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Amity "Shift" Has Major Impact on Town Budget

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The annual challenge between town and gown to agree on an acceptable budget is in full swing as Orange officials struggle with the prospect of paying \$109,000 more than last year for its share of the Amity Regional School district budget.

Orange will collect \$900,000 in new tax revenue this year, but First Selectman Jim Zeoli predicts about \$750,000 of it will go towards the Amity budget. The \$109,000 over last year's \$641,000 contribution to the district's budget is the result of rising enrollment of Orange students in the tri-town school system. While Amity's overall population has decreased by 5.5% --130 students -- over the last two years, Orange's percentage of that population has increased from 48.4% to 49.65%. Currently, the Amity Finance Committee and the Amity Board of Education have approved the proposed \$43,613,162 budget for 2012-2013, a \$204,541 or 0.47% increase over last year's budget. Residents will vote on the Amity budget May 8 at a town-wide referendum. "Although the overall Amity school population is declining, the budget continues to increase. They are spending more money to teach less students," Zeoli said. "I have heard residents complain that Amity's per student cost rivals private schools in the area."

Amity Finance Committee Director Jack Levine and Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Brady say that the Amity budget and its per student expenditures are actually lower than that of other education systems in the state. "Amity pays \$14,587 in costs per student, which is the lowest among secondary schools in Connecticut," Brady said. Levine pointed out that the average Board of Education budget increase in Connecticut is actually 3.03%, compared to Amity's 0.47%, which is a \$204,541 increase over 2011-12. According to Levine, the largest driver in the proposed budget is the \$802,815 earmarked for special education, transportation and tuition -- \$770,422 of which is allocated to accommodate seven students identified with special needs that will be entering the Amity system next year.

Zeoli realizes the importance of a strong education system in town, but expresses frustration that Amity takes "the lion's share" of the town's budget, causing the town to reduce town services and continually put off needed maintenance on town buildings and purchasing new equipment. In 2011-12 the town budget increased by \$647,000; 99.1% of which went to the Amity budget.

Zeoli anticipates the town budget request for the 2012-13 fiscal year will be around \$2.2 million, which includes the Amity expenses and about \$260,000 for the Orange elementary schools. "The easy way out is to raise taxes but that's not sensible and it's not fair to residents," he said. Over the past several years, Orange has reduced transportation for seniors, trimmed hours at the library and town pool, made Little League responsible for maintaining its own playing fields, implemented a 0% salary increase for town employees, and made do with its current town vehicles, many of which badly need replacing. "The Park and Rec pick-up truck is a Fred Flintstone-mobile," Zeoli said. "Pretty soon all that's left is stems and seeds."

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Holocaust survivor Anita Schorr, tells Peck Place students her very personal tales of the unspeakable conditions and cruelties she and her family experienced as prisoners at Auschwitz.

Speaking About the Unspeakable

Holocaust Survivor "Brings History to Life" for Peck Place Students

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Hearing about the horrors of life in the Nazi concentration camps from a Holocaust survivor had more than a dozen students leaving the auditorium in tears at a recent presentation at Peck Place School. Anita Schorr, a Czechoslovakian Jew who was born in 1930, told the students her very personal tales of the unspeakable conditions and cruelties she and her family experienced as prisoners at Auschwitz. The assembly, which featured student artwork and songs performed in Schorr's honor, was organized by

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Nuzzo Retires After 35 Years

An Open Letter to the Orange Community:

As of June 30, 2012, I will be retiring from the Orange Public Schools. I will be devoting all my time to teaching in the psychology departments at both Quinnipiac and Southern Connecticut State Universities. I truly thank the Board of Education for giving me the privilege to serve this community. It has been professionally and personally rewarding beyond description.

Education is about history. I first joined the district as a school psychologist in 1977. In the district, at that time, were many exceptional people who shaped and defined the spirit and the vision of the Orange Public Schools over the last half of the 20th century: Brendan Touhy and Vincent Cibbarelli (former superintendents), Mollie Klein (original director of special services), Dorothy Berger and John Kowal (former principals and superintendents), Jane Markle (original social worker), and Miss Mary L. Tracy, who was retired, but still attended some school events. I had the good fortune of knowing and of being influenced by all these individuals.



Ralph Nuzzo

Education is about progressing through milestones. This is a landmark year for me. I am completing my 35th year in Orange...my entire professional career. My first assignment was servicing both the original Mary L. Tracy and High Plains Schools. When MLT closed in 1979, I moved to The Peck Place School and remained there for 18 years. When MLT re-opened as an Early Childhood Center in 1989, I again began happily walking through its doors to serve the Pre-K classes in addition to my Peck Place responsibilities. In 1997, I transferred to Race Book School while still simultaneously serving the Pre-K classes at MLT. In 2003, the opportunity was presented to serve as principal here. I was both excited and honored, since MLT was such a special school in town and the one at which I had served for so long. What a joy and a rewarding responsibility this has been.

Mary L. Tracy School is unique. Because MLT now is the town-wide school for our youngest children, our school serves as the "Gateway to the Orange School System." I have always taken the responsibility of providing the first impression of our entire district very seriously. I am proud to say that MLT celebrates the love of learning and the love of children, every single day.

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Education is about the future. As I complete this school year in June 2012, it is striking to realize that we already are in the second decade of this century. Our kindergartners were born in the years 2005/2006. They will graduate high school in June 2024! They truly are citizens of the 21st century. What amazing things are they going to experience in their lifetimes? I hope that my efforts have helped to lay a strong foundation for their future educational and emotional lives.

Education is about teamwork. Ours is a cooperative profession. Over a career, we touch thousands of lives and plant the seeds of the future. This responsibility is awesome and no educator can do his or her job alone. We need each other.

The Orange school district has always had an amazing staff that cares deeply and will do anything to help our children and their families. I want to express my appreciation to all our excellent teachers. You are simply "the best". I especially thank my administrator colleagues, the non-certified and support staff, the bus drivers, the Board of Education, the Orange police and firefighters, the elected officials, and the community members who have contributed to and supported my career over the years.

Education is about families. I want to say a very sincere, "Thank you" to all the parents for entrusting me with the precious gift of your children over these many, many years. The boys and girls come to school with so much enthusiasm about school, learning, and life. I could not have done my job without your support, confidence, and cooperation.

Our PTO volunteers always have given so selflessly to me and to our children. You all have been invaluable and a genuine pleasure.

Finally, I want to give a very, very special, "Thank you" to all the children. You put a smile on my face every day. You taught me something new every day. You were the reason I came to work every day!

Ralph A. Nuzzo



STUDENT NEWS

Schectman Elected to Bentley Honor Society

Claire Schectman, a member of the Amity class of 2009, returned home from a trip to Chile with other classmates and professors where they learned about the culture and assisted victims of their last earthquake. Upon returning to Bentley University, Claire received notification that she was elected to the Bentley University Honor Society based on her accomplishments in the fall of 2011. She is also in the top 5% of her class and Vice President of a fraternity for business students, both male and female. Next year, her senior year, she is being asked to run for President. She has also received a notice that she was nominated to the National Honor Society of Beta Sigma Kappa, a national fraternity for business students.

Butler Earns Dean's List at ST Joseph's University

Ashley Butler of Orange earned Dean's List honors at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, for the Fall 2011 semester, Butler is majoring in English and Journalism at the University. She is minoring in Business. Students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn Dean's List status for a semester.

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Claudia Weil Esposito is pictured here with students from Mrs. Cucurello's first grade class at Turkey Hill School. All three first grade classes at THS participated in a program called Cool-ology, made possible by an Orange Public School Innovative Teaching Grant. Students were involved in activities and experiments that provided them with information about potential and kinetic energy and gravity. The children had a wonderful time, and in turn gained a greater understanding of certain scientific concepts. For more information about Cool-ology, contact Claudia Weil Esposito at Esposito@comcast.net or (203) 421-5785.

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Tax Aware Investing for the 21st Century

By Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

Benjamin Franklin had it right when he said that "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes." For investors, it pays to be mindful that it is not only fees that reduce investment returns, but taxes have an impact as well.¹

Money managers typically focus on pre-tax investment returns, leaving it to investors and their financial advisors to deal with the tax consequences. As a result, interest in tax-managed investments has grown considerably; the number of tax-managed mutual funds increased from 18 in 1995 to over 200 a decade later (source: Lipper Investor Services).

While many strategies and techniques are available for individuals to minimize the impact of taxes on an investment portfolio, let's explore some of the more popular ones.

Tax-indifferent investing. In this approach, the potential impact of taxes on a portfolio is not part of the investment decision making process. The approach is most suitable for tax-deferred accounts like an IRA or a 401(k) plan.

Tax-aware investing. This approach, which seeks to generate the most efficient after-tax gains, can be passive or active.

Passive tax management uses tax-exempt or tax-advantaged investment instruments such as municipal bonds, certain structured products, or securities that have low current income/yield. Money managers may also rely on a buy-and-hold strategy, which can potentially minimize transaction-triggered tax events.

Active tax management is the practice of selective tax-loss harvesting on top of the tax-managed instruments and strategies described above.

Client-centric financial planning. Here, the financial advisor assists his or her client in deciding asset "location" as well as asset allocation. Asset location involves deciding what type of assets belong in taxable or tax-advantaged (e.g., IRA) accounts. As an example, a high-turnover equity strategy may be invested in an IRA while a municipal bond strategy is pursued in a taxable account.



Municipal bonds and municipal bond funds

Municipal bonds benefit from federal tax exemption. They also are exempt from state and local income tax for residents of the issuing state. However, both municipal bonds and municipal bond funds may be subject to the Federal Alternative Minimum Tax ("AMT"). If your client is or may be subject to the AMT, you should look for municipal bonds whose income is not taxable for AMT purposes or for a municipal bond fund that has a portfolio where a low percentage of bonds produce AMT income.

For investors holding municipal bonds issued outside of their state of residence, those bonds may produce interest that is taxable at the state and local levels. State-specific bond funds generally limit their investments to the bonds issued within a single state, which address investor concerns over subjecting such income to state and local taxation.

Tax-Managed Equity Funds

Tax-managed mutual funds consider taxes on capital gains and dividends as part of their investment strategy. They will pursue one or more strategies in an attempt to mitigate the effect of taxes, including deferring the realization of capital gains or engaging in loss harvesting to offset capital gains. A concentrated low-turnover strategy is also regarded as potentially having tax benefits.

