Planning Experience
- Excellent writing and editing skills.
- Problem solving, negotiation skills and diplomacy.
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- Organize and coordinate planning of all Chamber functions such as the annual Awards Dinner, Holiday Dinner, Summer Picnic, Breakfast Meetings, Road Race, etc. Organize and coordinate planning of monthly meetings, such as Business After Hours, LEADS groups, and other group networking events. Assist in securing sponsorship and participation of member companies.
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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Weekly SUDOKU

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LOCAL SPORTS



Back row from left to right: Assistant Coach John Walsh, Assistant coach Bridgett Foyer, Assistant Coach John Blakeslee Head Coach Robyn Martin, Emily Brown, Jenna Van Hise, Chloe Smith, Kelly Thomas, Leia Foyer, Abby Ganun, Cat Thomas Jillian Martin, Meadow Blakeslee, Jenna Walsh.

AMITY FORCE 6TH GRADE TRAVEL BASKETBALL TEAM

This was the end of another successful year for the 6th grade Amity Force Basketball team coached by Robyn Martin. The girls started off the season by placing second in the Sheehan Center League and went on to win the regular season for the A Division in the Fairfield County Basketball League. They completed their season with winning the 6th grade division in the Milford Hoopfest. This is the team's 3rd year together and is made up of girls from Orange and Woodbridge. Great job girls and coaches on a fantastic season!



Shown above are the students of Cho's Elite Taekwondo in Orange, alongside their Master Youngkik Cho. The TKD students participated in an "Around the World" event at Meadowside Elementary School in Milford on Friday, March 14, 2014, to further educate Meadowside students on the Korean style karate, Taekwondo. They did a demonstration conducting forms and board breaking of different degrees and belt colors along with different kicks and jumps. The students and parents of Meadowside School enjoyed the thrills of this TKD demonstration with great suspense. Eight Meadowside Elementary students at one point volunteered to be a part of a "flying side kick" demonstration, where an eighteen-year old 1st degree black belt jumped over the eight students to break a board, which sent both the students and parents into an uproar of excitement. Furthermore, Cho's Elite students succeeded in bringing excitement and Korean culture to Meadowside school that day. Thank you to all the students that participated in this cultural event.

FUN WAYS TO EXERCISE OUTDOORS

Abundant sunshine, higher temperatures and longer days make spring the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors. Local parks may offer a slew of outdoor recreational activities to members of the community each spring, and there are bound to be a few seasonal offerings that focus on outdoor fitness.

Taking your workout outdoors is a great way to enjoy pleasant weather and stay fit at the same time. In addition to exercise routines done at the gym, explore the following energizing outdoor activities to burn calories and soak up some spring-time sun at the same time.

Hiking

A nearby park or wildlife preserve that features walking trails is a good place to begin an outdoor workout. Some parks build exercise stations into their hiking paths, enabling visitors to vary their workouts along the way. Signs may also point out particular exercises that can be done during the hike, such as lunges or squats.

Hiking is a good cardiovascular workout that is particularly beneficial when done on varied terrain. Mixing uphill and downhill portions of the trail with level ones will work the various muscles in the legs and also provide greater resistance to get the heart pumping.

Hiking yoga is a new fitness trend that melds the classic poses of yoga with the cardiovascular workout of hiking. Hikers can break up their workouts at various points by getting into yoga poses. By doing so, it's possible to burn twice the amount of calories one would in a standard yoga session. There's also the added benefit of being outdoors, which can boost your mood.

Outdoor sports

Rev up the heart and cardiovascular system with sports you can play in the great outdoors. Eschew indoor racquetball for a game on an outdoor court.

It's easy to break a sweat and enjoy a good workout when a game of hoops is taken outdoors. Many parks include basketball courts where a few players can square off against one another.

Pickup football or baseball is another way to enjoy physical activity outdoors, especially for those who may not be gym hounds. Both sports provide a cardiovascular workout while building muscle. When players are engrossed in the game, they may not realize they're having fun and getting fit at the same time.

Cycling

Major cities across the United States, including New York, Denver, Washington, D.C. and Minneapolis, now boast bike-sharing programs. Calories burned while biking vary depending on the length and intensity of a ride, but cycling is often great exercise.

