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Budget Proposal Maintains Current Tax Rate

Many Homeowners Will Actually Pay Less this Fiscal Year

By Terri Miles - Special to the Orange Town News

On April 5th, First Selectman James Zeoli invited members of the press to an intimate press conference at Town Hall, during which he and Finance Director Al Chiarenzelli explained details of the proposed 2013-14 Town Budget. Zeoli said Orange is financially stable compared to many surrounding municipalities. "Our budget and finances are solid, we're like Gibraltar," he said.

The proposed budget that will go before voters in a town-wide referendum on May 10th totals \$61.4 million. This represents a 3.6 percent increase from the 2012-2013 budget.

However, the current mill rate of 31.2 will remain the same. This could mean an actual tax decrease for many homeowners from their 2012-2013 bills.

Chiarenzelli went on to explain.

"Due to an increase in our Grand List, we are able to keep the mil rate fixed at 31.2. The difference in your tax bill from this year to last year will be determined by your recent revaluation. If your assessment was lowered, you will actually be paying less this coming year." Chiarenzelli explained that the average home resale value in Orange is \$355,500 and the commercial market value is \$328,800. A mill is a \$1 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The 3.6 percent spending increase is due to a few key factors, including healthcare increases, energy costs and workmen's compensation payments, as well as union pay increases. Zeoli did note though, that the first selectman, town clerk and tax collector have not received a raise in three years. Chiarenzelli said the town's grand list, which is a list of all taxable properties in town, is \$2.5 billion, an increase of 4.5 to 5 percent. The good news is thanks to excellent economic growth in town, including the two United Illuminating buildings on Marsh Hill Road (paying \$90 million in taxes), Colony Hardware on South Lambert Road and Aurora Products' purchase of the long vacant Finley Jewelry site, the grand list improved tremendously.

Much of the conversation focused on allocation of the budget. The majority — \$21.6 million — goes to Amity Regional School District #5 Schools (High School and Middle School) and \$18 million in funds for the Orange elementary schools which has a proposed 2.6% increase. The OBOE had its original request cut by \$100,000 by the Board of Finance.

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Jacob Wilczek Conferred Rank of Eagle Scout

Jacob Wilczek, a resident of Orange, was conferred the rank of Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America on March 23rd, 2013 at the First Church of Christ Congregational in Milford, Connecticut. He joined three other fellow scouts from Boy Scout Troop 1 of Milford in advancing to Eagle Scout at the Court of Honor ceremony. Jacob's parents, siblings, and grandmother were in attendance. Also present were the leaders and members of Troop 1, leaders and members of Orange Cub Scout Pack 922, Senator Richard Blumenthal, First Selectman James Zeoli of Orange, Mayor Benjamin Blake of Milford, Connecticut State Senator Gayle Slossberg, Connecticut State Representative James Maroney and many other invited guests and friends.



Jacob Wilczek alongside Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal.

Jacob first became involved with scouting ten years ago, starting as a Cub Scout in Pack 330 of Omaha, Nebraska before moving to Connecticut to eventually join his fellow Boy Scouts in Troop 1. As a member of the Boy Scouts, he has volunteered extensively for numerous community service projects in Orange and Milford, including relief efforts and shoreline clean-up after the devastation caused by Super Storm Sandy. To achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, he has fulfilled the necessary requirements of holding several senior leadership positions within his troop and completed a community service project. The project, under the auspices of First Selectman James Zeoli, entailed the restoration and enhancement of the Paul Ode Trail, a well-used walking trail located behind the High Plains Community Center in Orange that had fallen into neglect and disrepair. Jacob has also been very interested in passing on his scout knowledge to his younger brother and other Cub Scouts as the Den Chief of Orange Cub Scout Pack 922.

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great event for Orange, one that everyone can just wrap their arms around,” Smullen said.

Chamber president Rocky Salperto gave full credit to for the planning and organization of this race to Ms. Smullen as well as Chamber of Commerce Director Rich Zorena. “They took an idea that frankly many were pessimistic about several months ago and have turned it into a reality. This will be a legacy event for our organization, and will help benefit a great cause as well.” The Chamber is currently seeking about 80 volunteers who can help with registration, set up and clean up and monitoring the course. The race is sanctioned by the Track and Field Association.

- **Race: Cinco de Miles, 5 Mile**
- **When: Sunday, May 5**
- **Where: High Plains CC**
- **Contact: www.active.com or www.orangechamber.com, email info@orangechamber.com or 203-795-3328.**

May 18 marks Peck Place School’s first Panther Pounce 5K Road Race which will begin and end at the school. Proceeds from the event will benefit the school’s PTO, but according to organizer Jamie Beaudette, the race is less about fundraising and more about promoting health and wellness among the school community. “We’re hoping it brings families out to run and walk together and enjoy a fun activity,” Beaudette said.

- **What: Peck Place School’s 5K Panther Pounce**
- **When: May 18**
- **Where: Peck Place School, Peck Lane, Orange**
- **Contact: hitekracing.com**

June

This year Racebrook School reached out to Sandy Hook Elementary School to help raise funds for both schools’ PTAs with its fourth annual 5K Rockin’ Road Race on June 8. “We knew that many groups were holding fundraisers to benefit Sandy Hook in some way but we thought maybe their PTA could use some help because they might not be doing their typical fundraisers,” said race coordinator Jeannette Young. Race organizers also extended an invitation to the Sandy Hook community to participate in the event as well. “A lot of our families come out and it’s such a nice community, feel-good kind of day with a lot of special touches,” Young said. “We wanted to share that with the people of Sandy Hook.” The race begins and ends at the school, starting with a 9 a.m. kids’ fun run followed by the race and fitness walk. A highlight of the event is the performances by local musicians including Racebrook student Anthony Esposito, orchestra teacher James Olden and Dan Racioppo & Friends, all of whom are positioned at key locations along the course to keep runners motivated. It is the school’s largest fundraiser, last year logging a record 200 runners and raising \$7,000. “This year we’re trying to drum up more interest within the school and increase participation,” Young said. “We’d like the race to grow by at least 25 people each year.”

- **What: Racebrook Rockin’ 5K Road Race**
- **Where: Racebrook School, Grannis Road, Orange**
- **When: June 8**
- **Contact: www.racebrookrockinroadrace.com**

Last month’s passing of well-known former Orange resident George “Doc” Whitney at age 94 led to the proposal for “Doc’s Race” this June pending approval at April’s Board of Selectmen meeting. A beloved veterinarian in town for more than 50 years, Whitney took up running at age 80 inspiring a growing number of septuagenarians and octogenarians to participate in the town’s annual New Year’s Day Chili Chili Run. To honor this legacy, all runners age 65 and up will be able to run in Doc’s Race free of charge. “That’s how Doc would have wanted it so maybe there will be an older crowd at this event,” said organizer Jane Opper. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Orange Country Fair which featured Whitney’s extensive reptile collection for decades.

- **Race: Doc’s 5K Race**
- **When: June 30**
- **Where: High Plains Community Center, Orange Center Rd, Orange**
- **Information: Jane Opper, 203-795-9351**

November

Incoming Orange Rotary President and avid runner Carl Russell got the idea to hold a five-mile Thanksgiving Day race in town when he was shut out of a neighboring town’s annual holiday road run last fall. “I was too late signing up,” Russell said. “And several of the other races on the same day were also either full or so jammed that you’d have to walk the first mile.” The early morning race is particularly popular among runners. “Historically, it’s a wonderful day to do a road race. Everything is shut down and after you run a race you feel like you can pig out the rest of the day! The demand has gotten so great and there’s not enough supply,” Russell said. Russell is hoping the event will be become an annual event that “helps raise more money for all our good causes.” Following the same course as the Chili Chili Run that starts from the High Plains Community Center, Russell said seasoned runners would call it a flat course that will be a lot of fun.

- **Race: Orange Rotary Thanksgiving Day Road Race 5K**
- **Where High Plains Community Center, Orange Center Rd, Orange**
- **When: November 28**
- **Contact: Carl Russell, 203-783-9999**



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Contest, and has been nominated the past four years for the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Alexis extends herself to others in school by serving as an art and library helper, and bus monitor.

In the community, Alexis has been recognized by The Lions Club for her service and has been involved in the ACES buddies’ program, the Senior (citizen) Prom, and Relay for Life. Alexis plays lacrosse and is a competitive swimmer, who has been recognized as a Connecticut Top 16 swimmer for her achievements. She performs in the United Girls Choir and participates in Irish Step Dance. In the future, Alexis hopes to be an animal behavior psychologist, an animal trainer, or a teacher.

Peck Place’s Colton Varholak is described as a well-rounded young man who has a passion for school, sports, and serving his community. He has been recognized by his school for his academic achievements and his creativity. He received The Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge Award and was a finalist for the PTA Creative Writing Reflections Contest. Colton is an active member of the school community where he serves on the Student Council, Math Team, and is an art room helper and bus monitor.

Outside of school, Colton plays baseball and is a member of the Paugusset Swim and Dive Team and the Amity Regional Aquatic Club Swim Team where he competed in the Connecticut Regional Swim Championships. Working as a Boy Scout and with his church youth group, Colton has raised money for UNICEF and Heifer International and has collected food for the Connecticut Food Bank. He received The Good Samaritan Award from his church for his work with Columbus House Emergency and Recovery Shelter. Colton enjoys playing guitar, cooking, reading, and spending time with friends.

Turkey Hill’s Mounisha Anumolu is known as an ambitious and enthusiastic student who has a strong commitment to her development as a student and young citizen. Mounisha takes pride in her participation and leadership of Turkey Hill School serving as the President of the Student Council. This group of students has accomplished numerous outreach programs and has made a positive impact on the school community. Mounisha serves her school as a safety patrol and library assistant where she helps younger students with their reading skills.

Outside of school, Mounisha volunteers at the Orange Senior Center as she works to assist the elderly. She swims competitively and is a member of the track club. Mounisha’s dream is to either practice law or medicine with a goal to serve as a state senator.

Known as an outstanding student and role model at Turkey Hill School, Jake Bronson is extremely kind, creative and demonstrates a high level of compassion for others. This is demonstrated throughout the school day as he is a mentor for younger students. Jake has had a direct impact on the academic success of younger students as he has worked with them to provide assistance with their organization and focus on work completion.

Jake assists his local community by volunteering at the Milford Animal Control Center, the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation and helping the elderly by serving them meals. Jake’s interests include playing baseball, basketball and the viola. He was chosen by his orchestra instructor to play in the middle school holiday concert, a high honor for an elementary school musician.

Someone once told Race Brook School honoree Mary Foley that the harder you work, the luckier you get. With that in mind, she tries to have a determined mindset to be the best she can in whatever she does. Whether it’s in the classroom, at home, or even on the hill ski racing, she feels it is rewarding to study a subject or work on a project at school and get a good result. She has earned the Peer Put Up award from her classmates, recognition for her kind and caring nature.

Mary started playing the violin at five-years-old and will be in an upcoming performance for the Neighborhood Music School called ‘Performathon,’ which is a fundraiser for the school. She enjoys ski racing with her friends and says she likes being part of a team and working hard training. She also enjoys doing simple things such as selling raffle tickets to raise money for the ski training center. In the summer, she likes to sail and swim and she was happy to accept the Seamanship award in her first summer of sailing. Mary’s experiences have taught her that determination can help a person go far and let us achieve our goals.

Taylor Gourdiere, also from Race Brook School, has served on Student Council, worked at the School Store, and Safety Patrol. She is part of a new group at Race Brook called “TEAM” (Together Everybody Always Matters) that helps children with disabilities at recess. Outside of school, she has played piano for five years and danced for the New England Ballet for nine. She plays the violin and flute and sings in the school’s Girls’ Choir. She won first and second place in the state’s PTA Reflections program for two songs she composed.

Outside of school, she and her mom sell flowers each summer at the Grassy Hill Farm Stand to raise money for the “Smile Train” charity, an effort for which she was recognized with a Guida Milk Good Kids Award. Several years ago, she sold hot chocolate outside her synagogue to raise money to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. More recently, she sold wristbands at Race Brook School to raise money to help the people affected by the storm Sandy. Taylor is part of the Social Action Committee at her synagogue and helps serve food at a soup kitchen in New Haven. During the holidays, she organized a group called “The Caroling Kids” and we sang to people in nursing homes for the last three years.



STUDENT NEWS

Lauralton Hall Announces Second Quarter Honor Rolls

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

ORANGE Residents High Honors:

Grade 12: Taylor Black, Lauren Lichac, Rebecca Morgan and Nicole Sweeney

Grade 10: Claire Sweeney

ORANGE Residents Honors:

Grade 10: Caitlyn Black, Taylor Choe and Amelia Justo

Grade 9: Georgia Kral

Orange Residents Earn Honors at Sacred Heart Academy

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the Second marking period of the 2012 – 13 academic year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll:

HIGH HONORS: Andrianna Ayala; Emma Dragan ; Demery Ormrod; and Willa Rusowicz-Orazem

HONORS: Jennifer DeGrand

Academic honors are awarded at the end of each quarter to students attaining an average of 3.5 or better. Those students achieving a grade point average of 3.8 or greater are awarded high honors.

Alice Chrosny of Orange Named to Dean’s List at Savannah

Savannah, GA - Alice Chrosny of Orange, Connecticut has been named to the Dean’s List at the Savannah College of Art and Design for fall quarter 2012. Full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.5 or above for the quarter receive recognition on the Dean’s List.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Dean’s List - Fall 2012

Troy, NY - Students have been named to the Dean’s list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for the Fall 2012 semester. The dean’s list recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of a minimum of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below “C.”

The following 3 Orange students were granted an achievement for earning a spot on the Dean’s List at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Kate Lisi, Katherine Marciano, and Kelsey Kish.

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Local residents Named to the Winter Term Dean’s List at Choate Rosemary Hall

Wallingford, CT - The following students were named to the Winter Term 2013 Dean’s List at Choate Rosemary Hall: Matthew Canna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Canna of Orange & Thomas Canna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Canna of Orange. Located in Wallingford, Connecticut, Choate Rosemary Hall is an independent secondary school enrolling 864 boarding and day students from 37 states and D.C., and 44 countries.

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FROM OUR READERS

Amity Middle School in Orange Thanks Dip Top

Amity Middle School in Orange would like to extend a great big "Thank You" to Mr. Ronald Emmerthal, owner of Dip Top Ice Cream on the Boston Post Road in Orange. As we were looking to give incentives for hard work on the Connecticut Mastery Tests, Mr. Emmerthal really came through. First of all, Ron returned our call within the hour. He was as pleasant as could be and could not do enough to discount and donate gift certificates for our seventh and eighth grade students in Orange. He even personalized the certificates with the school name. He was very generous and kind and so helpful towards our requests and needs. He is a true community person and did not look for anything in return. I have to say that I attempted to contact and left messages for other similar establishments in the area and did not even receive a response, let alone a generous and kind deal! We are happy to have Mr. Emmerthal working with us, as he seems to care so much for our students and people in general. AMSO students were so excited to win these very valuable and tasty prizes from Dip Top. You are the cherry on our sundae Mr. E.

AMSO Students

Amity Middle School in Orange Also Thanks Nuvita

Amity Middle School in Orange would like to extend a great big "Thank You" to Mr. Jason Moon, owner of Nuvita in Orange. Jason donated a large number of gift cards to our school so that we may provide delicious incentives for our students' perseverance and hard work. We are happy to have Jason working with us as he seems to care a great deal for our students. A product of Amity Middle School in Orange as well as a graduate of Amity High School, Jason knows how to "give back" to his community. AMSO students will be very excited to win these highly coveted and tasty prizes from NUVITA. Thank you, Jason Moon, for your generosity.

AMSO Students

Amity's Sweeney Todd: A Moral Musical

In Reverend Ann Ritonia's contribution to this paper last month, she argued that Amity High School's spring musical, Sweeney Todd, is senselessly violent, and that exposure to such gore has the potential to cause "de-sensitization, hopelessness, and an increase in acts of violence towards others". As a senior at Amity High School and a member of the show's pit orchestra, I have a few comments for the Reverend.

First is this: as teenagers, we see violence in the novels we read in English class, in the fistfights in the hallways, and in the news of tragedies like Newtown. To suggest that Sweeney Todd would introduce innocent, corruptible high school students to the age-inappropriate concept of violence is ludicrous. With or without Sweeney, violence is present at Amity.