Exchange-Traded Funds

Since their introduction in the 1990s, Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs) have proven to be relatively tax-efficient due to the way ETFs are structured. For most investors, ETFs are bought and sold on the secondary market. Because ETFs can often raise funds for redemptions in a manner that is not taxable to investors, they tend to incur fewer taxable transactions in the normal course of operations than a similar non-exchange-traded-fund might. Investors will, of course, be subject to taxes on the realized gain arising from the sale of the ETF.²

Fund selection, portfolio construction and tactical asset allocation are key components of a total approach to tax-aware investing.

Fund Selection

Research should explore the effectiveness of funds and ETFs both as tax-efficient investment vehicles as well as their long-term performance track records and risk characteristics.

Portfolio Construction

Municipal bond funds can be a good foundation for the fixed income portion of any tax-aware investment portfolio. Presently there are few ETFs in this space, so actively managed mutual funds may be the best vehicle for a diversified, tax-efficient fixed income portion of the portfolio.

For equities, a core-satellite portfolio structure can help address the tax sensitivities. For example, ETFs as the U.S. large-cap allocation can constitute the tax-efficient core, supplemented by actively-managed funds in the small/mid-cap and international equity asset classes.

For alternative investments, market-neutral or long-short strategies as well as a core investment in the commodity markets may complement other components of a tax-aware portfolio.

Conclusion

Investors may not need to consider the impact of taxes on every investment decision they make. Indeed, investors should make sure that the tax "tail" does not wag the investment "dog." Nevertheless, an informed philosophy regarding tax-aware investing can give investors a starting point for deciding which instruments and strategies they should consider with the help of their financial advisor when investing with a view toward tax efficiency.

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June 1st.....	June 8th
June 22nd	<i>Special Independence Day/Fireworks Issue</i> June 29th

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

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

The unofficial start of summer, Memorial Day, is right around the corner. It's a time when families and friends gather to celebrate with backyard barbecues, water sports and other fun outdoor activities. To keep this holiday weekend safe for everyone, remember to drink responsibly and make a designated driver or designated skipper part of your weekend celebration plans.

To help promote responsible celebrations this Memorial Day holiday, Dichello Distributors, Inc., the local Anheuser-Busch distributor, is promoting the "Designated Driver Program and WE I.D program". Thanks to programs and efforts such as these and increased law enforcement, drunk-driving fatalities during the Memorial Day period are down 45 percent since 1982 according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

We all have a role to play in celebrating responsibly this Memorial Day weekend. Make a designated driver part of your holiday plans.

Sincerely,

Tony Lota
Alcohol Awareness Coordinator
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Part 2: Facts Every Orange Taxpayer Should Know

By Jim Leahy

Today, my objectives are three-fold: (1) Explain recent changes to the Amity budget for FY 2012 – 2013; (2) Review Amity budget surplus data; and (3) Explore the future impact to the Town and taxpayers if the decline in Amity enrollment does not bring with it budget reductions.

1. Amity Meeting on April 2ND: The Amity Board of Education (ABOE) reduced the budget increase to \$204,000. On April 2, the ABOE voted to pass this new budget, 6 – 4. The only 4 votes against the budget were from the following ABOE members from Orange: Steve DeMaio, Chris Browe, Tom Hurlley, and Tracey Lane Russo. Orange residents Sue Cohen and Diane Crocco voted for the budget. This revised Amity budget increase would raise taxes an average \$156 for every Orange household.

Given that student enrollment has declined by 5.5% (138 students) over the past 2 budget years and the continuing financial crisis, major concerns still remain with the ABOE budget. For example, in this budget, Amity is spending \$345,000 from the Amity roof fund to support current operations. In addition, Amity adopted a self-funded medical plan with a projected line-item savings of \$525,000. Given that this self-funding approach was not used in past budgets, one would expect this savings would go straight to the bottom line. Moreover, the teachers accepted a 0% increase in this budget year, both in salary and the step increase components. In my view, given the teachers' sacrifice one can hardly understand how the ABOE does not come in at

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Pancakes for Parkinson's Fundraiser at Chip's

The public is invited to Pancakes for Parkinson's, a fundraising supper at Chip's Family Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road, Orange, from 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 24. Price is \$10 each. There will also be a raffle. Proceeds will benefit The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research to help find a cure for the millions suffering from Parkinson's Disease.

Chip's is donating all the food for the mouth-watering meal which includes three pancakes, bacon or sausage, two eggs, and coffee or tea. The Milford Bank, the Rotary Club of Milford, ShopRite of Milford, and the McInnis Companies are major sponsors of the event.

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month nationwide. Proceeds from Pancakes for Parkinson's will be matched dollar for dollar, thanks to a \$50 million challenge grant from Sergey Brin, a co-founder of Google, and his wife Ann Wojcicki, a co-founder of 23 and Me, a personal genetics company.

Pancakes for Parkinson's host is Team Fox member Jody Culmone, a Woodbridge resident and Milford Rotarian who was diagnosed with PD in 2004. "April is Parkinson's Awareness Month nationwide," Culmone said. "We are so grateful for the support we have been receiving from ticket sales, donations, and sponsorships. The matching dollars from the challenge grant will certainly take us beyond original expectations in our local fundraising to help find a cure for Parkinson's."

Business card ads at \$35 and corporate sponsorships up to \$1,000 are being sold. For their support of Team Fox, supporters will receive tickets and recognition in an ad book. Donations are tax deductible.

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

Every 9 minutes someone is diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. Parkinson's will affect 1 in every 100 people over age 60. There are 6 million people living with Parkinson's. Current treatments mask the symptoms. There is no cure.

Walk to Create a World Free of Multiple Sclerosis

Come out on Sunday, April 22 and join the 2012 Travelers Walk MS, presented by North American Power. Walk MS is the signature fundraising event of the National MS Society, and takes place rain or shine.

West Haven High School is one of the twelve walk sites in CT and will host the Walk from 8:00 - 1:00. An accessible two-mile walk and a five-mile walk are available. When you join thousands of walkers around the country you will know that all monies raised will help fund research to find treatments and a cure for multiple sclerosis. Locally, the money will help the more than 6,000 people in Connecticut who live with the debilitating effects of MS.

Walk-ins are welcome or to join an existing team, create a new team, or walk with a friend, please contact Beth at 203-874-3537 or Sara at 860-913-2550 ext. 52601.

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0% as well.

2. Amity Budget Surpluses: I have examined the historical record on Amity budget surpluses and presented this information to the Orange Board of Finance (OBOF) and the viewers of OGAT. My goal was to shine the light on available information for all of us – including the ABOE -- to consider in its budgeting process.

February Surplus Data: 2005 - 2012: Amity’s Director of Finance and Administration Jack Levine provides a forecast EVERY MONTH of the expected surplus at year’s end. Over the past 7 budget years – from 2005-2006 to 2011-2012, Mr. Levine has forecasted a consistent surplus of over \$500,000 every year through February of that operating year. And in each year, as the months continued, these surpluses rise as the months of the fiscal year advanced to June 30 fiscal year end.

These surpluses are good things and many in the administration and on the Amity Finance Committee (AFC) work hard to constantly seek out ways to “do more with less,” a common sense budget & operating approach whether it be for a Town, a school system, or a home. On February 13, I presented this information to the AFC and ABOE to remind Board and committee members that the budget process consistently leads to excesses in the half-million dollar range. My objective was to seek common ground that to budget at 0% increase for the upcoming FY 2012 – 2013 budget year, we could hardly – based on this data -- be sacrificing quality in our education.

Annual Surplus Data FY 2009 - 2012: On April 2nd, I spoke at the ABOE budget hearing once again emphasizing that the Town of Orange expected to see a 0% Amity budget increase and gave reasons why, as outlined earlier in this and the prior article. At this meeting, the administration distributed a document with the surplus amount and the usage of that surplus. From reviewing this document and analyzing other data, here are some Amity facts to consider:

FY 2009 – 2012 (3 years): Total budget increases: \$1,589,830

FY 2009 – 2012 (3 years): Total surplus amounts: \$2,828,928

Summary: In the past 3 budget years, the ABOE received \$1,589,830 in budget increases. And during this same 3-year budget period, ABOE maintained a surplus of \$2,828,928. Given this data, I would argue that Amity’s budget could have been at 0% increase for all three years and still have a budget surplus of \$1,239,098.

Bottom-line upfront

Currently, as voted by the Amity BOE, the Amity budget will increase spending by over \$400K and take \$345K from the Amity roof fund to support current operations. This action was taken despite student enrollment declining by 5.5% (138 students) over the past two budget years. The result of this ABOE vote would increase taxes an average \$181 for every Orange household.

3. FUTURE Amity Budgets: One clear responsibility of the OBOF is to seek out and shine the light on important issues and opportunities that could impact the Town and its finances. In October 2009, I surfaced one such issue of Amity declining population and the need for the ABOE to develop a plan to address this matter.

Budget Calculation Methodology: Orange’s budget for Amity is set by two variables: (1) the approved Budget (less non-Town revenue, which is less than 5%); and (2) the Town’s share of the student population. To calculate a Town’s Amity cost, you multiple the Town’s “share” times the approved budget (less non-Town revenue).

Overall Population Trends: Amity’s overall student population is in significant decline and will continue to decline appreciably. Over the next 6 years, Amity will reduce its population base by 325 students. This reduction would result in an Amity student population of about 2,100 by 2018, a 19-20% reduction from prior years. Woodbridge enrollment leads the Amity population decline with 743 in FY 2011-2012 to less than 580 six years ahead. Students from Bethany also decline going from 507 in FY 2011-2012 to 441 in 2018. Orange’s population declines from 1,219 in FY 2011-2012 to 1,118, a reduction of 101 students, an 8.3% reduction.

Town Share Trends: Over the next 6 years, Orange’s “share” will rise from its 48.4% in FY 2011 – 2012 to 49.65% in FY 2012 - 2013. And this increase is not a one-year phenomenon. In the future, the Orange share continues to rise to over 50% to a high of 52.6% six years out. Bethany’s “share” will also rise from its current 20.48% to a well over 21% in 2018 reaching a high of 21.36% in 2018.