Cycling is not only for city streets. Explore the various "rails to trails" programs that criss-cross the country. Defunct railway lines have been turned into walking and biking paths. Some hug coastal areas and feature impressive views. Especially adventurous riders can hop on a mountain bike and take to the hills.

Jungle gym and parks workout

Use items in the park to tailor a complete workout. Park benches can serve as a workout bench where athletes can do push-ups, triceps dips and step-up exercises. Stretch on a jungle gym or use monkey bars to fit in some pull-ups.

Some parks have their own fitness zones with exercise equipment built into the design. Hop onto a rowing machine or a hydraulic-based elliptical free of cost.

Beach bounty

The beach is not just for relaxing and catching some sun. Beaches can be a great place to get a good workout as well. Swimming in the ocean against the tug of the tide and waves is quite a task. The buoyancy of the water will prevent strain on your joints, but the resistance of the water will work your muscles harder than if you were swimming in a pool.

Running or walking in sand is tougher than doing the same activities on a packed surface. The sand offers more resistance, which will tire out your legs and provide a greater cardiovascular benefit. Carting a few children, a cooler, beach chairs, and refreshments also may qualify as a workout!

The spring is a time when many people renew their love affair with the great outdoors and take advantage of all the outdoor events and activities at their disposal. Exercising outdoors is one way to soak up some sun while enjoying some fresh air and getting healthier.

ARTS & LEISURE

GNH COMMUNITY CHORUS TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

For the fifth consecutive year, the Greater New Haven Community Chorus will offer the GNHCC Choral Conducting Assistant Scholarship. The program presents a remarkable opportunity for a university or college student who is interested in the art of choral conducting. Applicants should currently be enrolled in a local college, community college, or university studying in an undergraduate or a graduate music degree program, and have a strong interest in choral music, conducting, and teaching. The recipient will gain real-world, hands-on experience through weekly interaction with a large chorus of varying levels and ability and a smaller, auditioned chamber choir.

The recipient, under the mentorship and direction of the Artistic Director, will increase analysis and score study skills, gain invaluable experience "on the podium," refine rehearsal technique and performance practice, enhance knowledge of vocal pedagogy, as well as assist in the daily administration and artistic direction of the organization.

The scholarship and participation is a rare opportunity for young aspiring conductors. The friendly and welcoming environment of GNHCC, along with the energetic and passionate approach of Artistic Director Noah Blocker-Glynn, only increase the value of this experience. Spencer Cromwell (Yale '12), GNHCC's first scholarship recipient stated, "After being granted so much time on the podium, I feel more comfortable and confident in my abilities to lead a productive rehearsal. We have worked on incredibly difficult repertoire that would be a challenge for any professional chorus, and have performed this music on a very high level. The mentorship I have received from this program has been invaluable."

The term of this paid scholarship runs from August 2014 through June 2015 and is divided into two sequential semesters: Fall Semester (September – mid-December), and Spring Semester (January – mid-June). An online application and further details and are provided in the full Position Description at www.gnhcc.org. Applications and materials must be received no later than April 15, 2014.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus consists of approximately 100 voices and draws its membership from throughout the greater New Haven area. GNHCC strives to embrace the wide diversity of the community and is committed to making quality music accessible and approachable for audiences and members alike. Greater New Haven Community Chorus was founded in 1963 as a venture in community singing and continues to perform with pride and distinction. For more information about GNHCC, please visit www.gnhcc.org or email: info@gnhcc.org.

"PICTURE THIS"- PHOTO CONTEST

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is sponsoring its second 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, 2014. 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.



DAVIS GALLERY PRESENTS JAMES ANGERSOLA

On Saturday, May 3rd, from 1pm to 4pm, the Opening Reception for talented and creative photographer, James Angersola will be held at the Davis Gallery in Orange. At his opening, "All the World's a Stage", Mr. Angersola will have on display over 70 medium to large pieces of his exceptional works that broadly range from dreamy rolling hills, rustic barns and farm elements to colorful exotic animals and stunning floral studies.

Jim says: "I love my work and I love photography. My occupation provides sustenance in my life, and my photography allows me to just enjoy being creative and to share my love of nature and her creatures. That to me, is the perfect balance." James Angersola will be a most interesting person for you to meet and to see his widely varied works at his opening at Davis Gallery, where our guests are always treated to a friendly wine and cheese get-together.