A more important point to consider is that, as Garrett Stack put it at a BOE meeting's public forum on this very topic, "Art makes us question". All art forms give us a lens through which we can make sense of formerly incomprehensible violence. If we can't avoid violence in society (and we can't) then our best alternative is to understand it. Sweeney allows performers and

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viewers to understand revenge; through the demon barber, we watch the sick desire for vengeance germinate and fester, growing until it consumes a once peaceful man. At the show's end, we see the need for revenge destroy more than one life.

Far from having pessimistic and vulgar themes of "rape, revenge, violence, and cannibalism," as the Reverend claimed, Sweeney Todd condemns acts of senseless violence by warning against them. The true theme, as theater expert Howard Sherman argued, is "the uselessness of revenge". Sweeney teaches us that the evil suffer and the good prosper, and this hardly seems an objectionable message. In fact, it follows a traditional, arguably Judeo-Christian moral compass, hardly different from allegories like "Noah's Ark".

There are legitimate concerns about superficial expressions of violence. The vulgarity and gore crucial to the production may be offensive to some viewers, especially young ones; that's exactly why attendance is extracurricular and optional. But the larger issue, the one following the claim that the musical condones or even promotes senseless violence is hardly fair. The show's bloody scenes do have a purpose: they expose viewers to the very real causes and effects of violence. Rather than complaining about superficial issues, the community would do well to take Sweeney Todd for what it is—a moral musical—and use it as a catalyst for a meaningful discussion.

Finally, while I personally disagree with the complaints expressed against Sweeney Todd, I applaud the Reverend for raising her concerns. Last year's production of Legally Blonde, rife with homophobic punch lines, hardly faced any public opposition. Those who protested the production of Sweeney Todd exercised an important right, and in doing so raised an important question about the musical's selection process, and the amount of involvement the community deserves.

Emma Platoff, Amity High School '13

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"Cheers" for Goldblatt's Stand Against the Scouts!

The State of Connecticut recognizes the right of gays to marry. The US military recognizes the right of gays to serve in our military. But our town's Board of Selectmen do not want to deny the Boy Scouts "their right to use town property," though the scouts (and I am a former scout) do not allow gays to be members.

Cheers for Mitch Goldblatt for taking a stand against an organization that would deny rights to others while asking that they be granted their rights.

Fred Lapides

Resident Disappointed in Our Town Leaders

I am heartened by former First Selectman Mitch Goldblatt's statement urging that the use of the public property known as Orange Fairgrounds be denied to the Boy Scouts of America because of their policy of discrimination against gays and lesbians. And equally, I am dismayed that the Board of Selectmen voted to allow its use.

While I deplore the position of the Boy Scouts of America, at the heart is the fact that the Orange Fairgrounds are public property and the Board is entrusted, certainly by me as a resident, to consider its use ethically.

Were an organization to be anti-black, anti-Catholic, anti-Jewish, I would expect my elected representatives to uphold the constitutional provisions that state that all men/women are created equal....and to insist that public grounds are not meant for exclusionary organizations nor meant to endorse, accept, turn an eye or in any way acknowledge the legitimacy of discrimination in whatever form it may exist....in this instance, in the form of the Boy Scouts of America.

Can you reverse your opinion? I don't know. I do believe that your decision to use your seven minute "smart phone research" to focus on assessing the organization's First Amendment rights was an error. In fact, as our public representatives, the only issue I believe you were charged to research was the appropriate the use of Orange public property within an ethical, moral and constitutional framework.

I am deeply disappointed in my town leaders and ashamed by the decision you reached.

Martha Sue Weisbart

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Goldblatt Does Not Speak for All Town Residents

In response to the article written in the last issue of the Orange Town News, I would like to state that Mitch Goldblatt has the right to his opinion but certainly does NOT have the right to speak for all Orange Residents. I don't believe the Boy Scouts of America were asking to hold an anti-gay rally on the Orange Fairgrounds nor were they asking to put together anti-gay literature to pass out on their outing. They are an establishment that simply says in their membership, they reserve the right not to condone gay lifestyles. And I applaud them for standing up for themselves and sticking to their beliefs. Rather than flip flop from this belief or that belief when it comes down to a bunch of votes, like we see most politicians do these days, they have made their own decision and they are standing by it.

If we go around persecuting establishments, clergy and whatever and whoever else we feel like in the name of "discrimination", what a terrible world we would live in. I believe it's called the 1st Amendment. It's ok that people don't embrace every aspect of each other's lives in the name of freedom, in the name of authenticity and the plain old choice to live a life of Holiness rather than one of tolerance. It's about time we support the people who make those decisions and stand by them rather than to tell them they have to believe what YOU believe in order for it to be "right" because YOU are "troubled" by it. THAT's the real discrimination. My mother always taught me "to each his own".

Let the boys hold their event!

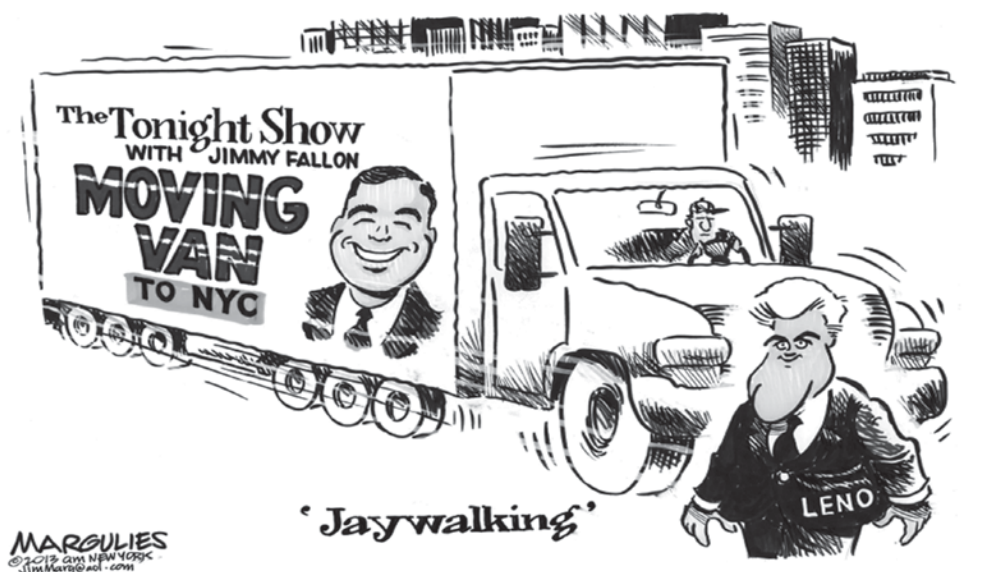
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Currently, Orange has an AA+ bond rating and, as many residents are aware, the town will be selling \$15.4 million in bonds to fund school and necessary municipal projects. (This was approved by voters in a recent referendum.) Both Zeoli and Chiarenzelli expressed their relief that the state proposal to eliminate car tax payments died in Hartford. "If it had passed, it would have cost us \$3.46 million in what we collect from car taxes," Zeoli said.

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

Great Wines for Spring!



April is here and even though some of our overnight temperatures are in the 20s and 30s it is time to start to enjoy our outdoors and start to think in terms of our deck wines and heating up our outdoor barbeques. One of the great areas to look at this time of year is South Africa. In South Africa wineries are referred to as wine farms. In 1487 the Portuguese navigator Bartholomeu Dias sailed through the tempestuous seas to round the southern tip of Africa. He named it Cabo Tormentoso, the cape of storms. Later, Portugal's king, fearing that mariners would refuse to sail around the cape, renamed it Cabo de Boa Esperanca, the Cape of Good Hope.

The first South African wines were made more than three centuries ago by Dutch colonists who vinified the wild grapes they found growing on the southwestern tip known as the Cape of the African continent. The colonists, employees of the Dutch East India Company, planned to establish the Cape as a restocking station for food and provisions halfway between Europe and the spice-rich East Indies.

Though the presence of native grapes was encouraging to the colonists, the wine made from them was not. The commander of the small settlement, Jan van Riebeeck, immediately sent word back to Holland imploring his employers to send European vine cuttings on the next ship out. Within a decade, French vine cuttings, most probably chenin blanc and muscat of Alexandria were thriving in Cape soil. Through these humble beginnings developed the establishment of extremely powerful cooperatives that dominated the South African wine industry. Grape growing and winemaking are concentrated in the southwestern part of South Africa bordered on the west by the Atlantic Ocean and the south by the Indian Ocean.

White wines include Cape Riesling. This is a minor grape that makes mundane, common whites. It is thought to be related to the French grape crouchen blanc. Chardonnay is important and very popular. It is an up and coming grape. Usually made in an "international" style with lots of oak. Chenin Blanc is a major grape with nearly a quarter of all South African vines are planted with. It makes dry and sweet and sparkling wines as well. Muscadell is a member of the muscat family. This is usually made for sweet fortified wines, some of which have an appealing raisiny character. Riesling is sometimes called Rhine riesling in South Africa. This grape can be made into impressive late harvest sweet wines. (Dry wines made from it are only decent.) Sauvignon Blanc is South Africa's "Great White Hope". They make big grassy, herbal, bone-dry wine with high acidity and lots of personality and layers of flavors. Great for early spring Deck Activities.

The South African Reds include Cabernet Franc which is a major blending grape that is attracting attention on its own. Cabernet Sauvignon is used in Bordeaux style blends. Cinsault is a French Rhone grape known as hermitage in South Africa and it is used in blending in that it is light grapy red. Some Merlot is grown, although not popular and used in blending. Pinot noir is difficult to grow in South Africa. It is used primarily as a sparkling wine grape. One of the most spectacular reds of South Africa is Shiroz. This is the same as the French Grape syrah. The soil and temperature has caused a change in the DNA of the grape making it unique and a wonderful wine with lots of berries and vanilla flavors and it is one of my very favorites! This is a fantastic DECK wine with some meat or pasta dishes.

The most unique red of all from South Africa was an attempt to strengthen Pinot Noir by grafting it with Cinsault or in South Africa called Hermitage. In 1925 at the vitaculture center at Stellenback University they made an attempt to help Pinot Noir grafting hermitage and came up with Pinotage. A unique grape that makes very rustic appealing red wine. It seems to go very well with steaks and chops on the grill given its smoky flavor.

So, as the weather softens and the temperature rises, it becomes time to venture out on the deck and fire up the grill with a glass of South African Sauvignon Blanc in your hand such as Klein Steenberg. At about \$11.00 or \$12.00 per bottle, it is more than a nice wine, it is an experience. Then, when the big pasta dish is served, try some Oracle Shiraz with flavors of red berries and spice and oak. The price ranges between \$10.00 to \$12.00 for this wonderful spicy red. Then open the Fairview Pinotage for the big steak or prime rib serving. It needs about 20 minutes of venting to clear off the slightly chemical nose. The big mouth feel of this large red will complement your beef dishes from the grill with a smoky-chocolate finish. At \$14.00 it is a great bargain. Life is too short to drink bad wine. Try these you will be glad you did!

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

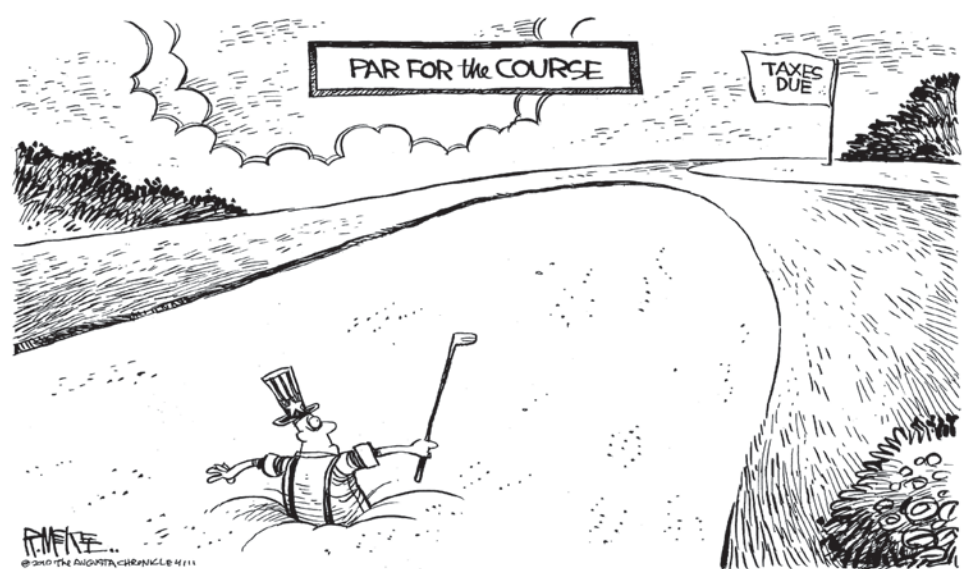
OLT Annual Meeting

Connecticut's Coastal American Indian Communities

The Orange Land Trust would like to invite you to our Annual Meeting to be held Wednesday May 1, 2013, High Plains Community Center; 525 Orange Center Road at 7 pm. Following a short business meeting our guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Lucianne Lavin, Director of Research and Collections at The Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Connecticut.

The presentation is titled, "Connecticut's Coastal American Indian Communities, Then and Now", beginning with the earliest Paleo-Indian settlers and continuing in time to the Quinnipiac and Paugussett Communities". Dr. Lavin is the author of more than 100 articles concerning the original inhabitants of Connecticut, who settled in this area more than 10,000 years ago.

Please join us for this interesting journey back in time to view life in Orange and surrounding areas, long before interstate 95 or the Merritt Parkway, shopping centers, state and town government or even English speaking people. Learn what archeological remains have revealed about these ancient people and their existence in Connecticut today. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.






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HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

2013 Living Treasures to be Presented at Annual "Pasta Festa!"

As we prepare for the 2013 "Pasta Festa!" fundraiser for the Orange Senior Center and this year's Living Treasures, let us take a moment to reflect on the 2012 Living Treasures. The 2012 honorees were Marianne Bauer, Joseph Cuzzocreo, and Charles Flynn.

Marianne Bauer –2012 Living Treasure

Orange born and bred, Marianne started volunteering since childhood as a member of the 4-H Club and the Girl Scouts. Her involvement on the Orange Country Fair Committee spans over 37 years serving as Admissions Chairman & presently as Secretary. Indeed, Marianne has handled all facets of the Fair, including working at the booths during the fair. As an avid hiker, Marianne volunteered at the Orange Land Trust hikes and worked with her senior leadership classmates to clear Tucker Ridge Trail for recreational use.

Her community volunteer activities also include working with the Orange Visiting Nurse Association, Orange Senior Advisory Committee, the American Legion Post #127 (Orange Chapter). Of special note, Marianne was a key organizer for the Orange Center School Reunion Committee held in 1996, key organizer of the Orange Center School Time Capsule Opening in 2006, and a member of the planning committee for the Mary L. Tracy School 100th reunion held in 2010. Her most recent achievement was spearheading the display of a Nativity Scene this past December.

A committed lifelong learner, Marianne was a member of the Senior Leadership Class of 2009, and was voted for by her classmates to receive the Judith Plancher Award for exhibiting the True Spirit of Leadership. She is a proud mother, grandmother, aunt, and sister to her family and enjoys getting together with her many friends for a game of bridge, Mah Jongg, the theatre, and traveling.

Joseph Cuzzocreo – 2012 Living Treasure Award

We fondly remember Joe who passed away last summer. Throughout their lives, Joe and his wife Emma have worked hand-in-hand for the betterment of Orange with their generosity of time and financial support to so many Orange activities, events and properties.

A member and past president of the Orange Rotary Club, Joe was named a Paul Harris Fellow. In 1982, Joe and Emma founded Orange Residential Services, a group home for adults with developmental disabilities. Joe's other volunteer activities include work with the Area Cooperative Educational Services, Orange Cub Scouts, Special Olympics, Orange Sesquicentennial Celebration, and the Orange American Legion. In 2011 Joe received the good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America CT Council. Also, Joe was a Police Commissioner for the Town of Orange for over 47 years and is a retired member of the Volunteer Fire Department. Joe had faithfully transported our town's school children by bus for 55 years. The children who rode on Joe's bus are always greeted by name and remember the kindness and interest he

showed in their activities.