4. What this means to Orange Taxpayers: If the Amity budget rises by a mere 1% each year for the next 7 years, then the INCREASE to Orange for Amity would be \$3,302,000. Using the OBOF budget impact calculator, this would result in a \$665 RAISE for each Orange taxpayer. And this situation would be at a time when the numbers of our students at Amity drops from 1,219 to 1,118.

I strongly recommend that every Orange taxpayer generate a renewed interest in all aspects of your Town’s budget and the budgeting process. There is much to learn; and many can contribute. This situation is not solely about a vote on May 8TH about the FY 2012-2013 Amity budget. What we have here is a major fiscal issue for the Town of Orange that requires innovative leadership, initiative, and careful attention to detail in all aspects of our community.

Jim Leahy is the Vice-Chairman, Orange Board of Finance. He served on the Amity Finance Committee from 2005 - 2009.

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For a guy who remembers the excitement of catching his first fish at three years old and who admits he's "fascinated by fish life," the chance to spend part of every year managing salmon in the wilds of Alaska is a dream come true. David Krause knew when he graduated from Cornell University several years ago he did not want a job stuck behind a desk all day. So when he saw a job posting on a college bulletin board to work for the U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service studying salmon in Alaska, he sent his application immediately.

President of the University's Angler Club, Krause got the job, which combined all that he holds dear - fishing, nature and adventure. So, just hours after graduating and saying goodbye to his college friends, Krause said, "I threw all my belongings into my parents' car, and left for Alaska at 4 in the morning." He reported to a remote village of about 400 residents near St. Mary's, Alaska, with his three fellow co-workers, including one middle-aged Eskimo. The group was given the tools of their new trade - handguns, chainsaws, canvas tents and propane tanks - then taken by jet boat to a destination about five hours from the nearest village. "We were in a super duper remote part of Alaska," Krause said. "We had to carry firearms at all times for protection from grizzly and black bears." They set up their camp along the Yukon River, building giant "weirs," or fences to manually track and record the migration patterns of hundreds of thousands of salmon. "If we had had an emergency it would have taken the Coast Guard about 18 hours to get to us," Krause said. "My mother was not happy."

The Alaskan day, 22 hours of sunshine and "two hours of glow," enabled the team to work 24 hours a day. "We would work rotating shifts around the clock - because the fish never stop coming!" Krause said. "I would usually stay up for almost four days then crash." When he left the job in October it was already freezing. "We drove our boats up the Yukon River in a snowstorm," he recalled. When he wasn't working he would spend time reading, painting and exploring the breathtaking, raw nature around him. "There was hundreds of miles of undeveloped woods and tundra with beautiful wildflowers like the bright pink fireweed that's everywhere and wildlife



David Krause

- like moose, bears, tons of birds... There are so many eagles there they are like pigeons in the city," he said. Bears were a real threat as one night the team was awakened by a mother bear and her cubs foraging around their camp. "We put up an electric fence after that," he said.

The data they collected was used by federal fishery managers to determine when to open and close the annual salmon fishing season. Since then, Krause has signed on for several more trips to the region to continue his studies of marine life. He has been involved in other assignments that include studying protected juvenile salmon in the streams near Fairbanks and counting and categorizing the genetics and reproductive patterns of sockeye salmon. Krause and a small crew would typically be dropped off in remote areas by helicopter and would travel the streams in inflatable canoes, using stun guns and fly fishing gear to trap fish to study them and confirm the species. "I couldn't believe I was getting paid," Krause said of the experience.

Krause's years growing up on Great Oaks Road, working at Jim Zeoli's Shamrock Farm and being a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout helped him to learn the skills he needed to be self-reliant. "It was a logistical dance of learning how to survive in such a remote place. Knot typing was HUGE!" he said. "Tying up a boat securely that is downstream from camp was very important and very stressful. I learned skills quickly and by default. If there was a problem you had to fix it quickly."

Krause, who is now an environmental policy and management major in the Yale University School of Forestry's graduate program, is currently serving on the town's Conservation Commission where he is involved in hiring a firm to look at long-term management of the newly-acquired Hubbell property for open space.

Next month he will pack up and move to Oregon for a summer job in the offices of the Wild Salmon Center, a preservation group that works to protect wild salmon ecosystems throughout the U.S. "I am a little worried about being in an office for three months," Krause admitted, "but my boss is a well-known fly fisherman and I'm hoping he takes me out."



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Brady said the Amity Finance and Education boards have been very mindful of the difficult economic times and worked hard to keep any increases to a minimum. The original proposed increase was 2.88%. "We brought the budget down significantly based on Orange's concerns," Brady said. "We don't want to add to the town's tax burden." Some concessions the school has made is decreasing staff by six full-time teachers and limiting the number of elective courses offered to students. According to Levine, they have also been pro-active in implementing "cost-savings and efficiencies," including wage freezes; in-house maintenance instead of hiring outside contractors; shopping around for good rates on supplies and buying in bulk; saving thousands of dollars in utility costs by joining an electric supplies consortium; refinancing loans at a reduced rate and managing their own medical insurance program. "We understand these are tough times that everyone is facing and we've made every effort to balance a quality education that parents want for their children with what the taxpayers have to spend," Levine said.

Residents will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on the Orange Board of Education; Town, and Amity budgets at a Town Hearing which will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 25 at the Orange Community Center. After the public hearing the Orange Board of Finance will determine what changes, if any, will be made to the Orange Town and Board of Education budgets. The Amity budget cannot be changed as the town's contribution is mandated by state statutes. The tentative date for residents to vote on the budget is May 17.

Town officials are trying to be "judicious," Zeoli said, in balancing the town's wants and needs. "Hopefully when we're done the budget will be something everyone can live with," he said. "I urge everyone to vote."

**Bond Refinancing to Yield 225K
in Savings for FY 2013**

When the Town of Orange issued general obligation bonds in 2007, it was pleased with an average interest rate of 3.93 percent. But with today's interest rates at historic lows, even relatively recent issues below 5 percent are worth a second look. Orange's decision to do just that paid off: a refunding of the \$3.075 million came in at just 1.9 percent, creating budget savings of \$401,553.52.

Most of the savings will be realized in FY2013, and will yield \$226,247.50 in savings, a result that pleases First Selectman Jim Zeoli. "While the results were expected, I am thrilled," he said. Despite talk of the economy getting better, Zeoli said times are still tough in municipal government. This savings will help Orange address deferred maintenance and other items that Zeoli said have simply been on hold since the recession arrived in the fall of 2008. "This is a huge bonus for us to find at this time," Zeoli said. "With interest rates at such extraordinary lows, it would have been irresponsible for us not act on this."

Matthew Spoerndle of Phoenix Advisors, financial advisor for Orange, could not agree more. "Orange is the perfect example of a well-run community that can take advantage of the historic lows in interest rates. We welcome opportunities to work with towns to give taxpayers relief when they need it most."

The refunding comes with a positive review from Standard & Poor's, which issued an AA+ rating, as well as Orange's overall debt. Among the factors cited are the town's very strong and stable tax base, healthy reserves, and very strong wealth indicators.

Also noted by S&P: Back in 1999, well ahead of most communities, Orange began enrolling new employees into a defined contribution pension plan. This is a change that is benefiting taxpayers today, as relatively few employees will be eligible for pension payments that are locked in, regardless of the performance of investment markets.

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From the Youth Services Coordinator *By John Ulatowsski*



Pictured above are two photos of the the exhibit artists.

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

Art in the Library Committee and Orange Youth Services have coordinated the Children of Orange April Art Exhibit at Case Library. The exhibit, which will run through April 28th 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. A reception of the students, parents, and community members was held on Thursday, April 12th at Case Library. Art in the Library Committee and Youth Services wish to sincerely thank Robert Martino, 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. Parents should pick up their child's art work from the exhibit room on Saturday, April 28th between 10 am-3 pm.

From the Desk of the Municipal Agent *By Denise Stein*



I am so excited, The Orange chapter of TRIAD has put together a panel of experts on the subject of scams. You know what they are, it's when your "grandson" calls from a foreign country and needs money as he is in jail. He begs you not to tell his parents as he will get in big trouble. So could you wire several thousand dollars to me? That's one of the more well-known ones.

There are any number of scams out there that are planned to part you and your money. Whether the scammers are trying to get your bank account information or your Medicare information, you need to BEWARE.

Don't forget about your computer either. All that spam mail that you get. This author got some phisy email herself. One came from the cable company that looked phisy and the other came from Bank of America. While I do have cable, I do not bank at BOA.

By the way, in the above paragraph, I did not misspell fish. Phising is the term used for scam email. For example, the email that I received from Cablevision said there was a problem with processing our most recent payment which I did not believe. A phone call to Cablevision confirmed my suspicions as they were well aware of the phisy email.

So, please come and hear our panel of experts. Our speakers will be Angela DeLeon of People's United Bank, Officer John Acquino of the Orange Police Department, Leslie Pruitt of the Area Agency on Aging and Jo Lifrieri of the Agency on Aging. Be here on May 21st at 1:00 p.m. for a very informative session.

Light refreshment will be provided by Maplewood of Orange.

Some Favorite Websites

I hope a lot of you enjoy being on the computer and have been able to unleash the power of the internet for your enjoyment and to enhance your life. I would like to share some of my favorite web sites with you and hope that you get to peruse them.

Refdesk.com is an incredible site with tons of information. In addition, it has a ton of links to informative sites, humor sites, fun sites national and international newspapers, and then direct links to some of the best columnists in the country including Dave Barry and Carl Hiaasin.

For your physical health there is womenshealth.gov. Tons of information for women young and old with lots of downloads. Along the same lines is nia.nih.gov which goes beyond just women's health and provides info on everything and anything regarding your physical and mental health.

Also, while on a related health site, is snack-girl.com. I love snack girl. She is not into the snacks that are unhealthy and fattening; she writes to inform you about healthy snacking and even gives you some incredible recipes. So check her out when you get a chance. I have more websites, but I will leave them for another time.



New England School of Montessori elementary school artists exhibited their artistic talents to all attendees at ARTSCAPE 2012! with a variety of art mediums: Self portraits, Sea Glass Jewelry and Framed Designs. There were live performing arts: gymnasts, poetry readings, skits, comedy, musicians, composers, soloists, and ensembles, including the NESM Elementary Chorus. The group-created piece, Mosaic Tile Table, was auctioned to benefit the Elementary Class Treasury Fund and won by the Lawrie family, CONGRATULATIONS! The class voted to use the funds, raised at this event, to support the Siberian Tiger fund.