The Davis Gallery, located at 200 Boston Post Road in Orange, is free and open to the public from 10am to 6pm weekdays and Saturday until 4pm. The Davis Gallery is affiliated with VideoLab in Orange and is located in the VideoLab Vestibule.

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IN THE HEIGHTS: A THEATER REVIEW

'Home Is Where Your Heart Is'

By Bettina Thiel – Orange/Woodbridge Town News Correspondent



Nicole Simon stands out in her role as Abuela Claudia.

Amity's spring musical, "In The Heights", opened last weekend to a practically sold-out house. The audience came with high expectations, based on previous years' performances, and the cast and the crew delivered again.

In The Heights is set in the urban environment of Washington Heights, in a community of largely Latinos, quite removed from the New England life with which most Amity students are familiar. The themes the characters are struggling with, however, of family, friendship and home, obviously resonated with the audience and led to a standing ovation after the last kiss.

The story is delivered with humor and sex appeal, and with a bit of romance thrown in. Two couples are at the center of the events, Usnavi (Nick Bottone), the corner store owner, and Vanessa (Chelsea Tambis), the hairdresser; and Nina (Shaylen Harger), the college student, and Benny (Max Karsanow), an employee of Nina's father's. Living on the same block are the matriarch, Abuela Claudia (Nicole Simon), who looks after them all; Nina's parents (Jacob Leibowitz and Addie Robbins); the other hairdressers, Daniela (Alida Ballou) and Carla (Sara Abriola); also Sonny (Ryan Rattley), the young helper in Usnavi's store; Graffiti Pete (Kevin Durkee) and a Piragua Guy (Kahari Blue), selling shaved ice treats.

The music draws on Latino rhythms, with salsa and hip-hop spicing it up. It's too bad that the orchestra was back-stage, and didn't appear until they took their final bow, to much deserved applause. The story takes place on the third and Fourth of July, a hot and steamy time of year, but also one of celebrations, and – surprise – a blackout.

The lyrics and music were written by Lin-Manuel Miranda when he was a student at Wesleyan University. In 2008 it was staged on Broadway and won four Tony Awards. The lyrics are touching, as in the interaction between Nina's mother and father; at other times fresh and funny, and the performances are right on the mark.

Nick Bottone (Usnavi) and Ryan Rattley (Sonny) in particular deserve mention for their fresh and irreverent raps; Shaylen Harger's voice (Nina) shone, as did that of Nicole Simon (Abuela Claudia). The timing of the three hairdressers, Chelsea Tambis (Vanessa), Alida Ballou (Daniela) and Sara Abriola (Carla) is perfect in their song "No Me Diga," (Tell Me Something I don't know").

There are some Spanish lines in the play, and the program has a two-page glossary of Spanish terms, but it never gets to the point where the non-Spanish speaking audience loses the story line. The program book, it should be mentioned, is 92 pages thick, in long format, the biggest program book yet.

Parent volunteers had extended the Washington Heights experience into the hallway. Entering from the main entrance, the audience approached the ticket checkpoint outfitted with a traffic light, then passed under a mock George Washington Bridge (no lane closures that night) and finally arrived at a big plaza, where the volunteers had set up a bodega selling refreshments and flowers.

Theater Director Rob Kennedy warmly welcomed former School Supt. Dr. John Brady, after whom the auditorium was named, as well as Interim Superintendent Michael Nast, saying "welcome home".

For Kennedy, the immigrant story of In The Heights is one that has personal significance. His parents, Joan and Pat Kennedy, immigrated from Ireland, and Kennedy grew up with Irish culture infused into his young life. "This play is my story," he wrote in a piece for the program, adding, "It's an American story". "Our families, whether they are Irish, Italian, Jewish, Puerto Rican or Dominican, have all experienced the same struggles and shared the same hopes and dreams," he wrote.

Performances continue Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. For tickets, go to amitytheaterdepartment.com or call 203-392-2019.



David Linet made sure actors looked just so.



The set extends to the hallway, where parents built a "bodega" - a little corner store, selling flowers and refreshments.