Through Joe's example, the Cuzzocreo family has modeled the importance of volunteering and being present to create a caring and productive community. It is not only through the formal memberships and leadership positions that Joe and his family have contributed to Orange, but also in how they live their daily lives and giving to Orange and its residents.

Charles Flynn – Living Treasure 2012

For over 40 years, Charles ("Charlie") Flynn, has been steadfast in serving the people of Orange. Charlie served as a member of the Orange Board of Education between 1970 and 1973, which also included serving on the Building Committee for the Town Pool. In 1974, he became the first judge of the Probate Court for Orange. Recognizing the various needs of those he served, Charlie immediately established The Orange Foundation with an initial donation of \$400 in seed money. The Foundation is a charitable trust that makes grants to numerous town agencies and has provided scholarships to Orange students. Today the trust has grown in value to over one million dollars. Always concerned with the welfare of his clients, the elderly in particular, Charlie served on a study committee to provide housing for retired Orange residents; an Ad Hoc committee to study the feasibility of an ambulance service; and an Ad Hoc committee for the drafting of the new construction of the elderly housing complex; and continued his service by being a member of the Elderly Housing Board for supervision of the complex. While working as probate judge, Charlie partnered with Community Services to establish a free legal information clinic for older citizens, which is still operating today. Charlie also used his wealth of skills on the Finance Committee for Holy Infant Church and also was a member of the committee for the establishment of the Southern Connecticut State University Graduate School of Social Work. The wide scope of Charlie's work has touched the lives of many people in Orange: from the youngest child in our elementary schools to the senior citizens at Silverbrook and all those in between who received scholarships, enjoyed special community events or was rushed to the hospital. Always professional, yet personable and approachable, Charlie's inspiration, gentle coaching and encouragement have energized many more volunteers in our community. Charlie's life of community advocacy and good works is a life that has been honorably lived.

In the next issue of the Orange Town News we will have the biographies of the 2013 Living Treasures: Nancy Becque, Patricia Miller, and James White. The Living Treasures will be honored on May 10 from 5 to 8 pm at the ninth annual Pasta Festa! Tickets are on sale at the Orange Senior Center, \$20 per person.

New Medicare Program Coming to Orange

By Ray Hurd

For years, Medicare and its beneficiaries have been paying too much for durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies (DMEPOS). These overpayments were the result of a fee schedule based on historic supplier charges from the 1980s, adjusted for inflation, and not on current market prices. Fortunately, a new competitive bidding program is changing what Medicare pays for DMEPOS and the savings are benefiting the Medicare program trust fund and its beneficiaries.

In 2011, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) introduced a competitive bidding program in nine areas of the country aimed at reducing costs and the fraud resulting from excessive pricing. Under this program, medical equipment suppliers were required to submit bids and Medicare used these bids to set the amount it paid for the competitively bid medical equipment and supplies. Winning bids were awarded to qualified, accredited suppliers who were chosen to serve Medicare beneficiaries in the nine competitive bidding areas as Medicare contract suppliers. The results were hugely successful, and have generated savings of more than \$200 million.

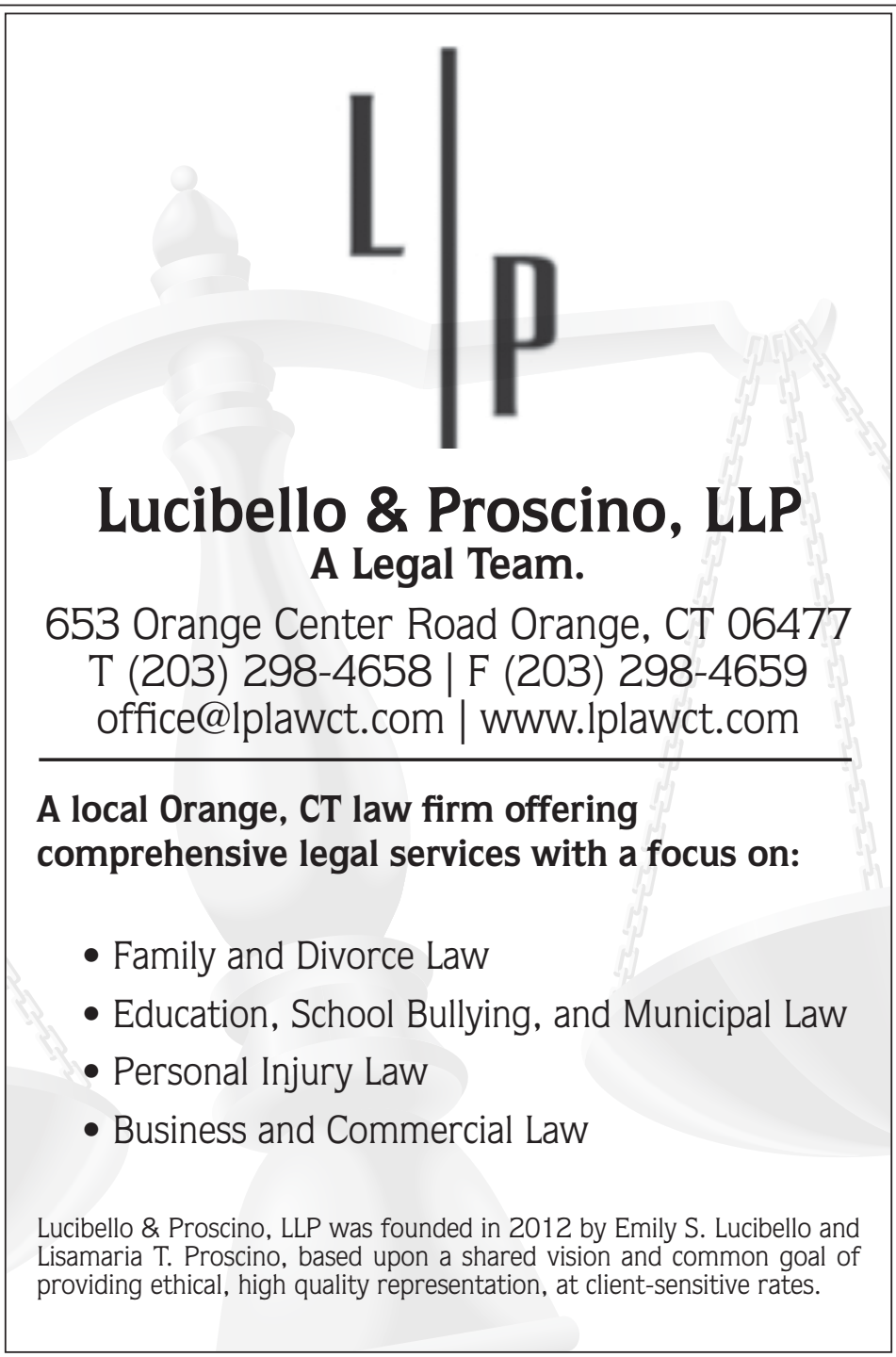
On July 1 CMS is expanding its competitive bidding program and this will affect Medicare beneficiaries living in Orange. People on Original Medicare will pay less for certain DMEPOS items and services such as wheelchairs, oxygen, mail order diabetic supplies and more. Here is some important information you need to know to prepare for the changes in your area:

- Medicare generally pays 80 percent of the costs for DMEPOS used in the home under Medicare Part B. The beneficiary pays the remaining

20 percent. For example, Medicare suppliers of oxygen concentrators currently receive a fee schedule amount of \$177 per month, of which the beneficiary pays 20%. Starting on July 1, the Medicare price for the same concentrator will reduce to approximately \$100 a month and the beneficiary's responsibility will decrease from \$35 to approximately \$20.

- CMS has also included a national mail-order competition for diabetic testing supplies and is projecting savings of roughly 72%. This program affects beneficiaries in every state, but only those with Original Medicare. Under the national mail order program, a box of 50 test strips is currently \$40; starting on July 1, it will cost a little over \$10.
- Medicare beneficiaries will enjoy savings on their equipment and supplies; however, they must use a contracted supplier in order for Medicare to pay its share. A list of suppliers will be announced early this spring. There will be exceptions in a few cases where some suppliers will be grandfathered into the program.

Competitive bidding is a proven way to save valuable taxpayer dollars while maintaining access to quality DMEPOS items. We have a number of resources to help you understand the new program. If you have questions or would like more information, visit www.medicare.gov or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users call 1-877-486-2048. You can also call your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) at 1-800-994-9422. If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan, your plan will notify you if your supplier is changing. Contact your plan for more information.



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Cohen and Wolf, P.C. Cinco de Miles Road Race is Looking For Volunteers

The Cohen and Wolf, P.C. "Cinco de Miles" Road Race is looking for volunteers to help put on the race benefiting Autism Services and Resources CT (ASRC) and the Orange Chamber. The race will begin and end at the High Plains Community Center on May 5, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed at 7:00 a.m. to help with set up, setting up the course, parking and clean up. Call 203-795-3328 to volunteer.

Runners can still register online at Active.com. Dri-fit tee shirts will be given to the first 400 runners to register. The course is a 5 mile run through Orange, beginning and ending at High Plains Community Center. Runners and walkers are invited to participate. The fee is \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the event.

The race, according to Carol Smullen, Chamber Executive Director, "is a fantastic development opportunity, bringing people from all over the State to Orange. The Chamber is excited to offer this dynamic event promoting health and wellness, as well as supporting great causes and driving traffic to the area."

ASRC provides information and research to help parents and professionals understand the barriers and challenges people with Autism Spectrum Disorders face on a daily basis. They are the leader in the state dedicated to training, advocacy, integrated recreational programs, sibling support, adult support and much more.

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OCC Orange Turkey Hill Preserve

Saturday, June, 1 – Turkey Hill Preserve Walk

The Orange Conservation Commission will celebrate “Connecticut Trails Day” by hosting a hike at the Turkey Hill Preserve 10 am and 2 pm. There will be a guided walk at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to enjoy this scenic hiking area. Families and children are welcome and comfortable shoes and clothes are recommended. BYO water and refreshments and all dogs must be leashed. This is Orange’s largest open space site; these 376 acres also will offer the most varied experiences for the visitor. An old growth core forest is dotted with ledges, ridges, vernal pools, gorges, streams, ponds, shallow waterways, and a 100-ft hill that is steep but hike-able. It is populated by a wide variety of plant life and wildlife. Trails are limited and are subject to change while uses for the site continue to evolve. Steady rain or lightning cancels, with Sunday June 2 as the rain date. For more information, contact: Dan Lynch, Orange Park & Recreation: 203-891-4790 or Sharon Ewen Conservation Chair by e-mail sme71@yahoo.com.

- What: Turkey Hill Preserve
- When: Saturday, June 1, 2012 from 10 am to 2 pm –June 2 rain date same time.
- Where: The Turkey Hill Preserve Area Parking lot is located on Derby Milford Road which can be accessed by traveling on Turkey Hill Road that will bring you directly into Preserve. GPS address: 700 Derby-Milford Road
- Parking: Parking is to the right of drive way.
- Contact: Dan Lynch, Orange Park & Recreation: 203-891-4790 or Sharon Ewen Conservation Chair by e-mail sme71@yahoo.com.

Orange Police Department Monthly Report March 2013



**From the Office of
Police Chief Robert Gagne**

We have been busy serving our community. Here are some of the challenges we faced:

- 2358** Calls for Service
 - 0** Robberies
 - 1** Burglaries (1 residential, 0 commercial)
- 117** Activated Burglar Alarms
- 31** Criminal Arrests
- 20** Shoplifting/Larcenies
- 20** Fights/Disturbances
- 8** Arrests for DWI
- 90** Traffic Accidents
- 173** Motor Vehicle Citations Issued
- 123** Medical Emergencies

Town of Orange

Meetings for the Month of April 2013

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



Town Hall

12th	Health & Safety Committee.....	9:00 am	HPCC
15th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Health	7:30 pm	HPCC
16th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
17th	CERT.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Committee.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
18th	Case Mem. Library Commission ...	7:30 pm	Case Mem. Library
22nd	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Youth Services Advisory Board	7:30 pm	HPCC
24th	Safety Commission.....	9:00 am	Town Hall
	Memorial Day Parade Committee .	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Finance Annual Budget Hearing.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
26th	Emergency Management.....	8:00 am	Police Station

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Events for Children

Weekly Storytimes

Come to our weekly storytimes to have fun, meet new friends, and set your child on the path to lifelong learning! The schedule is as follows:

Mother Goose is on the Loose! Lapsit Storytime - Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Our lapsit storytimes feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Two-Year-Old Storytime - Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement.

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime - Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Mondays at 4 p.m. and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and fingerplays and are followed by a special craft.

Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer: "The Rain Puddle" - Saturday, April 13, 2 p.m.

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

Spring Teddy Bear Storytime - Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Come in pajamas and bring your bear! For children ages 2-5.

Earth Day Craft - Saturday, April 20, 11 a.m.

Decorate a small flower pot and plant a beautiful flower. Bring in fun pictures from old magazines, sparkly "jewels," and any other fun embellishment you wish. Recycled and repurposed materials are preferred. We will provide the pot, soil, and the flowers. For ages 6-10. Please pre-register.

Folktales From Around the World - Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.

Join us for a live performance of "The Maharajah is Bored," "Forever Mountain," and "Leopard's Noisy Drum" presented by the Aces Educational Center for the Arts Theatre for Young Audiences Traveling Troupe. Best suited for children in grades 1-4. Please pre-register.

Events for Teens

Book Chat Cafe - Tuesday, May 7, 2:15 p.m.

For teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center. See Mrs. Goss for more information!

Events for Adults

Cookbook Club: Cookbook Discussion Group - Monday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Join us for great food and great discussion about this meeting's featured cookbook: Mastering the Art of French Cooking by Julia Child. Come ready to share a dish from the cookbook and your experiences with the group. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk.

Genealogy Workshop

Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m.

Learn to research your family history with professional genealogist Greg Thompson. A new topic is covered each month.

Oscar Film: Les Miserables

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

In 19th century France, Jean Valjean, who for decades has been hunted by the ruthless policeman Javert after he breaks parole, agrees to care for factory worker Francine's daughter, Cosette. Registration begins March 25.

Working with Your Digital Camera

Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.

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

Oscar Film: Lincoln

Monday, April 22, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, April 24, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

With the moral courage and fierce determination to succeed, Lincoln's choices in his final months of Presidency will change the fate of generations

to come. Registration begins April 1.

Book Case: Evening Book Discussion Group - Monday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

Join Book Case leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda. Set in California and the teeming city of Mumbai, Secret Daughter is a beautifully composed compelling story of love, loss, discovery and the true meaning of family.

Cooking with John Bencivengo - Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Join Chef John Bencivengo for delicious appetizers and salads. Registration begins April 10. \$5 per person food charge payable upon registration.

Moxie: Voices and Swingin' Rhythm - Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.

A jazzy quartet with swingin' music in the style of the Andrews sisters with choreography and costumes reminiscent of the 1940s. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Friends of the Library Great! Basement Book Sale

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come for a giant sale of new and gently used books, magazines, DVDs, music, and more.

Yoga for Joy and Renewal - Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.

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



Case Memorial Library

Is This Thing On?: How to Navigate the Ever Changing Landscape of Technology - Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m.

Do you feel left behind when everyone is talking about the latest technologies? Join us for a reassuring, straightforward, and totally jargon-free presentation that will introduce you to all the wonders of computers, tablets, Facebook, and more with technology guru Abby Stokes, author of "Is This Thing On?" Sponsored by Boomers & Beyond: A Lifelong Learning Center.

Oscar Film: Django Unchained

Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 8, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

With the help of German-born fugitive hunter Dr. King Shultz, Django, a freed slave, sets out to rescue his wife from Calvin Candie, a brutal Mississippi plantation owner. Registration begins April 15.

Oscar Film: Silver Linings Playbook

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 15, 1 p.m. (with subtitles)

After a stint in a mental institution, Pat moves back in with his parents and tries to reconcile with his ex when he meets a mysterious girl with problems of her own. Registration begins April 22.

Simply Country: Gardening with Judy Bowerman Condon - Saturday, May 18, 1 p.m.