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Stevens Receives Grant From Hully Foundation

Mr. Stevens, the art teacher at Peck Place Elementary School in Orange, was the recipient of a grant from the Jamie Hully Arts Foundation. Mr. Stevens brought in local New Haven painter Steve DiGiovanni to investigate the dramatic role of art during the last part of the 19th century and the early part of the 20th century.

Students began by viewing images of the Wright brothers and discussing the similarities between powered flight and the innovations of painting at the turn of last century. Students learned that these things have something in common: the human desire to transcend gravity and move more freely in space and to observe things from new vantage points. They learned that to understand the world more fully, it is best viewed from multiple "perspectives".

After the introduction, students rendered two self-portraits: each from a different angle. Once completed, each student's pair of drawings was cut into "interesting" shapes that were then synthesized into one portrait. They viewed examples from Cezanne and the analytical Cubism of Braque, Picasso and Juan Gris. Students discovered that disordered elements can be restructured to create a new, exciting, and often amusing new order. We discussed the surprising juxtapositions and how different elements representing different viewing points worked simultaneously. Students then applied shadowed edges to the collaged pieces of paper to create spatial illusions and new spatial dimensions.



Peck Place School children raised money for a special foundation - The Jeremy Saxe Foundation for Education and Development, Inc. which was formed in memory of Jeremy Saxe, a local Orange resident. A school for young children will be built in Nepal. The Peck Place School Resource Room has raised \$500.00 for the foundation.



Holly Hill Childcare Helps Animals in Need

A few months ago, Miss Anita, Pre-K teacher at Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center, read an article in the paper asking for food donations for the local Milford Animal Shelter. The shelter was desperately low on its supply of cat and dog food and was looking for help from the public.

Miss Anita thought what better way to teach the children all about sharing, giving and helping those (animals, too!) less fortunate than to start a food drive right here at school...and thus began the Furry Friend Food Fund! As the children would bring in their pet food, they would place their "treats" in a box and proudly put a sticker on their classroom chart, showing their donation. All in all, the children collected 136 cans and bags of food. Pictured are some of the generous Holly Hill students, along with Miss Joann, assistant teacher, left, and Miss Anita, head teacher. Job well done!

Moments in Time The History Channel

- On May 6, 1911, George Maledon, the man who executed at least 60 men for "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker, dies of natural causes in Tennessee. Paid \$100 for each hanging, he tried to be a conscientious hangman who minimized suffering with a quick death. Maledon considered the job "honorable and respectable work."
- On April 30, 1927, the Federal Industrial Institution for Women, the first women's federal prison, opens in Alderson, W.Va. All women serving federal sentences of more than a year were to be brought there, with the vast majority imprisoned for drug and alcohol charges imposed during the Prohibition era.
- On May 1, 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates New York City's Empire State Building. The entire 102-story building went up in just over a year, under budget (at \$40 million) and well ahead of schedule. During certain periods of building, the frame grew an astonishing four-and-a-half stories a week.
- On May 5, 1945, in Lakeview, Ore., six people are killed while attempting to drag a Japanese balloon out the woods. The explosive balloon was one of a handful of Japanese attacks against the continental United States, which were conducted by Japanese submarines and later by high-altitude balloons carrying explosives or incendiaries.
- On May 3, 1952, a ski-modified U.S. Air Force C-47 becomes the first aircraft to land on the North Pole. On the flight was Dr. Albert P. Crary, a scientist who in 1961 traveled to the South Pole by motorized vehicle, becoming the first person in history to have stood on both poles.
- On May 4, 1965, San Francisco Giants outfielder Willie Mays hits his 512th career home run to break Mel Ott's National League record. Mays would finish his career with 660 home runs, good for third on the all-time list at the time of his retirement.
- On May 2, 1972, Steven Spielberg begins filming "Jaws." The production, which used three mechanical sharks to great effect, enthralled audiences and grossed \$458 million in its theatrical release.

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Maureen Boian, Julie Davis, and Laura Griest, members of Orange Community Women, outside VideoLab/Davis Gallery, with the collection box for the troops which will be used to "Shower Our Soldiers with Love" during the month of April.

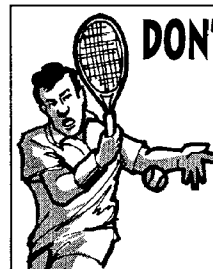
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Let's let our soldiers know we appreciate their service during the month of April by showering them with love in the form of care packages from home. VideoLab/Davis Gallery, 200 Boston Post Road in Orange, in conjunction with Orange Community Women, is collecting donations to send to our deployed soldiers overseas during the month of April. Drop off donations in the decorated collection box daily from 10:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm at VideoLab. Orange Community Women will package the items and forward them to deployed soldiers overseas.

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

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

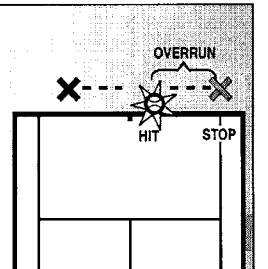
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William B. Davis

Q: Throughout the years, I've been hearing rumblings of an "Anchorman" sequel, but nothing has come to pass. The rumblings have started back up, so please tell me it's gonna happen! -- George G., Omaha, Neb.

A: Guess what, George? It's gonna happen! **Will Farrell** announced -- in his Ron Burgundy character -- on "Conan" that Paramount has indeed signed off on a sequel to the hit 2004 comedy "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy." Director **Judd Apatow** is expected to return, as are **Steve Carell** and **Paul Rudd**.

Q: I've been rewatching episodes of "The X-Files," and wondered what the actor who played my favorite character, the Cigarette-Smoking Man, has been doing lately. I love every episode he is in. -- Summer F., via e-mail

A: **William B. Davis** (but you can call him Bill) has guest-starred on countless TV series and movies since "The X-Files" ended, including "Damage," "Smallville," "HumanTarget," "Stargate SG-1" and tons more. His most recent accomplishment is the publication of his memoirs, "Where There's Smoke ... The Musings of a Cigarette Smoking Man." Fans will be surprised to learn that Bill quit smoking when he was 40. (He smoked herbal cigarettes on the show.) And unlike his character, Bill is not a believer in the paranormal, which confuses fans when they meet him.

"People sometimes assume that one chooses to be in a particular project because one has a belief or a commitment about it," Bill told me. "It was a great role, and I was happy to do it, but I certainly didn't choose it because it was about the paranormal. It's not difficult for an actor to imagine there are aliens who are abducting people. But that's a far cry from actually believing that as a person. With **Gillian (Anderson, "Scully")**

and **David (Duchovny, "Mulder"),** it was reverse too, because David was a skeptic and Gillian was a believer."

Q: I was thrilled to see **William Baldwin** on "30 Rock," portraying the actor who played Jack Donaghy (**Alec Baldwin's** character) in the movie about Jack and Avery's life together. What has William been up to lately? -- Gennifer F., via e-mail

A: You can bet that William, 49, had a blast making fun of his big brother in that episode of "30 Rock" (called "Kidnapped by Danger"), but aside from this jaunt into the sitcom world, William's been busy these past few years co-starring on "Parenthood," "Hawaii Five-O" and "Gossip Girl." He also recently completed a few feature films: "Remnants," "The Stranger Inside" and "Garbage."

Q: I know **Emily Deschanel's** character on "Bones" had a baby, but I was wondering if she was pregnant real life? -- Audrey D., Jacksonville, Fla.

A: Emily, 35, did indeed give birth in September to son Henry. She told "The Hollywood Reporter": "I'll experience something in an episode, and I'm shocked because it's exactly what I'm going through (in real life). It's been fun to see how that unfolds."

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In celebration of Girl Scouting turning 100, the Racebrook Daisy Troop 60323 celebrated at The Little Gym of Orange. If you are interesting in joining Girl Scouts in Orange or if you would like to become a leader contact Kar-en Sim at gksim1997@yahoo.com. There is a need for the incoming Mary L. Tracy kindergarten troop to get started.

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The Orangewood Woman's Club recently donated 26 lovely Easter baskets and 4 large stuffed Easter bunnies to the W.H.E.A.T program in West Haven. Orangewood member Rose Bradley (left) was the chairman of the project, assisted by Ronnie Hendrick (right) and Sandy Giordano.

Calling All Crafters and Vendors!

Showcase your product, service or creation at this year's Orange Strawberry Festival on the Orange Town's Green (Orange Center Road) on Saturday, June 2, 2012 (Rain Date: Sunday, June 3, 2012)! If you're interested in using a vendor space at the Festival, please contact the Orange Congregational Church office at 203-795-9749 for more information.

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Club member and Silver Tea hostess Jeannette Hafner (right) presenting the check to Director of Community Services Carol Nardini.

Garden Club Donates to Community Services Food Bank

The Garden Club of Orange recently donated \$150 to the Orange Community Services Food Bank. The funds were raised as part of the Club's annual Silver Tea which was held at the home of Mrs. Harold R. Hafner on December 13, 2011. The Silver Tea's theme was "Holiday Memories" and club members displayed holiday arrangements throughout the home. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and its purpose is to promote and encourage garden skills and knowledge and to further an understanding of horticulture, flower arranging, bird-life, conservation and environmental awareness. All are welcome. If you are interesting in learning more about the Club, please visit its website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or contact Nettie Bartocelli at 203-795-3692.

Garden Club Members Win Blue and Red Ribbons

Garden Club of Orange members Gail Nixon and Patricia Dray won Blue and Red ribbons at this year's Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. annual standard flower show. The show titled "The Fabulous Fifties" was held February 23-26 at the Connecticut Convention Center. Dray won first place blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division's Section "Arboreal Specimens" for her holly and Andromeda specimens while Nixon won a second place red ribbon in the Design Division Section "At the Drive In" for her hanging design "Around the World in Eighty Days". Pictured is Gail Nixon with her design.



Woman's Club to Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Come help the Milford Woman's Club celebrate its 60th anniversary on Saturday, April 21. The party will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Milford Library's Program Room.

The group is a multi-generational, non-profit chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Over the decades, members have enriched the Milford community through education, the arts, conservation, and public and international efforts.

At the party, meet the members, learn what they do, have fun, and enjoy cake and refreshments. Past members and their families are especially welcome.