Cast and crew hang out on stage before curtain time. Alida Ballou stars in the role of the sexy, self-assured hairdresser Daniela.

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BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Dog Safety Tips for Children and Parents

We've all seen them: those carefree dog food commercials that feature adorable, furry puppies jumping on the laps of children, licking their faces and, for the most part, being on their best behavior. Unable to resist the allure of this loveable scene played out on television, children ask their parents for a dog of their own.

Many parents give in to the requests. After all, a puppy would make a great companion, maybe distracting the youngster from his video games for a while, and it just might teach the child some responsibility. But buying or adopting a dog is easy. The hard part is getting the dog to act like the ones in the commercials, and that task becomes even trickier when there are kids involved!

First and foremost, never buy a dog as a toy substitute. Dogs are living, breathing creatures with feelings. Children should be taught this fact from an early age and should be shown how to treat dogs with respect. By adopting a new dog for the right reasons and instilling the right mindset within the children involved, a parent takes the first step in avoiding undesired consequences, such as mistreatment and neglect.

Whenever a parent makes the important decision to bring home a dog for the kids, they should also make the commitment to enroll the dog (and the rest of the family) in a formal training program. Learning how to communicate effectively with your dog in a language he understands, using voice tones and body language is the first step toward establishing a lasting emotional relationship based on a balance of bond, respect and trust.

Some tips to help ensure that your new furry friend has a smooth and safe transition to your household include:

Never leave a child or baby alone with a dog. When visiting friends or relatives who have a dog, do not allow your child to play in the yard unsupervised. If that is not possible, ask the owners to put their dog away.

Do not allow your child to feed a dog unsupervised. Some dogs can be very protective of food. Also, never allow your child to hand-feed your dog; this teaches the dog that is acceptable to take any food from children.

Do not allow your child to pull on the dog's collar to lead him outside the house, as he could bite. Children without adult supervision should not be allowed to walk a dog, as the child could be dragged unwittingly into a fight with another dog. Dogs should be taught to respond to verbal commands. However, if the dog does not respond to a verbal command given by the child, correction should be given by the parent, not the child. In fact, under no circumstances should a child ever discipline a dog. That is the parents' job.

In addition to the above tips to help parents create a safe environment for their children and their new dog, here are some additional tips that parents should teach their children for when they are not around to directly supervise them. Children should be instructed to:

- Never pet a strange dog, even if his owner is present.
- Stay away from a dog while he is eating and sleeping.
- Stop your bike if chased while riding.
- Never retrieve a ball from someone else's yard.
- If visiting friends who have dogs, ask them to put their dogs away if you want to play.
- Stay away from a dog that has puppies.
- Stay away from a dog that is tied up.
- Never pull a dog's tail or ears; dogs feel pain, too.
- Never tease a dog or make it angry.
- Stand totally still if a dog runs at you barking. Lock your hands together in front of you. If knocked to the ground by a dog, roll into a ball, cover your face with your arms and stay as still as you possibly can. Do not try to get up.

With some planning and forethought, adopting a dog can be fun—both for parents and children. A dog can provide one of the best forms of companionship possible, teach children some responsibility and bring smiles to all. And by following the above tips and making a commitment to train your dog and grow your emotional bond, you may soon have the dog food companies calling you for a TV spot.

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

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A suggestion from a colleague on how to work out a problem might not sit too well with you. But before you suspect his or her motives, why not just accept it as a friendly gesture?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An associate might seek your counsel on a workplace dispute with another co-worker. Listen to what she or he has to say, but withhold advice until you've heard the other side of the story.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your Twin gifts for creativity and practicality to score points in landing an opportunity that could open doors to a new career. Someone returns after a long absence.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although things are pretty hectic through much of the week, some quiet time with loved ones helps restore balance. An unexpected visitor brings welcome news about a mutual friend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Getting used to change isn't always easy for the Big Cat. But make the adjustments gradually, and soon you'll hardly remember when things were any different from how they are now.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Continue to stay the course you've chosen, and avoid distractions that could throw you off track. Some knowledgeable folks are happy to provide guidance if you need it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you earned plaudits from most co-workers for your recent stand on a workplace situation, you also raised the envy quotient among others. Tread carefully for now.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You feel more positive about that delayed project, and you're ready to pick it up on a moment's notice. However, you might need to re-motivate those who have since lost interest.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some welcome news should be coming your way. In the meantime, use that Sagittarius charm to persuade some still-reluctant colleagues that your ideas have merit.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait for a misunderstanding to work itself out. Instead, ask for a chance to explain the circumstances before those bruised feelings lead to an irreversible break.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A physical problem should be checked out in order to avoid it going from just being a nuisance to something more serious. Your social life takes an unexpected but not unwelcome turn.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Yours might be the wisest sign in the Zodiac. But you still could benefit from the wisdom of a close friend who has suggestions on how to handle a perplexing personal problem.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your passion for doing the right thing inspires others to follow your well-trodden path toward justice.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