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

Books and Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group - Tuesday, May 21, 10 a.m.

Join Books and Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of The Paris Wife by Paula McLain. A deeply evocative story of ambition and betrayal, The Paris Wife captures the love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his first wife Hadley. For Hemingway's side of the story you may also want to read A Moveable Feast. Refreshments will be served.

Art in the Library

April: Artwork by the children of Orange elementary schools will be on display through the month of April. Artwork was selected by their art teachers.

May: Artwork by the Art in the Library committee will be on display through the month of May. A reception will be held in their honor on Thursday, May 9, 5-7 p.m.

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.

More Offerings From Case Memorial Library

The Case Memorial Library has added these additions to its growing list of DVDs, Audiobooks and CDs for your viewing and listening pleasure.

Movies on DVD

- Anna Karenina (2012)
- Argo
- Beasts of the Southern Wild
- The Cold Light of Day
- The Dark Knight Rises
- Downton Abbey Season 3
- End of Watch
- Pitch Perfect
- Robot & Frank
- Skyfall

Audiobooks

- Conversational Cantonese Chinese
- Conversational Latin American Spanish
- Evanovich, Janet - The Husband List
- Funke, Cornelia - Ghost Knight (j)
- Grafton, Sue - Kinsey & Me
- Martin, George R. R. - Game of Thrones
- Mosley, Walter - Cinnamon Kiss
- Oates, Joyce Carol - Daddy Love
- Saunders, George - 10th of December
- Smith, Venture - The Narrative of an African American

Music

- Barry, Gerald - Piano Quartet and other works
- Beethoven, Ludwig van - Symphonies 1-9; West-Eastern Divan Orchestra
- Little Dragon - Ritual Union
- The Lone Bellow (self-titled)
- Joe Lovano Us Five - Cross Culture
- Muse - The 2nd Law
- Owens, Christopher - Lysandre
- Perlman, Itzhak - Eternal Echoes
- Return of the Stuff That Dreams Are Made Of
- Rodriguez, Carrie - Give Me All You Got

From Your State Senator

With Gayle Slossberg



Slossberg Supports Bill to Access to Mental Health Treatment & Support

State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Milford, Orange, Woodbridge) joined her House and Senate colleagues on April 3rd in voting for bipartisan legislation that will address the issues of mental health, school security, and gun violence prevention in the wake of the Newtown tragedy. "We recognize that there are far too many families with significant mental health needs, especially for our young adults aged 16-25," said Sen. Slossberg. "Services are few, difficult to access, and insurance is inadequate. This bill gives us the tools to identify the gaps in our state's mental health system. By February of 2014, we will have a clear picture of how to address the gaps that exist. This is long overdue and will finally help move us toward a strong and comprehensive system to help people who need support for mental health issues."

The bill will create a task force to conduct a comprehensive study of the state's mental health system. Research topics for the study will include early intervention, gaps in insurance coverage, outpatient commitment, services provided in the schools and stigma. The task force will report on its findings by February 1, 2014.

An additional mental health provision in the comprehensive legislation will require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to administer a mental health first aid training program. It will help teach people to recognize the signs of mental disorders in children and young adults and educate on how to connect them with services. Boards of education will also be permitted to require teachers and school employees to participate in this training. The Commissioner of Education will also be required to consider whether mental health first aid training should be included in the teacher preparation program leading to certification.

The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 26-10 and was expected to pass the House with broad support later in the evening.

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A "Living Trust", also known as a "Revocable Trust," often is advertised as a way to avoid probate and quickly transfer assets to family members upon death. However, there are many misconceptions about Living Trusts:

Myth 1: A Living Trust will avoid statutory Probate Court fees.

Truth 1: The assets in a Living Trust still are considered part of your gross taxable estate and therefore are subject to statutory Probate Court fees.

Myth 2: A Living Trust will reduce estate taxes.

Truth 2: The assets in a Living Trust still are considered part of your gross taxable estate; therefore, a Living Trust does not reduce your estate tax bill.

Myth 3: A Living Trust avoids the need to file a Connecticut Estate Tax Return.

Truth 3: Even with a Living Trust, a Connecticut Estate Tax Return must be filed with the Probate Court.

Myth 4: A Living Trust will protect assets from creditor claims and lawsuits.

Truth 4: Assets in your Living Trust are available to your creditors while you are alive.

Myth 5: A Living Trust protects your assets in the event long term care expenses are incurred.

Truth 5: A Living Trust provides absolutely no protection of assets if long term care is required; assets in your Living Trust still are considered owned by you.

Myth 6: The Probate Court can be completely avoided with a Living Trust.

Truth 6: Some involvement with the Probate Court cannot be completely avoided in Connecticut; at a minimum, a Connecticut Estate Tax Return must be filed with the Probate Court even if all of your assets are in the Living Trust.

Myth 7: Everyone's estate plan should include a Living Trust.

Truth 7: A Living Trust is not necessarily for everyone. As with every estate plan, a Living Trust should be used only if it is the best tool to meet the specific needs of you and your family.

If you are interested in learning more about Living Trusts, please visit our website and read our blog, including our April 1, 2013 blog post that specifically discusses Living Trusts. For advice specific to whether a Living Trust is right for you, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you, without charge, to discuss your specific concerns.

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Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



Announcing My New Smart Phone App

There's always something new and exciting to share about the cruise industry, but today I'd like to share some exciting Cruise Planners news. I'm announcing the release of my consumer smart phone application, Cruise Planners Mobile™! Now you can connect with me on your mobile device, accessing all the details of your entire trip in one, easy to use format. The application allows you to view upcoming trips, book vacations and access Cruise Planners' exclusive special offers, all from the palm of your hand!

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From the Youth Services Coordinator *By John Ulatowsski*



Pictured are some artists whose works are being displayed at Case Library for the month of April.

Children of Orange K-6 Art Exhibit Showcases Youth Artistic Talents

Art in the Library Committee and Orange Youth Services held the annual Children of Orange April Art Exhibit Reception at Case Library on Thursday, April 4th. The exhibit, which will run through April 27th, features art work consisting of drawings, paintings and 3-D art by Orange K-6 Elementary students. Art work exhibited has been selected by the Art teachers of each school. Over one hundred students participated. Art in the Library Committee and Youth Services wish to sincerely thank Colleen Murray, Director of Curricula and Instruction, Erin Garney-Race Brook School, Matt Stevens-Peck Place School, and John Kaluzynski-Turkey Hill School, for selecting the children and assistance with exhibit information. Also, thanks go to the parents of the artists for their participation and assistance with reception items.

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Artist Gene Zandri Provides Inspiration for Garden Club Flower Show

Milford resident and well-known abstract painter Gene Zandri's work will be on display at the Garden Club of Orange's Standard Flower Show on June 1. Zandri's paintings will be "interpreted" by four of the Club's designers for their entries in the Class titled "Art Imitates Art". His abstract expressionistic works are color studies which often represent landscapes and sunsets and provide an opportunity to interpret through one's imagination and emotion making them ideal for the Show. The study of colors and how they work in harmony with the environment is the essence of Zandri's abstracts.

Zandri studied art at the University of New Haven, under Elizabeth Moffett, a professional artist who was a student of world renowned artist Josef Albers. He has won numerous awards in juried shows and his paintings adorn many homes and businesses throughout the country.

And, if Zandri's name seems familiar to many of you, he was with the Orange Elementary School System for forty-five years as a classroom teacher, teacher of the academically talented, Curriculum Facilitator of math, science, and technology, and as a principal. He has also taught both private and group art lessons to children and adults.

Art fascinated Zandri from an early age and has become a rewarding hobby. An Orange resident for 36 years, he now resides in Milford and paints in his 3rd floor studio overlooking the water.

The Show will be held on June 1 at the Holy Infant Church Gymnasium, 450 Racebrook Road in Orange, and will be open to the Public from 11 AM-3 PM. If you are interested in learning more about the Garden Club of Orange, please visit its website at www.orangect.gov/gardenclub.html or call membership Chairperson Nettie Bartocetti at 203-795-3692.

Amity Aquatic Club Begins Summer Season

The Amity Regional Aquatic Club will be beginning its Summer Long Course Season for all ages on April 22nd starting at 5:00 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center Pool. All new swimmers will receive a 1 week free trial.

Anyone interested in joining a competitive swim team in a fun, learning environment is encouraged to come out and join our team that boasts over 200 years of coaching expertise! Registration is now open online at www.aracswimteam.com.

Golden Oldies Review

29th Anniversary of the Golden Oldies Review, April 27, 8:00--12:30 a.m. at Westwoods (Italian American Club), Chase Lane, West Haven. Proceeds will be donated to Muscular Dystrophy Association. Memories of Elvis presented by Michael Hoover, Music By Bopper's D.J Charles, also featuring Carla Gemma Caccavale. There will be a cash bar, door prizes, raffle, and a smoke free environment. Tickets/\$25.00. For information, please contact Geri @ 203-795-5473 or Lucy @ 203-468-2528.

Lions Club Awards Community Grants

The Orange Lions Club recently awarded approximately \$5,000 in grants to several local organizations and individuals in the Orange community for community service projects. Kenneth Lenz, Community Grants Committee chairman, gave out checks and announced the recipients at an awards dinner at Lushe's Diner.



Grants recipients included American Legion Post 127 for building repairs, the Conn. Regional Group of Blinded Veteran's Association for large-print calendars useful for those with low vision, a local girl scout, Helen Ruckes, for a butterfly garden at the community center, and Orange Youth Officer John Aquino of the Orange Police Department for written materials for his Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Grants also went out to an Orange satellite group of Necessities, Inc., for "necessities" bags given to patients who undergo breast cancer surgery, the Orange Arts and Culture Council for a bus trip to the symphony, to the Orange Fire Marshal to acquire an iPad with Firehouse® software, and to Orange Youth Services for a summer outing of seventh-graders about to enter Amity Junior High. The final grant went to Case Memorial Library, for acquisition of "Great Courses" audio-books, useful to all, but especially appreciated by those with low vision or the blind.

Each year for the past decade the Orange Lions Club has solicited grant applications and, after carefully vetting them to fund the worthiest, has made such community awards as the Club has allocated funds. The community grants are only a small part of the Club's overall charitable giving program, which this year will exceed \$25,000.

The Orange Lions Club is a local chapter of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world. The club meets twice monthly at local restaurants and conducts approximately a dozen service projects or fundraisers annually. Membership is voluntary, without regard to race, religion, or gender: it only requires a willingness to serve others. Any adult member of the Orange community interested in joining the Lions Club may obtain information by calling membership chair, Laurie Bouve at 203-676-0179 or by visiting the website at www.orangectlions.org.

2013 Strawberry Festival!

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

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

Deadline for ad space buys: May 7, 2013

Deadline for vendor registration: May 15, 2013 (or, when all spaces are filled)

Download forms for ad buys and vendor registration directly from the Orange Congregational Church website (www.orangecongregationalchurch.org/strawberry-festival). Questions? Call the church office at 203-795-9749 or contact Susan Cassidy at ss_cassidy@yahoo.com.

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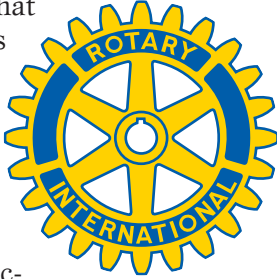
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Our meeting room is on the 2nd level (the small meeting room). There is an elevator available (wheelchair accessible). Visit our website at www.hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/. Have a question? Email us at HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com. Like us on Facebook (Hooked on the Sound) and follow us on Twitter (@HOTS_Crochet). Happy Yarning!

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Rotary Club Accepting Scholarship Applications

The Rotary Club of Orange is pleased to announce that they are now accepting applications for scholarships from deserving high school seniors from Orange, who are furthering their education in college or other recognized institutions. Applications are available at the guidance office of the following schools; Amity High School, Notre Dame, Laurelton Hall, Platt Tech, Sacred Heart Academy, and Hopkins. The scholarship applications are also available online at www.orangecrotary.org/ScholarshipProgram.cfm.



The Rotary Club of Orange typically awards three \$2,000 scholarships annually to qualified candidates. The deadline for submission of applications is May 10, 2013.

- The scholarships are a one-time, lump sum given directly to seniors who have been accepted at an accredited college or institution and plan to attend the ensuing year.
- The scholarships are awarded based on the financial need of the student, high school grades, activities and community involvement.
- The student must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of Orange, CT.
- No member of the immediate family of any Rotarian is eligible for a Scholarship.
- The scholarship funds are presented at an Orange Rotary Club meeting in May or June.
- The attached application and supporting materials are the sole basis for the awarding of the scholarships.

Questions regarding this program may be directed to: Don Lewis, Rotary Club of Orange, 727 North Greenbrier Drive, Orange, CT 06477 • Donsharkfin@optonline.net • 203-795-3486.

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Pictured left to right are workshop leaders Bunny Hine and Jeannette Hafner and club members Nancy Becque and Nancy Matthies. Photo by Lana Ho.

Garden Club of Orange Members Prepare for Flower Show

The Garden Club of Orange members are busy preparing for their upcoming Standard Flower Show "Let's Celebrate the Arts". One of the Horticulture Division Sections is a Club Project "Rhythmic Renditions", where the entries are dish gardens created by Club members. The Show will be held on June 1, at the Holy Infant Church Gymnasium, 450 Racebrook Road in Orange, and will be open to the Public from 11 AM-3 PM. There is no charge for admission.

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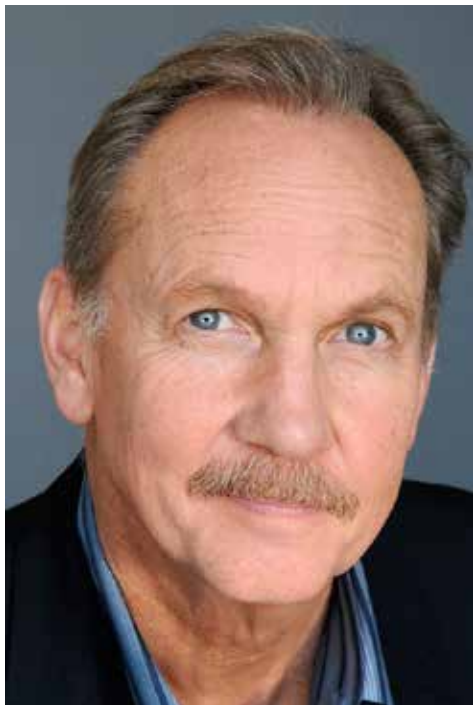
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Michael O'Neill

Q: One of my favorite character actors is **Michael O'Neill**. I especially enjoyed him as Special Agent Butterfield in **"The West Wing,"** and as distraught widower Gary Clark in **"Grey's Anatomy."** What is he up to now? -- Patrick G. in Connecticut

A: Michael co-stars in the new Sundance Channel original drama called **"Rectify,"** a six-episode series that begins April 22 at 10 p.m. ET/PT. He plays Sen. Roland Foulkes, who rose to great political heights on the heels of what turns out to be the wrongful prosecution and imprisonment of Daniel Holden for rape and murder, for which he is exonerated after serving 19 years on death row.

When I spoke with Michael recently, he told me about his new role: "On the one hand, it's so delicious to play a guy who's Machiavellian, and you want to make him more evil, more manipulative. You just want to go down that rabbit hole.

"But I don't think that's true (to his character). I think he feels like he's been a public servant. He answers to the people. He felt the pulse of the town and what they wanted. They wanted a retribution for the act, so he went about making sure that they were satisfied. And it didn't hurt -- clearly my character's a political animal. There's a certain hunger in him to be the top dog. At the end of the day, there's a certain self-serving that takes over."

Q: I love actress **Laura Dern** and her HBO series **"Enlightened."** Will it be back for another season? -- Jerry U., via e-mail

A: HBO recently announced the "very difficult decision" of deciding to cancel the struggling comedy series after two seasons. "Enlightened," which was created by Laura and co-star **Mike White**, was critically acclaimed but struggled with ratings. Even a Laura's Golden Globe win for Lead Actress in

a Comedy Series, as well as co-stars like **Luke Wilson** and **Diane Ladd**, couldn't save the show.

Q: Please tell me that TBS will continue to produce new episodes of **"Cougar Town"** after this season. -- Darla W., Birmingham, Ala.