The Milford Woman's Club looks forward to meeting you. For more information, call Linda at 203 874-5570.

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Native Americans of Orange

The Orange Land Trust (OLT) is sponsoring a program on the life of Native Americans in Orange at its Annual Meeting being held Wednesday, May 2nd, in the cafeteria at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange at 7:00 p.m.

The property that constitutes the Town of Orange was purchased in 1639 from the Native Americans known as the Paugussetts. Gordon Fox Running is a Native American bear clan medicine man with extensive knowledge of the Paugussetts and other tribes that lived in this area at the time of purchase. He will share his expertise on the living conditions, dwelling areas in summer and in winter, the relationship to the Mohawk tribe, the significance of the Wepawaug River in everyday living, field cultivation, tribal customs, and other details of the lives of these Native Americans.

All are welcome to this free program. Refreshments will be served. The program will be preceded by a brief business meeting of the OLT. If you have any questions, please call Judy at (203) 799-6321.

OVNA to Commemorate 75 Years of Service

The Orange Visiting Nurse Association will be commemorating 75 years of service to the Town of Orange on Wednesday, May 9th, 2012. Proclamation Ceremony with First Selectman James M. Zeoli to begin at 12 noon at 605A Orange Center Road. Refreshments to follow. Please come and join us in celebrating this milestone.



From the Department of Police Services



Steinbrick Graduates from National Academy Program

On Friday, March 16, 2012, Lieutenant Andrew Steinbrick graduated from the 248th session of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Lieutenant Steinbrick was among 257 law enforcement officers from 48 states and 28 countries who participated in the session, which ran from January 9, 2012 through March 16, 2012.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the prestigious National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 10 weeks of advanced investigative, management, and fitness training for selected officers having proven records as professionals within their agencies. On average, these officers have 19 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions. The National Academy Program runs in four different sessions throughout the year and Connecticut is only allotted four slots per session, making opportunities to attend highly sought after. The last Orange officer to attend the FBI National Academy was Lieutenant Anthony Cuozzo, who graduated from the program in 2005.



Lt. Andrew Steinbrick

Lieutenant Steinbrick recently completed his 23rd year with the Orange Police Department and has been assigned as the commander of the Investigative Services Unit since July 2008. Lieutenant Steinbrick has returned to that assignment. During his training, Sergeant Heather LaRock admirably served as the interim commander of the Investigative Service Unit, and will now be returning to her position in the patrol division.

Chief Robert Gagne stated that he and the Department are very proud of Lieutenant Steinbrick and congratulate him on his accomplishment. Chief Gagne stated, "Lieutenant Steinbrick has always been a valued member of this Department and the training that he has received at the FBI National Academy will only enhance his leadership, management, and investigative skills. While individual accomplishments such as this are always well-respected, the true value lies in how the individual will use the experience to better serve the community. The knowledge that Lieutenant Steinbrick has brought back with him will be shared with other members of the Department, helping to make us a stronger agency."

Memorial Day Parade Program

The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer. Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center Field. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand with services following at the Orange Center Cemetery.



Orange Town Hall

The Parade Committee encourages those with antique cars, horses and carriages and any groups wishing to participate to contact Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall at 203-891-4738 or Kevin Gilbert at 203-795-2417 or 203-795-4647. Applications for participation in the parade are available in the Orange Town Hall - First Selectman's Office or on the town's website at www.orange-ct.gov. The Committee anticipates many marching bands and floats. An Air National Guard military flyover has not yet been determined.

The Committee invites the public to join in honoring our nation's veterans. In the event of rain, exercises will be held in the High Plains Community Center auditorium.

From the Registrar's Desk

The Republican Presidential Primary will be Tuesday, April 24th, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for all those eligible to vote. District 1 is at Mary L. Tracy and districts 2 and 3 are at High Plains Community Center.

Voters who were changed to District 3 and some to District 1 should have received a notice in the mail this past week. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Registrars' Office at: 203-891-4715 or 203-891-4716.

Orange Park & Recreation Tennis~Spring 2012

Orange Park & Recreation is offering tennis programs through Fairfield County Tennis for children and adults. The five week spring tennis session will begin the week of May 7. Pee Wees (ages 4 & 5) and Juniors (ages 6-8 and 9-12) will meet either Monday or Wednesday afternoon. Adult sessions are offered for Beginner/Advanced Beginner or Low Intermediate/Intermediate players either Monday morning or Wednesday evening. All tennis is played at High Plains Community Center Tennis Courts. For availability, please call Orange Recreation Department at 203-891-4790. Program details for spring and summer are available at www.fairfieldcountytennis.net or call 203-640-1724.



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HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

For information or reservations on the following events call the center at (203) 891-4784

May is Older American's Month and the theme for this year is: Never too Old to Play! In honor of Older American's Month, I wish to bring back a fun activity that nearly everyone can play – Bocce! On Fridays starting the first week in May (May 4) we will meet at the Community Center Bocce court along the building on the fairgrounds side at 9:00 am to play Bocce! If there is enough of an interest we will make it a weekly event. This goes well with our Chess group that meets Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 pm and Ping Pong that meets weekly in the Billiard's room at 12:00 noon Wednesdays. Also on Thursdays at 1:30 pm, groups meet for card playing like Canasta and Pinochle. So come out and play! If dancing is your wish, then come join us at Peck Place School on May 8 for the 3rd Annual Senior Prom or join Line Dancing on Fridays at 1 pm.

3rd Annual Senior Prom

Peck Place School will once again be hosting a Senior Prom on Tuesday, May 8 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Last year the people who went had a ton of fun! There will be a buffet style lunch and beverages. This is an actual prom with music and dancing. The attire is dressy, but you could wear whatever will make you comfortable. Oh, and the best part is it's FREE! Just call the senior center so we can tell the school how many are coming.

Eighth Annual Pasta Festa! Supper

The eighth annual Pasta Festa! Senior Center Fundraiser Supper will be held on Friday, May 18 from 5 to 8 pm at the St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church hall. Ziti with sauce, meatballs, salad, and bread prepared by Dominic Cusano from the Italian American Club followed by coffee, tea and dessert which will be served by our Selectmen. Beautiful baskets, containing gift certificates and wonderful surprises will be part of the traditional raffle. Following dinner, Living Treasure Awards will be presented to Marianne Bauer, Joseph Cuzzocreo, and Charles Flynn. David G will be strolling around playing the accordion. Tickets, priced at \$20 per person, are available from the Community Services office. Tables of 8 to 10 are available. If you wish to sit with a particular group, the tickets must be purchased at the same time. Smaller groups are welcomed. Tickets are on sale and must be purchased in advance by May 11.

Triad Event – Scam Discussion Panel

On Monday, May 21st at 1:00 p.m., the Orange TRIAD will host a panel to discuss scams that affect seniors, adults and people in general. Speaking will be Angela DeLeon of People's Bank, Officer John Aquino of the Orange Police Dept., Leslie Pruitt of the Area Agency on Aging and Josephine Liferi of the Area Agency on Aging. Please come and join us. Also, Orange's very own Maplewood Assisted Living will be providing a light dessert along with coffee. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bells of Fire – Spring Show

Bells of Fire is a Community Hand-bell Choir based out of Southeastern Connecticut, awes and inspires audiences with their ringing. This dynamic and energetic hand-bell choir is dedicated to musical excellence and offers an exciting and uplifting performance. They will perform their Spring Show for the Orange Seniors on May 25. Dessert and coffee served at 1:30 pm, Bells of Fire from 2 – 3:00 pm. Call the Senior Center to let us know you are coming!

Bocce Anyone?

May 4 at 9:00 am the Orange Senior Center will offer a Bocce class. Please meet at the bocce court in the grass along the building on the fairground side. Bocce, is a game with roots that go back to ancient times; in addition to being fun to play, the benefits of bocce ball include healthy social interaction, light activity, strategic planning, and friendly competition. Bocce can be played by two people or by two teams of two to four people. The rules of the game are relatively simple. In essence, one player (or team) begins by rolling a smaller ball, known as the "jack", onto the court. Turns are then taken as each player (or team) attempts to bowl his or her balls closest to the jack. Open to all and all levels welcomed. Call the Senior Center to let us know you are coming.

Trips

JONAH at the Millennium Theater – Wednesday, June 5-7, 2012. Enjoy a 3-day getaway in Amish country. See the show and step into the world of the Pennsylvania Amish. From the moment you walk into the theatre you will set sail on a fantastic journey with one of the Bible's most colorful prophets and experience incredible sets, costumes, lighting, seamless transitions, im-

mersion scenes, and special effects. Besides the show you will explore Longwood Gardens – du Pont Estate with over 40 indoor/outdoor gardens, conservatory, and dancing fountains. Spend 2 nights at the Heritage Hotel, have a welcome dinner at Millers Smorgasbord, and enjoy a guided Amish Countryside tour. You will visit an Amish Farm, and dine with an Amish family at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. Cost: \$381 pp double, includes transportation, 2 nights hotel, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, admissions per itinerary, and driver & escort gratuity. Final Payment due April 17. Call for availability.

QUEBEC CITY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of MILITARY BANDS – Tuesday, August 21-24, 2012. No other city in North America reflects the charm of Europe the way Quebec does. Tour the city, shop in boutiques, enjoy a carriage ride, visit St. Anne De Deaupre, and enjoy the Quebec City Military Tattoo. Cost: \$595 double pp includes transportation, hotel accommodations, admissions, tickets to Quebec City Military Tattoo, 5 meals, driver and tour guide gratuities. A passport is required. Cancellation insurance is recommended. \$100 pp deposit due with registration. Final payment due July 13.

BRITISH LANDSCAPE – September 6 – 15, 2012. Enjoy 10 days traveling through vibrant England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders. See a London Theater Performance, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Cambridge, York, Stonehenge, Edinburgh Castle – even stay overnight in a castle located in the north of Wales. Cost: \$3,399 pp double, \$3,799 pp single, \$3,369 pp triple. Cancellation Insurance available for \$220. Visit our website: <http://www.collettevacations.com/group-page/index.cfm?id473810>.

CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH, & JEKYLL ISLAND – 36th Annual Home & Garden Tour October 17-22, 2012 6 Days/5 Nights. This is a special time to visit, as we will be attending a once a year event, the 36th Annual Charleston Home & Garden Tour. We will have access to some of the most exclusive homes & gardens in downtown Charleston. We will also visit the wonderful cities of Savannah & Jekyll Island, and enjoy great meals at Paula Deen's & the Pirates' house! \$1,838 pp dbl inclusive of air, taxes, transfers, hotel stays, all sights/inclusions as listed on itinerary and gratuities. \$250 pp deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available.

THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR AT SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY HALL – Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The world's most beloved choir has been thrilling audiences for over 500 years. Their eagerly, anticipated tours perform before sell-out crowds nationwide. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday program featuring classic and contemporary Christmas favorites. Lunch is included at the La Renaissance. Cost: \$91 pp includes transportation, entertainment, lunch, meal & driver's gratuities. Full payment is due at registration which begins June 1.



Donations Needed

The Orange Senior Center has now formed a sewing group to turn pillow cases and sheets into dresses for impoverished girls around the world. Donations of pillow cases and sheets will gladly be accepted at the High Plains Community Center. There is a drop off box in the Senior Café.

If you wish to be part of the sewing club, please join us on Tuesday April 24 at 11:00 am in the Senior Lounge at the High Plains Community Center. Call the Senior Center at (203) 891-4784 to let us know you are coming.

Welcome Mark Fagan



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TOWN OF ORANGE, CT PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

GENERAL FUND REVENUE						
Classification	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12 Budget	FY 2012-13 Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease)	
	Audited	Actual			Amount	Percent
Property Taxes	50,492,098		52,090,679	54,932,534	2,841,855	5.46%
Property Taxes Prior Years	375,657		283,000	295,000	12,000	4.24%
Tax Interest & Liens	207,232		175,000	195,000	20,000	11.43%
Licenses, Permits & Fines	714,882		730,625	719,700	-10,925	-1.50%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,733,650		1,902,900	2,006,216	103,316	5.43%
Program Revenue	228,229		201,000	201,800	750	0.37%
Investment Interest	107,564		118,189	87,551	-30,638	-25.92%
Facility & Service Charges	124,568		136,900	104,400	-32,500	-23.74%
Other Revenue	947,246		848,652	700,750	-147,902	-17.43%
Total General Fund Revenue	54,931,126		56,486,995	59,242,951	2,755,956	4.88%

BUDGET SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENT						
Classification	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12 Budget	FY 2012-13 Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease)	
	Audited	Actual			Amount	Percent
General Government						
01-001 Selectmen	186,631		190,037	189,995	-42	-0.02%
01-010 Probate Court	6,060		4,508	4,508	0	0.00%
01-030 Accounting	95,262		86,654	89,966	3,312	3.82%
01-031 Assessor	146,349		169,196	467,507	298,311	176.31%
01-032 Board of Assessment Appeals	24		600	11,500	10,900	1816.67%
01-033 Director of Finance	231,942		230,252	267,388	37,136	16.13%
01-035 Tax Collector	133,597		133,514	137,021	3,507	2.63%
01-036 Treasurer	46,238		48,870	49,194	324	0.66%
01-037 Board of Finance	1,571		1,900	1,900	0	0.00%
01-039 Pension	124		200	200	0	0.00%
01-040 Legal	492,502		245,000	245,000	0	0.00%
01-050 Town Clerk	144,039		148,483	152,803	4,320	2.91%
01-055 Voter Registrars	47,525		47,510	56,135	8,625	18.15%
01-170 Town Hall	136,244		146,450	153,075	6,625	4.52%
01-200 Planning & Zoning	99,612		105,404	131,008	25,604	24.29%
01-201 Zoning Board of Appeals	2,595		1,650	2,050	400	24.24%
01-202 Economic Development	68,024		68,100	71,100	3,000	4.41%
01-204 Inland-Wetlands Agency	42,028		41,320	42,340	1,020	2.47%
01-205 Conservation Commission	1,684		900	3,145	2,245	249.44%
01-206 Building Inspection	100,117		114,955	101,236	-13,719	-11.93%
Total General Government	1,982,168		1,785,503	2,177,071	391,568	21.93%
Public Safety						
02-100 Police: General Services	735,404		599,425	737,405	137,980	23.02%
02-101 Police: Uniformed Patrol	2,917,138		2,854,130	2,940,434	86,304	3.02%
02-102 Police: Investigative Services	376,665		379,914	380,435	521	0.14%
02-103 Police: Communication/Dispatch	276,257		259,307	270,127	10,820	4.17%
Sub Total: Police Services	4,305,464		4,092,776	4,328,401	235,625	5.76%
02-120 Fire Marshal	184,327		175,152	190,015	14,863	8.49%
02-121 Emergency Medical Service	231,030		244,552	244,552	0	0.00%
02-122 Fire Suppression: Water for Hydrants	356,508		350,000	372,000	22,000	6.29%
02-122 Volunteer Fire Department	161,572		156,500	166,500	10,000	6.39%
02-130 Emergency Management (Civil Def.)	866		3,150	3,150	0	0.00%
02-135 Animal Control	113,517		116,309	75,000	-41,309	-35.52%
Total Public Safety	5,353,284		5,138,439	5,379,618	241,179	4.69%
Public Works & Public Buildings						
03-150 Administration & Engineering	387,695		374,507	390,683	16,176	4.32%
03-155 Roadways	746,675		725,852	801,379	75,527	10.41%
03-157 Snow Removal	163,187		58,600	65,000	6,400	10.92%
03-158 Vehicle Maintenance	302,965		315,196	330,096	14,900	4.73%
03-161 Refuse	945,959		956,789	1,022,807	66,018	6.90%
Sub Total: Public Works	2,546,481		2,430,944	2,609,965	179,021	7.36%
03-171 Community Center	401,291		385,101	408,570	23,469	6.09%
03-172 Clark Building	47,170		47,030	59,415	12,385	26.33%
03-173 Case Library Building	86,942		77,200	92,100	14,900	19.30%
Sub Total: Public Buildings	535,403		509,331	560,085	50,754	9.96%
Total Public Works & Public Buildings	3,081,884		2,940,275	3,170,050	229,775	7.81%
Culture & Recreation						
04-250 Library	528,746		509,887	531,679	21,792	4.27%
04-260 Parks & Recreation - Admin	205,778		196,313	197,417	1,104	0.56%
04-261 Parks & Recreation - Maint	243,290		246,300	260,993	14,693	5.97%
04-262 Parks & Recreation - Pool	299,360		312,848	315,844	2,996	0.96%
04-263 Parks & Recreation - Programs	2,002		3,650	3,650	0	0.00%
04-270 Amity Teen Center	10,000		10,000	12,500	2,500	25.00%
Total Culture & Recreation	1,289,176		1,278,998	1,322,083	43,085	3.37%
Health & Welfare						
05-220 Environmental Health	170,684		172,656	173,366	710	0.41%
05-223 Drug & Alcohol Action	19,300		21,220	21,220	0	0.00%
05-226 School Nursing	223,862		232,780	235,339	2,559	1.10%
05-227 Director of Health	18,542		20,800	20,800	0	0.00%
05-228 Board of Health	694		850	850	0	0.00%
Sub Total: Health Services	433,082		448,306	451,575	3,269	0.73%
Community Services						
05-241 Community Services-Administration	131,367		133,234	134,321	1,087	0.82%
05-242 Community Services-Disabilities	3,319		3,725	3,725	0	0.00%
05-243 Community Services-Youth	40,085		39,345	38,971	-374	-0.95%
05-244 Community Services-Transportation	63,126		82,349	82,349	0	0.00%
05-245 Community Services-Elderly	106,970		108,771	117,903	9,132	8.40%
05-246 Community Services-Counseling	51,904		75,000	75,000	0	0.00%
Sub Total: Community Services	396,771		442,424	452,269	9,845	2.23%
Total Health & Welfare	829,853		890,730	903,844	13,114	1.47%
Employee Benefits						
06-300 Employee Benefits	4,041,973		4,192,139	4,684,787	492,648	11.75%
Total Employee Benefits	4,041,973		4,192,139	4,684,787	492,648	11.75%
Town Services & Debt Service						
08-034 Property Insurance	219,150		289,550	295,000	5,450	1.88%
08-249 Government Access TV	43,613		66,640	69,160	2,520	3.78%
08-320 Town Services and other	172,814		168,070	188,320	20,250	12.05%
10-290 Debt Service	2,047,711		2,022,813	2,323,415	300,602	14.88%
09-325 Capital Projects	0		147,902	234,725	86,823	58.70%
Total Town Services & Debt Service	2,483,288		2,694,975	3,110,620	415,645	15.42%
SUBTOTAL - TOWN BUDGET	19,061,626		18,921,059	20,748,073	1,827,014	9.66%
Education						
07-090 Orange Public Schools	17,482,274		17,582,010	17,766,888	184,878	1.05%
07-095 Amity Regional Schools	19,302,889		19,944,426	20,687,700	743,274	3.73%
07-095 Amity-School Resource Officer	38,216		39,500	40,290	790	2.00%
Total Education	36,823,379		37,565,936	38,494,878	928,942	2.47%
Total Budget	55,885,005		56,486,995	59,242,951	2,755,956	4.88%
<i>control totals</i>	55,885,005		56,486,995	59,242,951		

Upcoming Budget Hearings & Referendum

Wednesday, April 25th

Town Budget Hearing • HPCC 7 pm

Tuesday, May 8th

Amity Budget Referendum • HPCC 6 am – 8 pm

Thursday, May 10th

Orange Town Meeting • HPCC 7 pm

Thursday, May 17

Orange Budget Referendum • HPCC 6 am – 8 pm

**View the Entire Town of Orange
Proposed Budget for FY 2012-2013
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FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor,

I have lived in Orange for fifty-two years, and have a child in the Amity school system. I am writing to encourage voter support for the budget presented by the Amity board for the 2012-2013 school year. This budget, while not perfect, represents a fair and equitable balance of fiscal responsibility with the maintenance of quality programs in the areas of academics, arts, and athletics.

In any regional school structure, the costs are borne by each member district in accordance with the percentage of its population. Orange supplies the majority of students to the Amity school system, and thus bears the burden of expenses. Several people have spoken with me regarding the feasibility of Orange seceding from the Amity system. Years ago, a committee studied this possibility. It was determined that such a plan was not educationally, financially, or even legally prudent for the town.