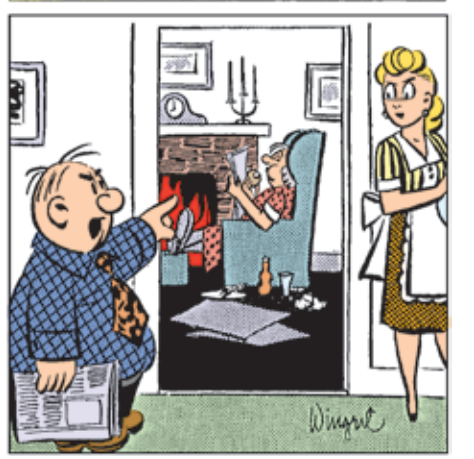
"Sorry, old man—I was showing them that this neighborhood's only a stone's throw from the station..."

LAFF-A-DAY



"I was coming as Cleopatra, but we couldn't get a sitter."

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



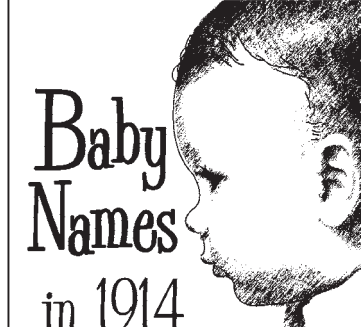
"I don't mind her staying here, but who let her out of the guest room?"

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below. Differences: 1. Batting cage is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Shirt name is different. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Fence is missing. 6. Flagpole is missing.

top ten



- Baby Names in 1914**
- 1. John
 - 2. Mary
 - 3. William
 - 4. Helen
 - 5. James
 - 6. Dorothy
 - 7. Robert
 - 8. Margaret
 - 9. Joseph
 - 10. Ruth

Source: fitpregnancy.com

SLAM THE DOOR ON FLEAS

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Every summer, my cats get fleas. It's agony for them and for me, because I have flea bites on my ankles all through the warm season when I want to wear sandals. The problem goes away in late fall through winter, but comes back with warm weather. How can I stop the constant re-infestation? -- Trudy in Evanston, Ill.

DEAR TRUDY: Fleas actually are a year-round problem, even in colder climates. They may not be as active in the winter, but even if dormant or dead, their eggs usually are still in the infested areas, waiting for the right conditions to hatch.

During the winter, it's important to keep dusting and vacuuming the entire house at least once a week, with particular attention paid to the areas your cats inhabit the most. Treat the house with a flea-stopping preventative -- a number of products are available at the pet store, such as sprinkle-on treatments for the carpet, furniture and drapes. Or, research alternative repellents made with natural or household items such as lemon-juice sprays or essential oils.

Comb the cats' fur daily if possible, and go through it with a flea comb once a week. As spring rolls around, start regular treatment with a flea preventative. Once-a-month topical treatments can be very effective in reducing or eliminating fleas, but many pet owners are against using them. Talk to the veterinarian about the most effective options.

It's also important to keep your cats indoors. There are a number of safety reasons to do this anyway, and it prevents fleas from dropping onto their fur as they brush through grass or greenery.

Start now with a flea-prevention program, before you even feel an itch, and this summer can be much more comfortable.

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

The Garden Bug

Acanthus mollis

Commonly known as "bear's breeches," this Mediterranean native is grown as much for its attractive leaves as for its showy flower spikes. Its foliage is thought to have inspired the appearance of the "Corinthian" column found in ancient Greek architecture. - Brenda Weaver

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