A: I am happy to report that TBS has renewed "Cougar Town" for a 13-episode fifth season. The new season -- which will continue to star Courteney Cox, Christa Miller, Busy Philipps, Dan Byrd, Ian Gomez, Josh Hopkins and Brian Van Holt -- is expected to launch in 2014.

Q: Can you tell me if **"Fairly Legal"** will ever come back? -- Elaine J., via e-mail

A: The USA Network decided to cancel the lawyer series after two seasons. Series star Sarah Shahi has since co-starred on "Chicago Fire" and had a guest appearance in February (which could turn into a recurring role) on **"Person of Interest."** **Michael Trucco** recently completed an explosive recurring role on **"Revenge,"** and was cast to star alongside former **"Battlestar Galactica"** co-star **Tricia Helfer** in her new ABC pilot, **"Killer Women."**

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Baxter Walsh spends most mornings just as he has since high school, in a high tech racing shell gliding seamlessly through the peaceful, idyllic and often icy waters of a nearby river. Now 77, Walsh has been a member of the New Haven Rowing Club for 33 years, where he indulges his passion for the water, the outdoors, the sport and his comrades. Walsh and fellow members meet at 6:30 a.m. year round at the club's member-built boat-house located on Route 34 in Oxford to row eight miles on the Housatonic River. Some mornings he's in a shell with three fellow rowers, and sometimes he's alone in his 20 pound, 28 foot single. The group, which includes men and women ranging in age from teens to 80, meets four days throughout the winter on all but the most bone-chilling of days and five days a week during the summer months. "Every day we are out there we are busting our butts and that's the fun part," Walsh said. "We're training and pushing hard all the time." After a vigorous workout, the teammates usually descend on a local diner or café for a healthy breakfast of oatmeal and yogurt. "We have discussions, ad nauseum, about what we have to do to live til tomorrow and whether we'll be able to still do it next year," he said. While some of his fellow rowers currently work or are retired from jobs in business and medicine, they are just as likely to recruit a waitress from one of their favorite breakfast haunts to give the sport a try as well.

Laura Fantarella



Baxter Walsh

It's not just the physical exercise that gets Walsh's adrenaline pumping - it's also the thrill of competition. The New Haven Rowing Club participates in several races and regattas each year, including its own, club-sponsored race on the Housatonic in Derby; the popular Head of the Charles in Boston and at least one competition in Europe. Walsh has participated in rowing events in countries that include Australia, Scotland, France, England, Austria, Italy, and Canada just to name a few and has a drawer overflowing with hundreds of medals to prove it. "There's nothing like being side by side against people who are working very hard to beat you," he said with a grin. Though any combination of club members row together in practice, competitions are divided into age categories. Walsh started rowing crew as a sophomore at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Mass., since it was the only sport actively seeking "fat and clumsy" students with limited athletic ability. "I couldn't play any other sport," recalls Walsh, who, at 5'11" and a fit 175 pounds bears scant resemblance to the teen he describes. "They already had plenty of kids playing baseball and basketball!" He took to it instantly and continued rowing throughout the next five decades—through college, career, family and now retirement from the computer service business he owned for over 40 years. "It turned out to be a wonderful, lifelong sport," he said.

The Wellington Road resident is convinced rowing is the reason he has low blood pressure, a spring in his step, and bounced right back after breaking his leg while climbing a glacier in New Zealand. "The body recovers better because we've been doing this for years. It's a phenomenon we all recognize," he said. "I may fall but I know I'll get right back up." Each morning that he pulls on three layers of protective clothing and waterproof gloves and sets off on the Housatonic, Walsh is reminded of all he's grateful for. After rowing some of the most beautiful waters in the world, Walsh is convinced the real gem is the one in his backyard. "The Housatonic is absolutely exquisite. It has scintillating greenery lining gentle swirls of river, dotted with picturesque cabins, docks and beaches. It's sheltered in the valley so the wind doesn't get to it too much," he said. "I'm the luckiest guy in the world. I'm so thankful."

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"Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



Captain's Catch Seafood Restaurant

I originally wrote about Captain's Catch Seafood Restaurant 6 years ago and thought it was time to revisit this cozy spot located in the Woodmont section of Milford. I am happy to report that it is still going strong after 10 years and the food is better than ever. Original owners Tom and Dawn Ramadan worked tirelessly to make the restaurant a success from day one. Tom's family has owned Turks (the legendary restaurant in West Haven) since 1939. He worked at Turks for many years and brought his great expertise along with the "secret recipes" with him to this busy location offering high quality seafood along with consistent recipes. Tom and Dawn did a lot of leg work prior to opening Captain's Catch checking out the local competition and selecting only the best ingredients for their menu. They wanted to offer something a little different than Turks and other local seafood establishments and they definitely accomplished that.



In 2011 Tom & Dawn felt it was time to embark on a new adventure. They moved to Bartlett, New Hampshire opening a restaurant similar to Captain's Catch called "Cabin Fever". They asked their daughter Kaitlyn and son-in-law Brad Heisler to take over their precious Captain's Catch. I must say that they definitely made the right choice. Brad (who is also the chef) and his staff have kept the same quality food, generous portions, reasonable prices, fast service, along with a very casual family style atmosphere.

The menu is on a large chalkboard visible as soon as you walk in. One of the most popular dishes is, of course, fish & chips along with clam strips and Lobster Rolls (available hot with butter or a cold salad). Soups include New England or Rhode Island Clam Chowder, Chili and Lobster Bisque (my favorite). Appetizer choices include stuffed clams, buffalo shrimp, and shrimp cocktail. Fried Dinners of Sole, Cod, Tilapia, and Sea Scallops are offered. The menu also features non-seafood items that are equally delicious including fried mozzarella, boneless buffalo chicken, Charbroiled burgers, hot dogs, chicken salad, just to name a few, all served with French fries. Platters include corn bread, cole slaw and French fries. Dinners are served with corn bread, potato & vegetable or a large salad. There are also a wide range of side dishes and salads. Brad and his staff make the onion rings, cole slaw, tarter sauce & cocktail sauce daily (again those "secret recipes"). I have to mention the outstanding Corn Bread as it is baked at the restaurant daily and will melt in your mouth. What a refreshing change from the usual bread or rolls usually served at other restaurants.

The "Little Fish Menu" is for kids 12 & under that includes choices of fish & chips, grilled cheese, hotdog, clam strips, chicken tenders served with French fries, drink and ice cream. You place your order at the counter for take out and if you choose, the staff will deliver your food to the cozy dining room that seats 55. Dessert includes Soft served frozen custard featuring cones, cups, hot fudge sundaes with a variety of toppings available, milk shakes, root beer floats (that really brings back memories). Beverages available include soda, freshly brewed ice tea, lemonade, bottled water, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

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FINAL NOTE: Captain's Catch has managed to create a very successful restaurant with minimal advertising. Word of mouth is sometimes the best way to go. That old expression "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" certainly applies in this case. Tom & Dawn passed on the torch to Brad & Kaitlyn and they should be very proud. Make a visit soon for dining in or take-out to this wonderful seafood restaurant offering quality food, service and reasonable prices. I know you will be impressed with the "CAPTAIN"!! Please remember to support our local family owned businesses.

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On March 25th State Rep. Themis Klarides (R-114) served as master of ceremonies at the 19th annual Greek Independence Day celebration to honor Greece's independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821. Sponsored by the Hellenic Student Association Paideia of the University of Connecticut, the event featured folk dance, student poetry readings, traditional cuisine and speeches by several Greek community leaders. In addition to hosting the event Rep. Klarides, who is the only Greek American currently serving in the General Assembly, marked the occasion by presenting Rev. Fr. George Zugravu with a legislative proclamation and honored the Pan Gregorian of Connecticut with the "Paideia" award.

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As part of a fundraiser for the MLT PTO, teachers volunteered themselves for a game of duckpin bowling on a Saturday morning. Pictured above are the lucky kids who won the silent auction at the Mary L. Tracy School Valentine's Day Fair this past February. Students and teachers alike enjoyed the "Glow in the Dark" Duckpin Bowling Party at Woodlawn Duckpin Bowling in West Haven. Thank you to "Bowling Bob" for being so accommodating and for helping to make this outing so special!

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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 24th 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 27 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 Lynn K. McMullin, Orange Superintendent of Schools and Michael Gray, Racebrook School principal. All attending enjoyed dinner, entertainment by the Amazing Andy, 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 (or age 7) boys and their adult partners. There are five Tiger Cub achievement 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 3 had 8 Tiger Cub Scouts that advanced to the rank of Wolf!

- Wolf: The Wolf program is for boys who have completed first grade (or are age 8). To earn the Wolf badge, a boy must pass 12 achievements involving simple physical and mental skills. Pack 922 Den 2 had 11 Wolf Cub Scouts that advanced to the rank of Bear!

- Bear: The Bear rank is for boys who have completed second grade (or are age 9). 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 1 had 8 Bear Cub Scouts who have advanced to the rank of Webelo!

- Webelos: This program is for boys who have completed third grade (or are age 10). 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.

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Shepherd's Café

Church of the Good Shepherd has opened The Shepherd's Café. The Shepherd Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that needs or would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road, and there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.

Holy Infant Woman's Guild Hold Safety Program

The Holy Infant Women's Guild will be presenting a program on Sunday, April 21st. Sgt. Heather LaRock of the Orange Police Department will be giving a talk on women's safety in and outside the home and how to avoid common scams. The talk will be at 2:00 pm in the Guild Hall at 450 Racebrook Road. The program is free and refreshments will be served. For reservations, please call Elizabeth at (203)799-2379.



Holy Infant Church

"PI" Takes On New Meaning for BCA Students

Pi may mean 3.14 to most people, but to the students at Beth Chana Academy High School for Girls, it took on a whole new meaning on what became "Pi Day", March 14, 2013. The concept came to life as Lilach Shaham, math instructor, took the girls through the mystery of pi. The class began with the girls learning about the origin and meaning of pi. Mrs. Shaham discussed the concept of pi, and how it has become extremely significant in the math world today. Following her discussion, the girls watched a movie about pi and learned how it has meaning, not only in the math world, but throughout society as well. A fabulous hands-on activity followed as the girls built their own three-dimensional pi. Searching for special dates inside the 1000's of digits of pi became a challenging activity. In the list of seemingly random numbers, the girls found many relevant dates in the digits. To reinforce the endless numbers of pi, the girls went on to construct a pi chain beginning with 3.14 and then adding additional numbers of pi. After all the activity and discussion, it was time for one last activity. A large pizza was delivered and students calculated the diameter to many numbers before consuming the delicious treat!

Beth Chana Academy, located in Orange, is committed to excellence in education and the development of self-assured young women who exemplify middot tovot, strength of character, and good citizenship. Through a rigorous academic program of both Judaic and secular studies, as well as goal-oriented extra-curricular programs, BCA instills within its students the confidence to discover and cultivate their own unique talents and to note their accomplishments with pride. The school's focus is to foster dignified young women who will be able to assess their actions and who will develop the sensitivity to make decisions which positively impact their growth and development in school and beyond. For more information, please call principal, Mrs. Bluma Hecht at 203-795-5261.

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- Saturday mornings: 9:30 am

All events are open to non-members.

Temple Emanuel Celebrates Cinco De Mayo

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St. Brendan's Church to Celebrate 100 Years

St. Brendan's Church in New Haven will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year with several events for the parish community beginning April 7, past parishioners, St. Brendan School alumnae, neighbors, former resident clergy and nuns. On April 7, 2013- Anniversary mass was celebrated by Archbishop Mansell. (100 years to the day of the creation of St. Brendan's Church on April 7, 1913.)

St. Brendan's has been a spiritual home away from home to thousands of New Haven residents who were baptized, received first communion, attended mass, were married, or attended St. Brendan school. The church continues to serve as social hub for many in the Whalley-Edgewood-Beaver Hills community and the attractive buildings and grounds anchor the mid-point of Whalley Avenue between Broadway and Westville.

We encourage attendance at all of the 100th anniversary events and reach out to those who have moved away to join in celebrating this milestone in the history of St. Brendan's Church and the City of New Haven! St. Brendan's 100th anniversary is a milestone for present and past parishioners, but also a celebration of a neighborhood institution. St. Brendan's is one of the many New Haven churches and synagogues which nurtured generations of immigrants, families, neighborhood friendships, and the social webs which existed long before social networking. St. Brendan's has a rich history in Beaver Hills and the western part of New Haven and is one of the better examples of Romanesque architecture remaining among our places of worship.

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Coldwell Banker Agents Earn "Five Star Real Estate Agent" Award

Carol Cangiano, William Bonos, Nancy Shattuck, Maribeth Lightowler, Mary-Ann White and Wayne Hugendubel were recently the recipients of Connecticut Magazine's 2013 Five Star Real Estate Agents award. They are among fewer than 7% of real estate agents in Connecticut to be singled out through a rigorous research process conducted by Five Star Professional in partnership with Connecticut Magazine.

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

The Five Star award recipients have been recognized in the 2013 March issue of Connecticut Magazine. Carol, William, Nancy, Maribeth, Mary-Ann and Wayne can all be reached at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Orange at (203) 795-6000.

Dr. Katz to be Featured Speaker at Spring Breakfast

Dr. David Katz, MPH, FACPM, FACP, founding director of Yale University's Prevention Research Center, will be the featured speaker at the Orange Chamber's Women's Leadership Network's Spring Breakfast on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. "Good Health is Good Business" is the focus of this event for area business women. Jocelyn Maminta, Emmy Award-nominated medical reporter for WTNH News8 will be the Mistress of Ceremonies at the Race Brook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT06477. Kelly Connors, MPH of KC Healthcare Communications will also speak to healthcare and wellness with the focus being on today's women.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast and the program. Please sign up in advance by calling the Chamber at 203-795-3328 or email linda@orangectchamber.com. The fee is \$25.00.

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



Colonial Properties Nets Two Real Estate Awards

Michael Richetelli and Fred A. Messore of Colonial Properties, Inc. in Orange picked up two year end awards recently at the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors Commercial Investment Division (CID) Annual Awards Dinner. The New Haven CID is a group of approximately 100 area Commercial Real Estate professionals who meet monthly to exchange information and facilitate deals. Mr. Richetelli, the outgoing Chairman of the group was awarded with the Retail Sale "Deal of the Year" for the sale of 855 Boston Post Road, West Haven to Universal Hotel Liquidators. Richetelli represented the Buyer in the purchase of the 70,000 sf retail property which sold for \$2,450,000. Mr. Messore was awarded with the "Deal of the Year" for Most Completed Transactions in 2012 for facilitating 35 deals. This comes on the heels of his completing 29 deals in 2011, when he also was the award recipient for most transactions.

Ezra Academy Space for Lease

Real Living Wareck D'Ostilio announced it has listed the rear parcel of 75 Rimmon Road in Woodbridge for lease. The space is being vacated by Ezra Academy which is relocating to another Woodbridge site. The well maintained, approximately 25,000 sq. ft. facility set on 25+ acres was originally a private school equipped with 27 classrooms, science room, library, security entrance, playground, and 160 spaces for parking. This is an ideal space for a school, a recreational facility, yoga, or religious center. Space can be subdivided. The convenient, central location is just minutes to New Haven, with easy access to New York or Boston. "This is a unique and once in a lifetime opportunity" said Seth Hershman, co-listing agent. "It is being offered at \$8 per square foot which is a very aggressive price point for space of this condition and location," said Frank D'Ostilio, co-listing agent and broker. Contact Seth Hershman at 203-676-8193 or Frank D'Ostilio at 203-641-7072.

Colony Hardware Continues Growth

Colony Hardware Corporation is pleased to announce that it has purchased the operating assets of Charles Haller Enterprises, Inc. of Syracuse, New York in a transaction completed on March 29, 2013. Colony Hardware is a leading distributor of tools, fasteners, safety products and construction supplies with headquarters in Orange, Connecticut. Charles Haller Enterprises was founded in 1980 by Charles Haller. Greg Mocyk, a 28 year Haller veteran will remain as General Manager for Colony. Charles Haller will stay on in a consulting capacity.

"We are very proud that the Haller employees are joining the Colony team and we are also very excited about expanding into the Syracuse market and the rest of Central New York", Colony President Michael Weiner stated. Colony's Syracuse branch will trade as Colony Hardware Corporation, DBA Haller Enterprises. Management is busy making plans to expand and grow the business.