A good deal of politics can be infused into budget discussions. During my tenure on the Orange Board of Education, Democrats and Republicans consistently cooperated to insure strong educational opportunities for the town's children. I am not aware of any advantages in doing otherwise. Strong educational programs enhance property values, economic stability, and quality of life issues for all residents.

I urge voters to take the time to analyze the Amity budget, and come to the polls in support of it. Thank you.

Cliff J. Dudley, EdD

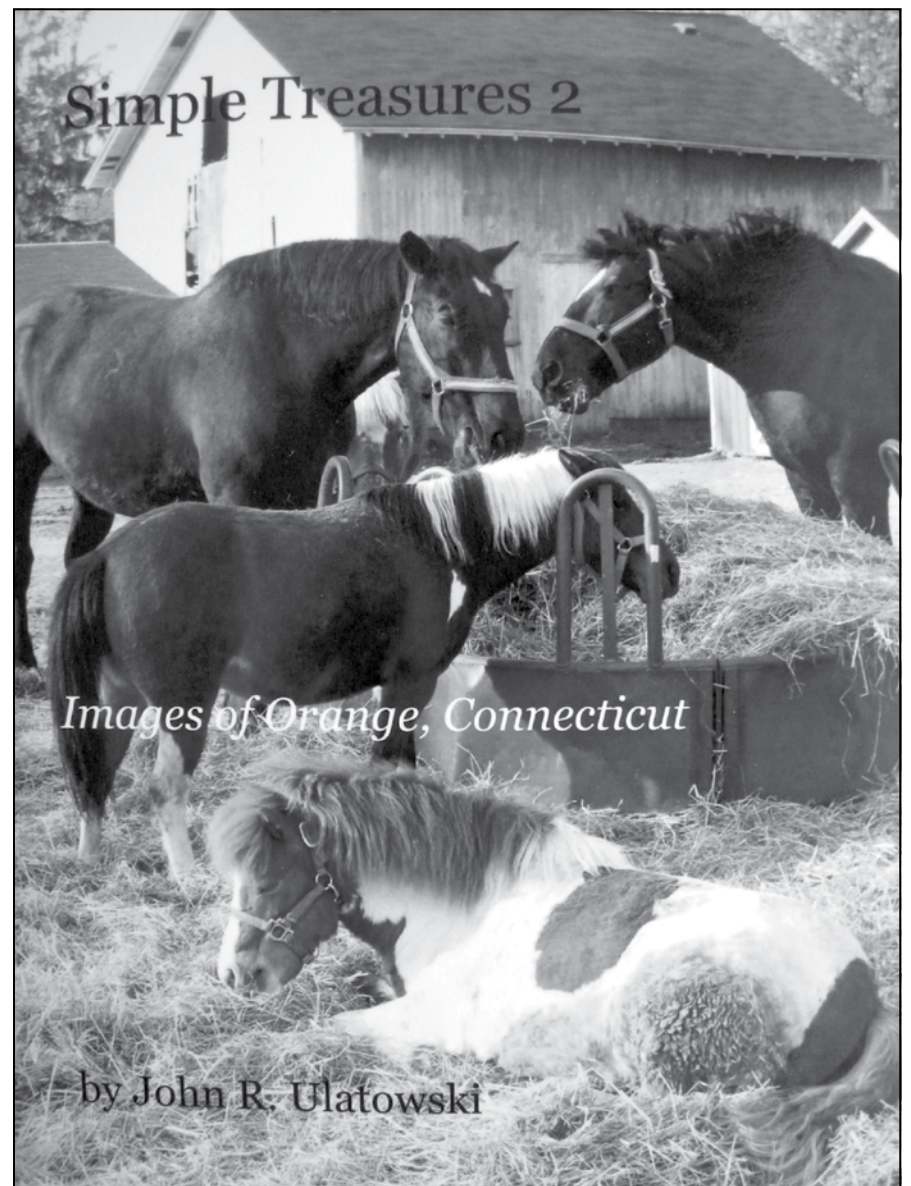
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"Simple Pleasures 2" Completed

Youth Services Director, John Ulatowski has finished his second photo book on the town of Orange entitled "Simple Treasures 2". The book contains photos of events, ceremonies, nature, town employees, residents, and interesting sites throughout the town. The book is available on Blurb.com. Just search "Simple Treasures 2." Copies are also available at the Case Memorial Library.

Case Memorial Library Increases Its Collection

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Drive (2011)
I Don't Know How She Does It (2011)
Moneyball (2011)
Portlandia, Season 1 (2011)
Splendor in the Grass (1961)
Warrior (2011)

Audiobooks

Andrews, Andy – How Do You Kill 11 Million People? (320.01)
Cussler, Clive – The Thief
Fyfield, Frances – Seeking Sanctuary
Harris, Joanne – Coastliners
Scottoline, Lisa – My Nest Isn't Empty, It Just Has More Closet Space (814.54)
Scottoline, Lisa – Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog (814.54)
Tillman, Barrett – Enterprise: America's Fightingest Ship and the Men Who Helped Win World War II (940.545)
Yalom, Irvin D. – Staring at the Sun: Overcoming the Terror of Death (155.907)

Music

Arts & Crafts – An Attitude for Gratitude (JAZZ)
Campbell, Glen – Ghost on the Canvas (COUNTRY)
Chausson, Ernest – Le Roi Arthur (OPERA)
DeJohette, Jack – Sound Travels (JAZZ)
Doors, The – L.A. Woman: 40th Anniversary Reissue (ROCK)
Dulfer, Candy – Crazy (JAZZ)
McCartney, Paul – Kisses on the Bottom (ROCK)
Mehldau, Brad – Modern Music (JAZZ)
Of Montreal – Paralytic Stalks (ROCK)
Williams, John – The Adventures of Tintin (SOUNDTRACKS/Tintin)

HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

More Imponderables and Curiosities in History...

For those of you with insatiable curiosities, the world, in its infinite wisdom, has given us many curiosities and challenges to the why and the wherefore. As holidays come and go it should be noted that the schedule, at least in the United States, has undergone some changes with the most recent presidential birthdays of Lincoln and Washington having been moved around the calendar now being celebrated as Presidents Day, the 3rd Monday in February. I wonder how many of us actually know the actual date of the births of two of our important presidents.*

November 12, Veterans Day, once called Armistice Day, at one time commemorated the end of World War I, with V-E Day and V-J noted by the newspapers as the end of World War II. Memorial Day, once known as Decoration Day was begun after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers but by the 20th century Memorial Day honored all men and women who have died while serving in the American Armed Forces. New York was the first state to observe Decoration Day as a legal holiday in 1873.



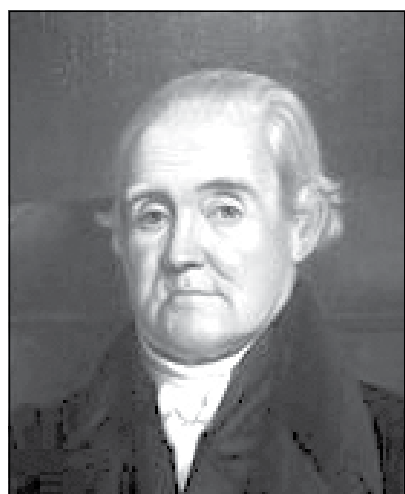
James Otis, Jr.

The southern states did not particularly embrace the north's ideas of patriotism and the dates for honoring their dead vary from state to state. Robert E. Lee's birthday is celebrated in April by the state of Alabama while Kentucky and Louisiana observe Jefferson Davis' birth on June 3rd. In 1973, Texas combined the two with its official holiday on January 19th known as Confederate Heroes Day to honor all who served in the Civil War, once referred to as the War Between the States. Pennsylvania's Division of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans observes their place in history on the 2nd Saturday in May.

Believe it or not, the original idea behind the first war to be fought on North American soil did not have the overwhelming support of those who lived here after their immigration to the Virginia and Massachusetts colonies. In fact the oft-quoted shout from Paul Revere, "The British are coming" is incorrect as most colonists still considered themselves as British. What he was shouting was that the Regulars are coming, the term used to refer to the British soldiers.

Declaring independence from Britain was still a radical idea when the 2nd Continental Congress met in May of 1775. It was an entirely new concept for people to govern themselves given being raised to revere English customs, royalty and history. Despite the excessive taxes and unfair policies, most New England colonists hoped to reach a peaceful settlement with Britain. It was James Otis, ancestor to Charles Otis whose catchphrase, "No taxation without representation" became the basic Patriot position. July 4th remains the date for celebrating this most important war.

Except to the most ardent history buff, it might not be known that as much as 90% of the gunpowder used in the war was from France and to some the reason



Noah Webster

for the American victory. Although French King Louis XVI didn't believe in individual rights and freedom from monarchy, he did like the idea of making England look bad. Of course the hope of reclaiming lost North American land in the French and Indian War had nothing to do with his decision.

In addition to the ammunition, the help of the Marquis de Lafayette as a volunteer and eventual general on George Washington's staff greatly enhanced the efforts of the colonists. To give the credit to France is a fine gesture on historians' part but the sheer determination and undaunted spirit of the colonists can't be ignored.

Being called a Yankee during this war was meant to be derogatory with its origin a bit clouded but the bottom line was that the British officers referred to the American soldiers in a disparaging manner. One such origin has been suggested from the Dutch words Jan Kees which basically meant John Cheese or the pirate Yankey. In any case it was not a bouquet of roses! The song they sang only solidified the remark with the reference to a feather in their hat and macaroni. Whatever the origin of the term macaroni it was a man's hairstyle in the 1770's, often more than 18" in height! The implication was that the American soldiers were so unsophisticated that putting a feather in their hat would make them stylish and the height of fashion.

It wasn't until 1812 that the newly formed colonies went to war again, with Britain. Although the Revolution had been won, Britain always hoped to regain what it had lost. Unprepared for another war, the young United States was once again besieged by British soldiers who marched on Washington, DC burning the White House, the Capitol and several government buildings. By this time, the United States had a navy, but inadequate to fend off the British Navy and many sailors were captured and pressed into service to the King.

In the fight for the newly formed nation to capture Canada and the British intent on retrieving the "colonies", three years of fighting ended with a Treaty pretty much returning "things" to normal. The outcome of the War of 1812, in addition to maintaining its territory, the little country was respected and national pride prevailed. From this, our National Anthem would be written, a poem entitled "Defense of Fort McHenry", by Francis Scott Key.