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"How Not To Pay For College"

By Roberta L Nestor

This is the time of year when high school seniors will be making one of the biggest financial decisions of their lives – where to go to college and how to pay for it. Student loan debt is the biggest concern among college bound students. The heightened awareness of college costs and resulting debt is probably good in the long run, but it certainly takes a lot of the fun out of dreaming about college. Parents look to financial advisors, tax advisors, college financial aid offices, even high school guidance counselors for advice. Some parents are even willing to pay a fee and hire a "college planner" for college planning advice.

Dollars and sense

Let me begin by stating that a certification program for college planners does exist. The National Institute of Certified College Planners (NICCP) was established in 2002. There are no pre-qualifications for this designation, however, initial testing and annual continuing education requirements are a part of the certification process. Below I have detailed questions from a family living in California who have a son starting college this fall. They paid a fee to a Certified College Planner and wanted to know if their financial advisor agreed with the recommendations that were made.

- They want us to convert our 15 year fixed mortgage (we have 13 years and \$130k left) to a 30 year fixed home equity installment loan. They said the money we saved would be better used to put into their investment recommendation and said that it would offer more years of tax credit on the interest.
- They want us to stop saving in our 529 College Savings plans because they are not "invisible" to financial aid and transfer money we have in one child's name to our younger child.
- They want us to stop contributing to our 401k because these too are visible to financial aid and our employers don't match.
- They want us to stop paying premiums on our term life and variable life policies and cash them in to open Indexed Universal Life policies. Actually, they want us to take the extra money from the home equity loan, all of our future savings and the \$100,000 we have in savings and use that for the new life insurance policies.
- They mentioned that the new life insurance was low risk and we can't lose money and has historically gained 7% per year. They told us that it would hide all of the money from the financial aid calculations. And, we will even be able to borrow money from the policy to pay for tuition for our daughter who is a junior in high school.
- Is buying life insurance the best way to qualify for financial aid? All I can say, if it sounds too good to be true, it is too good to be true! There are so many things wrong with these recommendations I would need several columns. Cashing in all of your savings to "hide" assets and buy life insurance so you can qualify for financial aid is wrong on so many levels.
- Financial Aid (FAFSA) is need based and 80% of the calculation is based on income, not assets.
- Each recommendation could result in serious tax ramifications. Contributions to your state 529 plan are state tax deductible. Contributions to retirement plans lower income and stopping them will not only increase your taxes, but it will also increase your income that FAFSA uses to determine need. And selling off an investment portfolio could result in long term capital gains.
- Savings in a 529 plan are considered assets of the parents, which are considerably less "countable" than assets that are owned by the child attending college.
- The majority of private colleges require what is called a CSS Profile that digs deeper into your financial status. They ask about cash value in life insurance contracts and they ask about 529 savings for siblings.
- Do you know any investment that has gained 7% a year over the last 5, 7 or 10 years?

In an attempt to save your children from extensive college loans, it is important to explore every avenue available to help reduce college costs. Federal aid is where we all begin. Beyond that there are grants, loans (subsidized and unsubsidized); work programs for students, tax credits and scholarships are all avenues to explore. Some families borrow from their 401ks, use their home equity line of credit or reduce savings in order to help pay college costs. None of us want our children walking away in debt. There are many risks involved with the recommendations above and if you find yourself presented with an option that is "too good to be true", tread slowly and seek several opinions to make sure your short term situation doesn't impede on your long term goals for your future.

Special Note: In honor of Earth Day we will be holding our 5th annual "Shred Day" at our offices on April 20th, please call for more information.

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



HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

Looking Back...



Prince William

The history of the Town of Orange is actually part of the early history of Milford, having been founded by Peter Prudden, a member of the Quinnipiac (New Haven) colony and his followers in February of 1639. Milford lands were purchased from Ansantawae, sachem of the Paugussetts, whose village ran along the banks of the Wepawaug River. The price for Native American lands, at that time, usually amounted to a number of coats, blankets, kettles, hatches, knives, hoes, mirrors and other items foreign to the native people. Title to the region was based solely on land purchases from the Native Americans and not upon any grant from the English Crown. Later purchases, some of which were spearheaded by Alexander Bryan, increased the original boundaries. It was not until August of 1639 that the settlers, from the New Haven Colony formed what is now the First Church of Milford.

Life in the little village known then as Wepawaug was simple but not without toil. The majority of its members were farmers with a few skilled artisans. In addition to leadership, Alexander Bryan was an enterprising sea merchant and ship builder and as early as 1640 had established a fur trade to Boston with trading in the West Indies. It was soon after that the little village changed its name to Milford. The colony grew rapidly during the latter part of the 17th century with Richard Bryan, Jr. buying 208 acres to the north of the original colony, later referred to as North Milford, naming his portion Bryan's Farms. The 208 acres encompassed the area now bounded by Orange Center Road, Old Tavern Road, Porter Lane and Lambert Road. The section referred to as North Milford eventually began to feel the pressure of attending church over 5 miles in all types of weather.

Just as the church had been a strong force in the establishment of the 1639 colony of Wepawaug (Milford), so was the church a strong influence in the establishment of an independent North Milford. In 1804, this section applied to the State Legislature for a charter to form a church of its own. Since 1796, the colony had been permitted to erect a small building in which pastors conducted services on a limited basis but with strong opposition an appeal was made for a separate church society. A charter was granted in October of that year and the North Milford Ecclesiastical Society came into being with Mr. Erastus Scranton, a graduate of Yale, becoming the first minister.

The incorporation of Orange (North Milford) in 1822 does not stand alone as the history of West Haven (West Farms) became part of the story, with its settlers moving westward from the New Haven Colony. The union of two ecclesiastical societies created an area named Orange, each with its descen-

dants from the earliest settlements becoming known as West Haven Parish and Orange Parish. The name chosen reached into the past with the despotic English King James II whose tyranny led Sir Edmond Andros to seize the charter of the Connecticut Colony which had been given them some years earlier. Losing the charter would have meant the loss of independence for the colony. After many hours of discussion, well into the night, the members of the government wrestled with the changes being set out by Andros, the dissolution of the colony. When a gust of wind blew open a door, extinguishing the candles, the charter, that lay on the table, disappeared. As the story goes, it was hidden in an old oak tree and to this day we make reference to it with the Charter Oak* bridge.

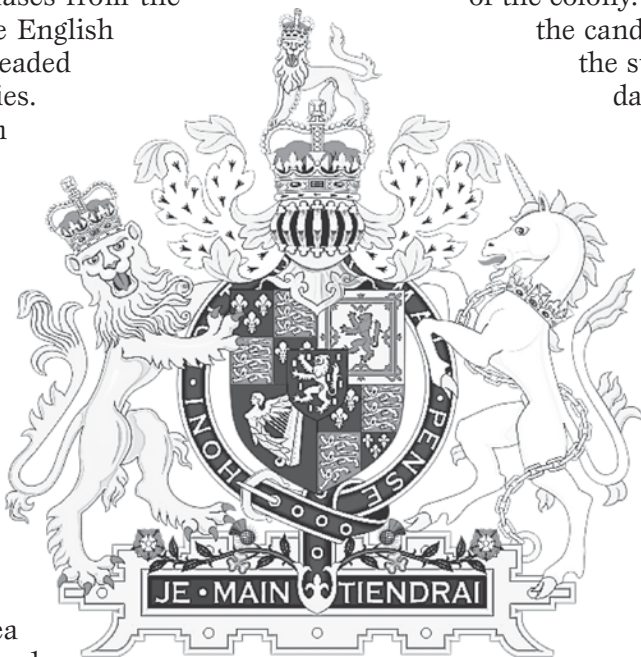
In the meantime, Prince William of the Netherlands, having married James' daughter Mary, was put into power by both the Whigs and the Tories in what was to be known as the Glorious Revolution. A committee was chosen to select a name for the town and with some differences of opinion, the group chose Orange. Although no longer tied to British rule, with the support given to the Connecticut Colony, in 1687 by the English monarch, William of Orange, it was agreed to name the new town in his honor. His coat of arms became official in 1972 when the First Selectman Ralph Capecelatro with its official town flag, designed by Orange residents Robert Hiza and Curt Thompson.

As early as 1848, a division of the Town of Orange was being considered to divide the town into two separate towns but it appears that an affirmative vote was not presented to the General Assembly. In 1903, the division was discussed once more and in 1907 a tentative charter creating the City of Orange was passed by the General Assembly, the restriction being an agreement of the voters. The referendum was defeated in September of 1907. By 1916, a resolution was once again made to draft a new charter but it was not until 1921 that West Haven and Orange were separated by special act of the General Assembly in June of that year.

Names such as Treat, Sperry, Clark, Andrew, Russell, Stone, Bryan, Woodruff and Baldwin are significant in our town's history but one needs to look at the names that appear in our town today to see the future of the Town of Orange.

*When the original charter oak tree died, seedlings of it were given to all of the 169 towns and cities and one can find a "charter oak" tree on the Green today.

Ginny Reinhard is the president of the Orange Historical Society.





BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucia Chapter #25 Order of the Eastern Star Meeting, Thursday, April 11, 2013, 7:30pm, Masonic Lodge Hall, 59 Broad Street, Milford, under the direction of the Worthy Matron Deborah Zaleha, newest member to be initiated, refreshments after meeting. For information call Deborah Zaleha at 203-734-6008.

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

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

Used Book Sale, Saturday, April 13, 2013, 9:00am-2:00pm, First Congregational Church, 464 Campbell Avenue, West Haven; large selection of gently used books available; donations welcome. For more information, call 203-933-6291.

Artistic Dance Raising the Barre Workshop & Competition, Sunday, April 14, 2013, 9:00am-4:00pm, Stratford Theater, 2422 Main Street, Stratford, one day event for dancers aged 8-12, to find the magic of dance, learn the Clara Variation from the Nutcracker Ballet, base price/\$95. For more details, go to artisticdanceinc.com or contact Linda Giancaspro, 917-757-1371, artisticdanceinc@gmail.com.

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

Women's Republican Club of Orange Spring Installation Supper, Sunday, April 28, 2013, 5:00pm, Chip's Restaurant, \$20/pp, RSVP by April 21, 2013, baked ziti, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, coffee or tea, and dessert, door

prize, Questions? Call Mary DeVito at 203-795-9382. Reservation checks to Treasurer Beth Michael, 388 Drummond Road. Friends and guests welcome.

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

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

Milford Rotary's Lobster Bake, Saturday, July 27, 2013, Milford Boat Works, 1 High Street, Milford, rain or shine; raffle and commemorative T-shirt sale; Tickets - \$40/pp, children/\$5 available on the Milford Rotary website, Milford Bank on Broad Street, Milford Photo or any Milford Rotarian - no tickets sold at the door.

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Death Notices



Gerald D. McGladrigan

Gerald D. McGladrigan, formerly of Orange, CT died peacefully on March 15, 2013 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in July 1927 to John and Alice McGladrigan. Gerald married Margaret Rae King in 1951 Belfast, NI.

Before leaving Ireland, Gerald was an accomplished soccer player and was drafted to play in the semi-pro league. He and his wife emigrated to America in 1956 and settled in Milford, CT where they lived for 18 years. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church and was active in both local and Connecticut state politics. He was a popular Alderman in Milford for several years and was later appointed to the Milford Police Commission and served on various town committees. He served the community of Orange, CT, where he lived for thirty years, as a member of the Democratic Town Committee and the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Gerald attended Belfast College, Belfast, NI. He had a successful career in sales for major steel companies in the Northeast, most notably National Rolling Mills and he later retired from Worthington Steel.

In his retirement years, he enjoyed time with his family, volunteered at the soup kitchen in New Haven, CT and worked part-time as a starter at Yale Golf Course. Gerald was an avid golfer and achieved the golfers dream with a hole-in-one at Madison County Club in 1990.

Gerald brought smiles wherever he went. If he did not have a friend when he entered a room, he had many by the time he left.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters and brothers-in-law Eileen Pomerleau (Gene), Alicia MacAdory (William) and his brother John McGladrigan. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret Rae, of Clemmons, NC, his children, Geraldine McGladrigan (Gerard Bessenaire) Middletown, CT, Sharon McGladrigan, New Haven, CT, Moira (Patrick) Colangelo, Stamford, CT, Paul (Betty) McGladrigan, North Andover, MA, Maureen Kornowa, Buford, GA, Aileen (Mark) DeFeo, Orange, CT, Teresa (Michael) McHugh, Winston-Salem, NC, his sister Moira Finnegan, Glastonbury, CT and his loving niece Maureen (Morris) Bogan, New Haven, CT. In addition, he is survived by his fifteen grandchildren, Chris Holmberg, Timothy Holmberg and Jennifer Bannon, Conor, Colin and Clare McGladrigan, Brian, Sarah and Daniel DeFeo, Erin, Allison, Elizabeth and Michael McHugh, Marley and Mallory Kornowa; and two great-grandchildren, Ryan and Jacob Bannon along with many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass for Gerald was celebrated at The Holy Infant Church, 450 Race Brook Rd, Orange, CT on Saturday, March 23rd. The family requests that anyone wishing to make a memorial donation should make it to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital and/or "The Hole in The Wall Gang" (a camp for children with serious illnesses).

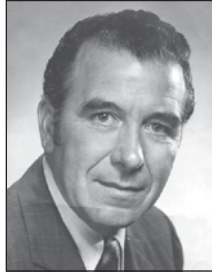
Stella C. Smith

Stella C. Smith, (93), a resident of Orange for 60 years, died on March 24, 2013 at her home in Orange. She was born in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of the late Lazar and Katherine Makar.

Stella graduated from Columbus Hospital Nursing School shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and enlisted in the Navy. Two years later she volunteered for the Navy Nurse Corps where she, as Lieutenant Commander, played a pivotal role in helping to airlift the wounded off Iwo Jima. She was stationed on Guam, where she met her husband-to-be, Roy T. Smith Jr. who was a Major in the Marine Corp.

During her years as an Orange resident, she worked as a registered nurse in several local hospitals and as a volunteer for the Red Cross. Her boundless energy found expression in countless recreational activities; The Orange Garden Club, basket weaving, Chinese cooking, golf, badminton, knitting, and needlework.

She leaves two daughters; Marlene Garceau of Bethany and Tracey Smith-Oliver of Fairfield, VA, and two sons; Roderick Smith of Westport and Roy Smith III of West Haven, as well as five grandchildren; Tyler and Linleigh



Gerald D.
McGladrigan



Stella C. Smith

Smith, Marston Garceau, and Allegra and Alexander Asplundh-Smith.

Arrangements were handled by The Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street, Milford, CT 06460, on the Milford Green. There were no calling hours and committal was private. Donations can be made in her name to the American Red Cross, PO Box 4002018, Des Moines, IA 50340-2018; or to a charity of your choice. To leave online condolences, please visit our website at www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Marie Malafronte Crisco

Entered into rest, March 22, 2013, Marie Malafronte Crisco, 79, of Orange; wife of the late Raymond Crisco; mother of Raymond (Marcelle) Crisco & Paula (Robert) Kelley; sister of Josephine Funaro & Louise (Robert) Manfreda; grandmother of Nicole & Kayla Kelley and Mathew Crisco; also survived by several nieces & nephews; predeceased by a sister Ann D'Addio & a brother-in-law Alphonse Funaro; born January 28, 1934, daughter of the late Pasquale & Angelina Vaccaro Malafronte.

Funeral services were held at Maresca & Sons Funeral Home, 592 Chapel Street, New Haven with a Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Infant Church and Entombment in All Saints Mausoleum. Friends may offer condolences at www.marescafuneralhome.com.



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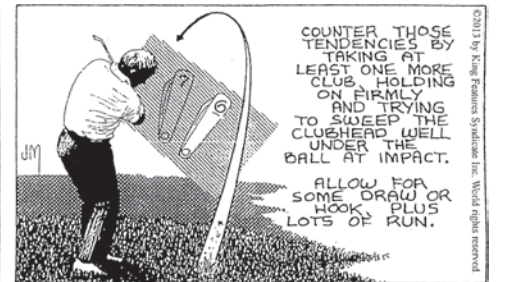
Open Doors & More of Milford Call for Artists

The downtown Milford Business Association is seeking artists to take part in the 5th "Open Doors & More" of Milford art event. Deadline for submissions is May 15th.

The "Open Doors and More" is a juried art exhibit sponsored by the Downtown Milford Business Association and the Milford Fine Arts Center. Accepted artists will create a work of art incorporating all or part of an existing door, window, chair or small table. Please note there are size limitations.

Completed works will be on display throughout downtown Milford from August 16th through September 11th. The art will be auctioned on September 15th at the Milford Fine Arts Center. Part of the proceeds to benefit the MFAC and 50% of the selling price will go to the artist. Go to www.downtownmilfordct.com click on events for application and more information or contact Gilded Lily Gallery/ Rosemary Celon-Gordon @ gildedlily1@prodigy.net.

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top 10 movies

- 1. The Croods (PG)**
animated
- 2. Olympus Has Fallen (R)**
Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart
- 3. Oz the Great and Powerful (PG)**
James Franco, Michelle Williams
- 4. The Call (R)**
Halle Berry, Evie Thompson
- 5. Admission (PG-13)**
Tina Fey, Paul Rudd
- 6. Spring Breakers (R)**
Vanessa Hudgens, Selena Gomez
- 7. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13)**
Steve Carell, Luke Vanek
- 8. Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13)**
Nicholas Hoult, Stanley Tucci
- 9. Identity Thief (R)**
Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy
- 10. Snitch (PG-13)**
Dwayne Johnson, Susan Sarandon

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- 1. Skyfall (PG-13)**
Daniel Craig
- 2. The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG-13)**
Kristen Stewart
- 3. Rise of the Guardians (PG)**
animated
- 4. Wreck-It Ralph (PG)**
animated
- 5. Playing for Keeps (PG-13)**
Gerald Butler
- 6. Taken 2 (PG-13)**
Liam Neeson
- 7. Flight (R)**
Denzel Washington
- 8. End of Watch (R)**
Jake Gyllenhaal
- 9. Here Comes the Boom (PG)**
Kevin James
- 10. Hotel Transylvania (PG)**
animated



Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Baauer**
"Harlem Shake"
- 2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis feat. Wanz**
"Thrift Shop"
- 3. Bruno Mars**
"When I Was Your Man"
- 4. Justin Timberlake feat. Jay Z**
"Suit & Tie"
- 5. Rihanna feat. Mikky Ekko**
"Stay"
- 6. Drake**
"Started From the Bottom"
- 7. Taylor Swift**
"I Knew You Were Trouble"
- 8. Pink**
"Just Give Me a Reason"
- 9. will.i.am & Britney Spears**
"Scream & Shout"
- 10. Pitbull feat. Christiana Aguilera**
"Feel This Moment"



Drake

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Blake Shelton**
"Sure Be Cool If You Did"
- 2. Lady Antebellum**
"Downtown"
- 3. Miranda Lambert**
"Mama's Broken Heart"
- 4. Carrie Underwood**
"Two Black Cadillacs"
- 5. Daruis Rucker**
"Wagon Wheel"
- 6. Lee Brice**
"I Drive Your Truck"
- 7. Florida Georgia Line**
"Get Your Shine On"
- 8. Hunter Hayes**
"Somebody's Heartbreak"
- 9. Hunter Hayes**
"Wanted"
- 10. Kenny Chesney**
"Pirate Flag"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW

BY DNA SMITH



Jamie Foxx

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 15, 2013.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Django Unchained" (R) -- Quentin Tarantino serves up another pithy revenge story, this time setting the carnage in the pre-war South. Django (Jamie Foxx) is a slave who lost his wife to an especially cruel master (Leonardo DiCaprio.) Fate gives him another shot when he is bought, freed and then hired by a German-born bounty hunter (Christoph Waltz). Together, they go from plantation to plantation, hunting fugitives and tracking down Django's lost love.

While the bullets and witty rejoinders fly, "Django" keeps you involved despite its one-sidedness. Without the sense of real conflict, the story doesn't rise above revenge fantasy. It's not Tarantino's finest, probably not even top five, but undeniably fun. Viewers sensitive to shoot-outs and coarse language won't last five minutes. This is DiCaprio's first time playing the

villain, and he delivers.

"Save the Date" (R) -- Sarah (Lizzy Caplan), a sardonic, 30-ish bookstore manager, receives an unwelcome and comically misfired proposal from her boyfriend. Embarrassed, she dumps him and moves on ... perhaps a little too fast. Sarah's sister Beth ("Mad Men's" Alison Brie) is oblivious to this mess as she is wrapped up in planning her own wedding. As the sisters realize their lives and relationships are all screwy, they run home to Mom and Dad for reassurance, only to find that their folks are just as lost.

This is not a love-dovey romantic comedy, nor is it a thought-provoking indie-flick. "Save the Date" is in the weird in-between space, where the story is neither insightful nor comforting, just sort of there. Caplan and Brie are positively sublime, but without a script to support them, their full abilities are left out of this film.

"Spies of Warsaw" (R) -- Poland must have been a pretty tense place in 1937, with the Germans gearing up for an invasion and little that could be done to stop it. Too bad this British TV mini-series is pretty tame -- given the circumstances. Adapted from a novel by American author David Furst, the high-budget production brings the historical fiction to life. David Tennant (who made a fine Doctor on the sci-fi series "Doctor Who") plays French military officer Jean-Francois Mercier, a smooth operator who can convince well-to-do ladies to forget themselves for a bit.

"Future Weather" (R) -- This environmentally conscious indie-movie follows Lauduree, a Midwestern teen whose mother gave her only a weird name. When Lauduree's mother runs to LA to become a makeup artist, the teenage girl is left with her rather frigid grandma. Lauduree's issues are explored through her interest in the science of global climate change. Her fears for the future and concerns about human responsibilities are discussed within the context of science. The environmental messages are overt, but the real story is how they are used to explore the characters.

- Who wrote and first released "All Along the Watchtower"?
- What was the title of Del Shannon's only No. 1 hit? What year was it?
- Who sang the 1959 version of "Lonely Boy"?
- Who released the worldwide No. 1 hit "Mickey" in 1982?
- Name the song containing this lyric: "They ate up all my food. And I don't stand to search. Don't tell me it was a woman Cause a woman don't eat that much."

FLASHBACK TRIVIA
POP ROCK & SOUL
BY MICK HARPER

1. Bob Dylan, in 1967 on his "John Wesley Harding" album. Those who've studied the lyrics think the story comes from the Bible. 2. "Runaway," in 1961. After his death in 1990, The Traveling Wilburys recorded a version of "Runaway" to honor Shannon. 3. Paul Anka. He'd recorded his first single, "Confess," at age 14. 4. Tomi Basil (born Antonia Basilotta in Philadelphia). The former high-school cheerleader has had a long career as a film director, choreographer and dancer, singer-songwriter and filmmaker. 5. "Somebody's Been Sleeping in My Bed" by funk-soul group 100 Proof (Aged in Soul). The song was a Grammy runner-up in 1971.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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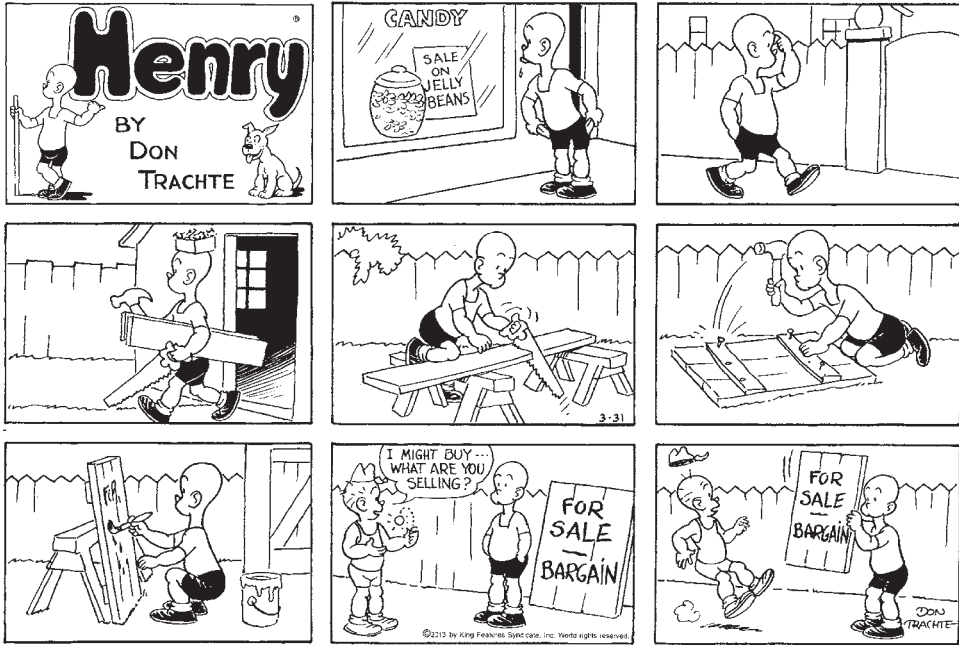
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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COMICS / CROSSWORD / HOLLYWOOD



HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Ryan Gosling

HOLLYWOOD -- Ryan Gosling is taking time off from acting to direct "How to Catch a Monster," which he also wrote. Ryan cast his "The Place Beyond the Pines" co-star Eva Mendes as the female lead in the film ... and his personal life! The film also stars Bradley Cooper and Aussie actor Ben Mendelsohn, last in "The Dark Knight Rises." Mendelsohn joins Christina Hendricks and the current "Dr. Who," Matt Smith, in Gosling's "Monster" movie. In addition, Ryan has "Only God Forgives," with Kristin Scott Thomas, ready for release.

wouldn't let me join. I can build a fire, know how to pitch a tent, have a very good sense of direction, but most importantly, I know how to scout for boys!" She also admitted that she got the uniform by saying it was for her son. Anderson accepted, saying, "I've had so many blessings in my life, and being gay is certainly the greatest blessing."

Ecstatic to hear that "Hot in Cleveland" castmates Betty White and Georgia Engel will have a reunion with Mary Tyler Moore, Valerie Harper and Cloris Leachman of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." It will be the first time they've all worked together since 1977. The threesome will play members of White and Engel's old bowling team, GLOB (the Gorgeous Ladies of Bowling). The special episode will be filmed in April.

Are you listening, Sean? What is it they say? "If it quacks like a duck ..."!

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Science workplace
- 4 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 7 Campus area, for short
- 11 Baghdad's nation
- 13 Gorilla
- 14 Cold War country (Abbr.)
- 15 List of options
- 16 - canto
- 17 Simple
- 18 Avid
- 20 Result of overspending
- 22 Piglet's mama
- 24 Mideastern marketplace
- 28 Donder's yokemate
- 32 Cut in two
- 33 Places
- 34 Rock band, - Leppard
- 36 Symbol of craziness
- 37 Know like -
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- 41 Easter chapeau
- 43 Menagerie
- 44 " - Breckinridge"
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- 56 Burn some what
- 57 Poolroom stick
- 58 Calm before the storm
- 59 Part of NYC
- 60 Barbie's companion
- 61 Pod occu pant
- 5 Newspaper page
- 6 Star, for short
- 7 Chief Aztec god
- 8 14-Across' foe
- 9 Fool
- 10 Parched
- 12 It shares a key with the slash
- 19 Cartoonist
- 21 "Humbug!"
- 23 Marry
- 25 Lotion additive
- 26 Shake-speare's river
- 27 Tear in two
- 28 Spill the beans
- 29 Timber wolf
- 30 PC picture
- 31 Actor Beatty
- 35 Tasseled hat
- 38 Crucial
- 40 Weep loudly
- 42 - and field
- 45 Chills and fever
- 47 Campbell's product
- 48 Not working
- 49 Soda flavor
- 50 Frigid
- 51 Discoverer's cry
- 52 Kids' card game
- 54 Still, in verse

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Dated at Orange CT this 5th day of April 2013.

*Orange Board of Finance
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— **King Crossword** — — **Weekly SUDOKU** —

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ARTS & LEISURE



Amity Students Treated to the Sweet Sounds of Strings

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Around 100 Amity High School students were treated to the sounds of the Hartford Symphony Orchestra on March 27. The concert, made possible by a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation, featured an Amity junior who was invited to play in the quartet.

James Chapman of Orange filled in as a cellist, though one who didn't know better might have thought he was part of the original group as he played his instrument with the same fluidity and expertise as the professional orchestra members.

Jaroslav Lis, who plays the violin with the symphony, explained to students that each period represents a different style of music, a style that is similar to the lifestyle and culture of the era. For example, he explains, "The Renaissance was the coming of new age. There were arts and sciences being created and the music of the period represents that."

The quartet played selections from the Renaissance, Baroque, Romantic and Classical periods. "Music from the Baroque period was ornamental in a dynamic way," explained Lis. "There was much more anxiety in the music." To prove that point, the group played a selection from Vivaldi called 'Four Seasons,' in which music mimicked the crunch of snow, the frigid howling wind and even chattering of teeth.

"The next period, the Classical Period, featured music that was back to clarity and structure," Lis explained. The group wrapped up the performance with selections from the Romantic Period and the Twentieth Century Period. Lis and Chapman were accompanied by Karin Fagerburg (violin II) and Michael Wheeler on the viola.

The grant was part of a standing arrangement between the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation and Amity Regional High School to provide opportunities for students to experience the visual performing arts in its various formats each year. According to Judy Primavera, founder of the organization, "Having a student perform with the group was more in keeping with the mission and spirit of the foundation". She says next year, they may incorporate students into the performance again.

The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation was founded in 2003 after Primavera's daughter Jamie Hulley passed away after a battle with an aggressive form of lymphoma. The foundation provides grants to schools and organizations and scholarships to students in the Amity region and also throughout New Haven and Fairfield Counties.

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The Orange Players is seeking a director and music director for our fall production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown". Show performances (October 25, 26, November 1 and 2) will be at the High Plains Community Center on 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT. Please call Marianne Miller at (203) 795-3906 or send your resume to P.O. Box 1162 Orange, CT 06477 by May 3, 2013.

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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.

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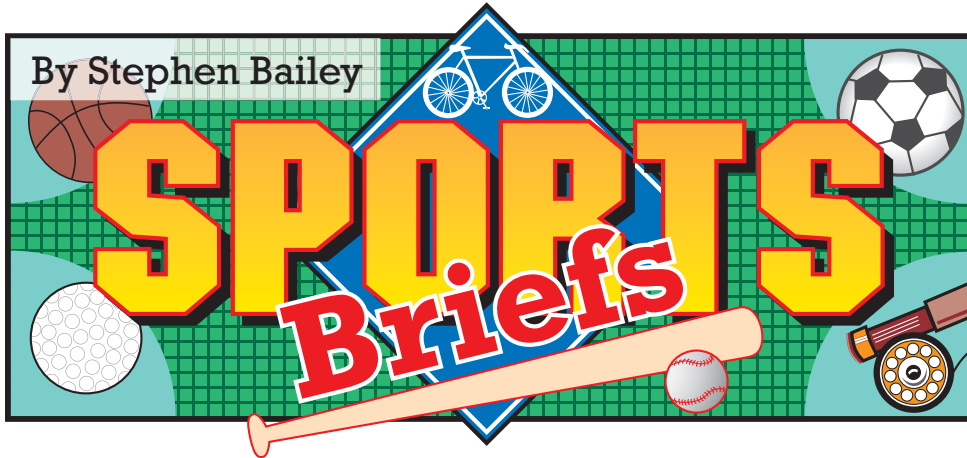
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LOCAL SPORTS

By Stephen Bailey



Former NBA Player Chris Herren to Speak at Amity on Addiction

Former NBA player Chris Herren will be giving a special presentation about drug addiction at the Amity High School Auditorium on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. Herren's career with the Boston Celtics was derailed by his addiction. Now, drug-free and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008, Herren has adjusted his life goals toward helping the next generation. The Amity Community Action Club welcomes him to share his story and preach the importance of a clean lifestyle. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Herren launched "Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren" in 2009, seeking to reach as many young audiences as possible and make a difference in their lives. In May, 2011, Herren released his memoir, "Basketball Junkie". During his travels, he's been approached by many individuals and families looking for advice and assistance in their personal substance battles. Ultimately, Herron launched The Herren Project to help educate at-risk populations on addiction and help as many people as possible taking their first steps toward sobriety.

Matt Milner, president of the Community Action club, organized the event, along with club coordinator Amy Miller. The event was scheduled for earlier this year, but was postponed after a snowstorm. Please e-mail amitycommunityactionclub@gmail.com or call Matthew Milner at (203) 927-7273 with any questions or donations.

No. 1 Amity Baseball Crushes Guilford to Open Season

Mike Concato, Nick Fusco, Ross Weiner and Max Ritchie combined for a no-hitter as the Spartans opened the season with a rout of Guilford on Thursday. Amity enters the season as the CIAC's top LL program.

Spartans Boys Track & Field Team Beats Cheshire

The Amity boys track & field team dominated rival Cheshire 100.5-49.5 on Wednesday, winning 13 of 18 events in the process. David Karabinos won the 110-meter hurdles (15.7), high jump (5-10) and triple jump (41-2) while Shae Belenski took the 800 meters (2:06.3) and 1600 and Aaron Rately the long jump (18-1) and 300-meter hurdles (45.6).

Other winners for Amity were Mike Vitale (shot put, 45-11), Matt Post (javelin, 148-9), Harry Brownfield (pole vault, 10-6) and Brian Dunleavy (3200, 10:07.8). The Spartans 4x100 meter relay team (Josh Timpko, Ben Feola, James Bonvicini, Cory Ricks) claimed first in 45.6 seconds and the 4x400 meter relay team (Timpko, Mike Yuan, Mark Pigatt, Feola) won in 3:41.5.

Amity Softball Edges East Haven in Season Opener

Amity softball edged East Haven 3-2 on Thursday in its season opener under first-year head coach Loren Purcell. Heather Ferranti struck out 10 batters and added a two-run home run for the Spartans, who graduated seven seniors from last year's CIAC LL tournament championship winning team.

Ferranti allowed just five hits and one walk in her complete-game debut. After East Haven scored in the first inning, Ferranti crushed a deep shot over the left-field fence in the fourth inning with Jenna DiLorenzo on first base to give Amity a 2-1 edge.

Teresa Marchitto scored on a single in the fifth inning to push the cushion to 3-1 before the Easties pulled within one again in the following frame. Krista Reynolds made a sharp defensive play at third base with a runner on second to seal the season-opening win for the Spartans.

Spartans Golf Opens Season with Loss to Hand

The Amity golf team dropped its season opener to Hand 169-152 on Wednesday at Madison Country Club. Aaron Uscilla shot a 40 for the Spartans, followed by Billy Emery (41), Brent Marieb (44) and Zach Prete (44). Hand's Chris Bennett was the medalist, shooting a 36. Tommy Pellatt (37), Sam Jablonski (39) and Chandler Williams (40) rounded out the scoring.



Spartans Softball Team Gears up for Title Defense

By Stephen Bailey - Orange Town News Correspondent

For the first time in seven years, the Amity softball team won the CIAC Class LL tournament last fall. Led by a group of close-knit seniors, the Spartans dispatched top-seeded Southington 10-6 in the championship game.

This year, Amity is reloaded. With eight seniors on roster, the Spartans are gearing up for their title defense — which started with a 3-2 win over East Haven on Thursday. "East Haven beat Foran yesterday so we knew it was going to be a tough game," senior center fielder Corina Zdrowski said. "We went in there with the mentality of we're going to fight until the end, we're going to beat East Haven, and we did."

Zdrowski and junior ace Heather Ferranti helped lead Amity this year. The Spartans are taking a one-game-at-a-time approach after compiling its 20-6 mark last season, and have the first victory already under their belts. Ferranti was solid on the mound in Amity's season opener against the Easties, striking out 10 in a complete-game effort and adding a two-run home run at the plate. But the win was a team effort. After Amity tacked on a third run off an East Haven error, third baseman Krista Reynolds made a sharp defensive play to deny West Haven a third run in the bottom of the seventh inning. "We were confident, we were sure of ourselves and worked together as a team, backed each other up," Zdrowski said. "We're a close group of girls which is part of what helped us win today."

The Spartans' early-season success also stems from their off-season workouts. Zdrowski said the team trained hard through the winter, without a coach, and that extra effort is paying dividends. Amity is strong defensively and coming along at the plate, Zdrowski said. The Spartans are receiving contributions from freshmen and an inexperienced outfield — with all three of last year's starters having graduated.

But that ability for players to step up is a trademark of Amity softball, Zdrowski said. It's all just part of the cycle. "I feel that Amity does have really good softball players that come in as freshmen and develop as they grow throughout the years," Zdrowski said. "I do think that winning a lot of games, being competitive and letting other schools know that Amity is not a joke when they play us is important because it reflects our school and how we are."

Zdrowski remembers having difficulty shagging fly balls as a freshman. Now, it's second nature. In fact, she hopes for tougher plays — ones where she'll have to take that extra step to run down. And after she does, she gives pointers to the freshmen, imparting the same knowledge that was passed down to her from upperclassmen when she joined the program. "I do take full advantage of the practices," Zdrowski said. "They do make me better and the rest of the team as well. As I've gotten older, I've learned a lot and I'm able to teach the other kids on the team, the freshmen. I can instruct them a little bit. I think it's helped me to grow as a person and a player."

Now the Spartans turn their attention to the regular season. Zdrowski said the focus is on making every out in the field and getting a hit at at-bat at the plate. Amity's sights are set on returning to postseason glory, but this team plans to accomplish its goals one step at a time. Said Zdrowski: "We're focused on working as a team and if that means coach wants you to play someplace even though you don't want to be there, you do it for the team."

LOCAL SPORTS

Orange Park and Recreation

There will be a number of land-based preschool, youth and adult programs being held this spring. Registration for all land-based programs for residents will begin on Monday, March 25th. Registration for non-residents will begin on Monday, April 1st. Swim registration for residents currently enrolled begins Monday, April 1st. All Orange resident registrations, begins Wednesday April 3rd. Registration for non-residents currently enrolled begins Monday, April 8th and open registration begins Tuesday, April 9th.

It's that time of year again to start thinking about summer plans and camp. All Day camp, Mini Camp and Travelin' Teens information, forms and fees will be available in the Park and Recreation office on Monday, April 15th. Travelin' Teens registration for residents begins Monday, April 22nd and non-residents can register Monday, April 29th. Day and Mini camp registration for residents begins Monday, April 29th and non-residents can register Monday, May 6th.

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

For all Park and Recreation programs, please visit us online at www.orange-ct.gov.

Orange Park & Recreation

Co - Ed Adult Volleyball Standings 2012 - 2013

Final Standings as of March 19, 2013

	W	L	Tie
All Sets Are Off (R) (P)	32	10	0
Orange Park and Recreation.....	24	17	1
Young At Heart.....	15	23	0
Orange Ale House	15	26	0
The Usual Suspects	14	24	1

(R) - Regular Season Champion; (P) - Playoff Champion

Orange Park & Recreation Tennis - Spring 2013

Orange Park & Recreation is offering spring tennis clinics through Fairfield County Tennis for children and adults. The five week session will begin the week of May 6. Pee Wees (ages 3 & 4) and Juniors (ages 5-7 and 8-11) will meet either Monday or Wednesday afternoon. Adult clinics are offered for Beginner/Advanced Beginner or Low Intermediate/Intermediate players Wednesday evening. All tennis is played at High Plains Community Center Tennis Courts. Registration is now being accepted at Orange Recreation Department, 525 Orange Center Rd. Program details for spring are available at www.fairfieldcountytennis.net or call 203-640-1724.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Love rules the week for single Bovines seeking romance. Attached pairs also find new joy in their relationships. Friday should bring news about a business opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home becomes the center of a new social whirl, as you show your talent for hosting great parties. You can expect to impress a lot of people who've never seen this side of you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child might have to raise those powers of persuasion a notch to get a still-wary colleague to agree to go along. Finding more facts to back up your position helps.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Hold off trying to fix the blame for an apparent mishandling of a work situation. A full investigation could reveal surprising facts on how and why it really happened.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your ability to find details others might overlook gives you an advantage in assessing a possibly too-good-to-be-true offer. A trusted colleague has advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to be called on once again to act as peacemaker in a long-simmering dispute that suddenly flares up. Offer advice, but be careful to stay out of the fray.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your organizational skills help you line up your priorities so that you get things done without added pressure. The weekend could hold a special surprise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New ventures are favored. But don't launch yours before rechecking all facts and sources. Also, be sure you can rely on support from certain people.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't be pushed into renegotiating an agreement, even though it might help avoid a potential impasse. Get legal advice before you sign or agree to anything.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Helping others is what Aquarians do so well. But this time, someone wants to help you. Expect to hear some news that will both surprise and delight you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Things go so swimmingly that you're tempted to take on more tasks. Best advice: Finish what you have now, then enjoy a well-earned relaxing weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your understanding of human nature helps you make wise decisions that are appreciated by all. You would make a fine judge.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



"This is really my husband's vacation, but he couldn't afford to come along."

MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Dorothy, there's a man here at the door collectin' old jewelry an' money..."

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"I'm minding him for an ex-friend."

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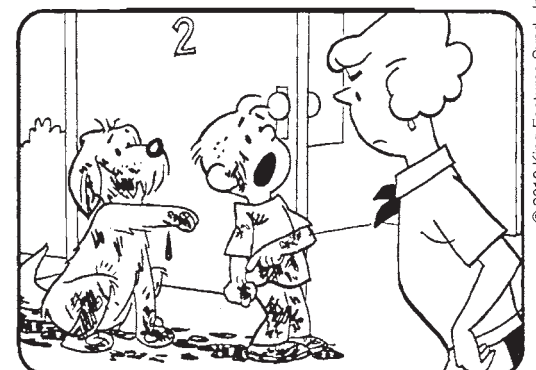
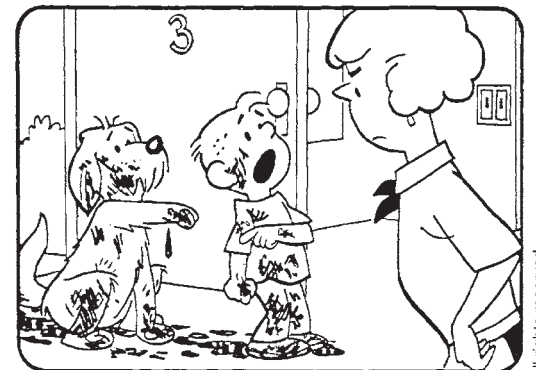
Best Dogs for Families

1. Bulldog
2. Newfoundland
3. Papillon
4. Beagle
5. Golden Retriever
6. Pug
7. Bull Terrier
8. Irish Setter
9. Vizsla
10. Labrador Retriever

Source: SheBudgets

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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. Tail is shorter. 2. Number is different. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Hair is different. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Light switch is missing.

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It's My Mother or the Dog



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My mom keeps complaining that she wants to visit me at my new apartment, but that my dog, "Frankie," sheds too much and causes her allergies to flare up. Frankie is one of those "no-shed" breeds of poodle, so I don't know why she thinks he's the culprit. How can I solve this? I'm not getting rid of Frankie just so she can visit.
-- Abigail C., New York

DEAR ABIGAIL: Perhaps there's a happy medium the two of you can reach. First, understand that even dogs whose coats don't shed much hair are not really "allergen-free." Dander, which grows close to the dog's skin, can still be shed and can cause allergies to flare up.

Other environmental issues in the apartment can contribute to your mother's allergies. In winter, dust can build up, and mold spores and pollen can enter even the cleanest apartments through heating air ducts. Reduce the amount of allergens by dusting and vacuuming frequently. Wash and dry area rugs before your mom's visit. During days with high pollen counts, keep the windows shut and run the air conditioner or heater instead. Be sure to change or clean the unit's filter, if you have access to it, to reduce the amount of allergens coming through the system. If she still insists that the dog is the culprit, consider boarding Frankie for the day or two that your mother is visiting, or having a friend keep him during that time. You shouldn't have to give up your pet just so your mother can drop in occasionally, but you probably can come to a compromise that will enable her to visit.

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



Plant warnings

Researchers at Exeter

University found that when cabbage plants are cut or pierced, they emit a gas that signals other cabbages nearby that there is danger. The nearby cabbages then produce toxic chemicals on their leaves to fend off predators like caterpillars.

Source: www.medicaldaily.com



Bark Bytes...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

Spring Into Spring

As winter's chill gives way to warmer days and spring flowers, not everything that springs forth this season is good for dogs. With a little awareness and a few simple precautions, dog owners can prevent many of the problems that arise with warmer weather and keep their dogs safe and healthy.

Heartworm Infection

The American Heartworm Society recommends that all dogs be tested annually for heartworm infection. Transmitted by mosquitoes, this serious parasitic disease can be fatal. Fortunately, your veterinarian offers a variety of options for preventing heartworm infection, including an injection, daily and monthly tablets, and monthly topical medications.

Fleas And Ticks

Fleas and ticks can cause a host of problems, from flea allergy dermatitis to Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. In large enough numbers, both ticks and fleas can also cause dangerous amounts of blood loss, especially in young dogs. While a number of flea and tick prevention options are available today, monthly spot-on topicals and oral tablets offer convenience and effectiveness in protecting your dog. Ask your veterinarian for more information.

Spring Allergies

Blooming plants, grasses and flowers can trigger atopy, an allergy similar to hay fever. But instead of sneezing, a dog typically develops itchy skin and will persistently scratch, lick and bite to get relief. If you suspect that your pooch may be suffering from seasonal allergies, visit your veterinarian for recommended allergy treatments. These can range from oral medications (like cortisone) to skin tests that pinpoint allergies in more severe cases.

Poisonous Plants

Inquisitive dogs might see those fragrant spring blooms as a tasty snack, but dogs can become extremely ill or even die from eating poisonous plants. Ask your vet for a list of poisonous plants you'll want to avoid having in your garden. You can also help prevent your dog from digging by not gardening with your dog present—he may conclude that digging is acceptable and enjoy digging to underground pipes or chewing on sprinkler heads.

Lawn Hazards

If a lawn—yours or another's—has been treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides, do not let your dog walk on it until these potentially dangerous treatments have dried completely.

Unpleasant Odors

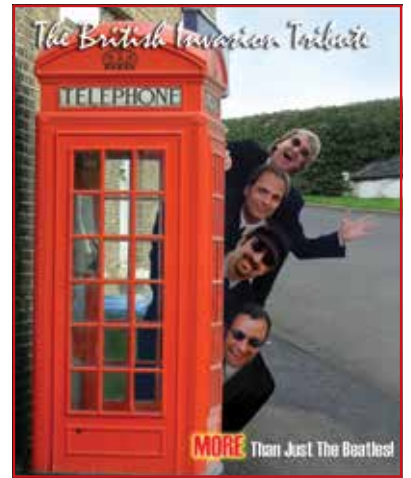
If your furry friend has taken on an offensive aroma over the winter, find out where the smell is coming from. Odor in your dog's mouth could mean dental problems, digestive problems or underlying internal diseases, such as kidney problems or diabetes. If his teeth are discolored or he has an odor worse than his usual doggie breath, have your veterinarian perform a dental exam. Next, check his ears. If the skin inside is red or sore, if the ear has a bad smell, or if your dog reacts in pain when you examine his ears, have your vet check him for an ear infection. Also check your dog's skin for the common disorder seborrhea, usually characterized by flaky dandruff or an oily, waxy feel to the coat and a strong odor. You can prevent this by frequently bathing your dog with a medicated shampoo that your veterinarian can recommend. Finally, an infection or anal gland problems can also lead to odor and discomfort, in which case your dog will need to be seen by your veterinarian.

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.BarkBusters.com.

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Saturday, July 6th (rain date Sunday, July 7th)
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The Town of Orange will be holding its annual **Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display** on Saturday, July 6th at the Gazebo on the Orange Fairgrounds. The concert band, back by popular demand will be the **British Invasion Tribute** and the Fireworks Display will once again be provided by the nationally renowned "**Zambelli Fireworks Company**". The **Orange Town News** is once again organizing this year's event and will be producing a program book to be handed out at the fairgrounds.



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