With all of the anti-British sentiment, it was Noah Webster, the stubborn patriot who said, "America must be as independent in literature as she is in politics". Early, in the 19th century, Webster introduced a simpler spelling, a freedom from British spelling, marking a difference between the two countries' languages. Colour became color, theatre, theater, travelling to traveling.

Just think, if all of the events in the history of the United States were to be celebrated on the day of its importance, we would have a mighty short workweek...Let's see where shall we start?

*Abraham Lincoln February 12, George Washington February 22 (Julian calendar 2/11)

Ginny Reinhard is president of the Orange Historical Society.



Turkey Hill students line up to make candles the old-fashioned way. The third in a four-part series on the History of Orange. With a grant from the Jamie Hulley Fund for the Arts, the Orange Historical Society presents the children with hands-on experiences of the 18th century.



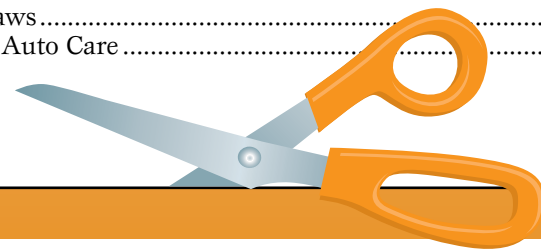
The Race Brook School Student Council recently participated in a pet drive for the New Haven Animal Shelter and the Amity Animal Rescue Fund (AARF). Race Brook families were extremely generous and showed great school spirit in filling the hallway by the school's office with dog and cat food, pet toys, and pet accessories. Some families also gave cash donations for the shelters' pet funds. Pictured are two Race Brook students in front of the Student Council's Pet Drive bulletin board. The board was filled with pictures of students' pets. The two students in the photo helped organize, promote, and deliver the supplies to the shelters.

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Peck Place parent Shari Mayerson who said the event helped “bring history to life.”

Schorr likened the experience of the Nazi occupation to the bullying that is rampant today, stressing that evil can spread if it’s not stopped. “A lot of bullying goes on in the playground. Kids can be teased for having a different skin color or religion, for wearing glasses or being fat,” she said. “You have to step in and be heroes; don’t wait for someone else to take action. My story will show you what can happen by not doing so.”

With that the trim and feisty grandmother recounted the story of her life, beginning with her happy childhood as the daughter of an upper class family who enjoyed skiing the Swiss Alps, music, and playing with friends. She showed pictures of herself as a baby and young child and family portraits -- her attractive, young parents and her little brother. Life changed in 1939 when the Nazis descended on her town, burning books by Jewish authors, breaking windows, and prohibiting Jewish children from attending school. By 1941 the Jewish townspeople were evacuated, ordered to leave their belongings and then herded into cattle cars and brought to the Jewish ghetto of Terezin. More than 50,000 strangers were jammed into cramped quarters where disease and lice were rampant and they were given just enough food to keep them alive. “We were hungry all the time. They gave us just enough so that we would not fall down,” she said. From there her family was taken to Auschwitz where conditions were even more unbearable. “The free world was silent, no one stood up and said, ‘NO,’” Schorr said.

She told of being sprayed with the pesticide DDT; seeing the huge showers that rained gas; babies ripped from their mother’s arms; cruel SS guards who would pick out the weakest prisoner and make him move piles of stones from one spot to another, only to move them back again. “My memory of Auschwitz is that there was not one day of sunshine, we were always cold and shivering. It was a constant struggle for survival that took all your energy, you survived minute to minute, you just tried to make it through the next hour,” she said. “It was horrendous and very few survived.” Schorr said the secret of her survival was to “stay invisible.” Tragically Schorr’s mother and brother died in the gas chambers, her father was shot two days before the war ended.

Schorr was visibly concerned when a steady stream of students began leaving the auditorium in tears. “I am not here to hurt you,” she told students. “Imagine I was your age when this happened. I am here to empower you. It starts right on the playground. Every one of you has to be a hero. You must vow to not stay silent. You must be the new soldiers of freedom. Never let this happen again.”

Students had many questions for Schorr after she was finished speaking. As she lifted her sleeve to show one student the tattooed number, 71569, that was her name all the years she was imprisoned, another asked, “How were you able to handle all the difficult things you saw as a child?” Schorr replied, “You must have hope and perseverance in everything you do.” Another student asked her, “How did you stay strong?” and she replied, “You have a desire to live. Life is beautiful so you stay strong. We all have crises – out of crisis you have a choice, either you are destroyed or you overcome and get stronger. When they made me shovel trenches I told myself every shovelful of dirt made me stronger.”

When the war ended Schorr went to Germany to work in a forced labor camp. She eventually came to the U.S., married, and had a son. She also has three grandchildren.

Peck Place School principal Al DeCant admits he did not expect some of the students’ reactions, but it was understandable. “Anita had powerful messages to take away from this and much of it was tough to hear,” he said.



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Orange's Noss Celebrates National Championship

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

There was just 37 seconds left in the game when the San Jose Sharks smacked a puck into the net, bringing the score to 4-3 behind the U16 Tier II Connecticut Polar Bears. But to left winger Andrea Noss, it was as if time stood still as she waited for the buzzer to sound signaling the end of the game and the beginning of the Polar Bears reign as the new 2012 National Champions. "It was the most hectic 37 seconds of my life," Noss said, noting her team rallied hard to hold onto their lead and protect their goal. The win brought an end to a successful season that included sweeping victories at the state and regional championships before winning the national honor in Frisco, Texas.

Coach Maggie Kennedy said the win was especially impressive because the team had played a game the night before the finals that went into four, 10-minute overtimes. "They played a three hour game until 9:30 at night and then had to do it again at 11 a.m.," Kennedy said. "They were exhausted. They really had to dig deep to win."

The team is made up of high school girls from around the state, most of whom play hockey on their high school or prep school teams. The girls rarely have practice time together; they usually just meet up for games which take them all over New England most weekends. "They are an amazing group - as people and as players," Kennedy said. "The girls really bonded on the trip and came together. They wanted the win and they made it look easy. It was very exciting to be a part of it."

It was the first national championship for Noss, a player on the Amity Girls Hockey team, who has been skating since she was four years old. Her introduction to skating began by accident, when her older brother Sam decided he no longer wanted to be in the Learn to Skate class he had started. "I had already paid for the session so I put Andrea in the class," said her dad, Steve. Andrea thought skating was "pretty cool" and she especially liked the prospect of playing hockey like her brother. She signed up to play on a co-ed hockey team and by the time she was 11, was even captain. Andrea still will play a game of pick-up hockey with the neighborhood guys at several of the outdoor ponds near her Robert Treat Drive home.

Kennedy said Noss is "extremely humble" about her accomplishments. "She is unbelievable on the ice and she's a consistent goal scorer. She really stepped it up at nationals to a whole new level of play. She was working very



Andrea Noss (right), along with her teammates from the Polar Bears display their 2012 National Championship Trophy.

hard every time she stepped foot on the ice," Kennedy said. "Andrea was my 'go-to' player during the games; I was very impressed with her." The girls celebrated their victory in the usual way, by dumping a cooler-full of iced water on their coach's head and having lunch together before boarding the plane for home. They even received a proclamation and an invitation from Connecticut Governor Dan Malloy to visit the capitol for a meet and greet.

Andrea's parents had as much fun as the kids. "It was the best vacation ever!" her mom, Jen said.



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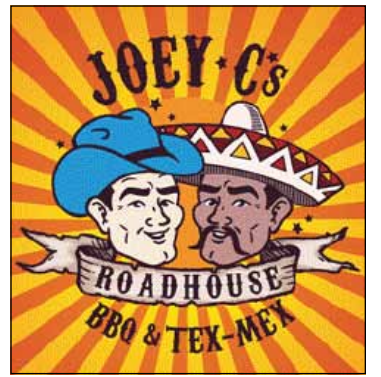


Joey C's Roadhouse

I always get very excited meeting young ambitious entrepreneurs especially ones with a passion for the restaurant business. Joe & Ania Catalano, owners of Joey C's Roadhouse Restaurant in Milford definitely fall into this category.

The eatery, which features authentic southern BBQ and Tex-Mex fare, originally opened its doors in March of 2010 on Berwyn Street in the Devon section of Milford, and was basically take-out only with a few tables. Joe & Ania (also Milford residents) developed an excellent reputation and began their journey to expansion. This hardworking couple opened their new Milford location on the Boston Post Road in January 2012 featuring a full bar & private room for special events. Most nights the place is packed with many loyal customers who are BBQ devotees from across the state and regularly make the trip to Milford – again and again.

While BBQ ribs, chicken and brisket are undeniably the "stars" at Joey C's, huge burritos, fish tacos and fajitas are equally popular. With an emphasis on fresh, high quality ingredients, all menu items are made from scratch – right down to the tortilla chips and specialty BBQ sauces sweetened with organic Agave nectar from Mexico. Also housemade are a variety of exotic hot sauces like the fruity but fiery Roasted Habanero, a Red Thai Chili and Scotch Bonnet blend better known as Joey's Heat and Mean and Green, a spicy Serrano and cilantro sauce.



Owner Joe is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, has spent the last 20 years working the circuit from California to Manhattan as a chef at gourmet restaurants, hotels and exclusive private clubs. "The time was right for me to make a big change," said Catalano. "Providing comfort food, cleanly prepared from premium ingredients, is something I've wanted to do for a long time and Joey C's Roadhouse is the realization of this vision." Ania has left her distinctive mark on the restaurant as well. Formerly the owner of Sprouts Natural Food Markets in Trumbull and Fairfield, Ania is a cookbook author, chef and caterer specializing in gourmet wholefoods, who has contributed a number of healthy eating selections on the restaurant's extensive menu. This includes several gluten-free entrees in addition to recipes that use fresh-squeezed juices and salsa made on the premises. "We also use fresh ingredients at the bar," Joe said, showing large glass jars with chunks of fruit infusing premium tequilas. "We have beers ranging from Pabst Blue Ribbon to microbrews and craft beers", Bartender Luke Lynch said he can make any cocktail a customer wants, including some that Ania came up with herself. "I keep them all in here," he said, flipping through a small album with index cards labeled "Slow Burn" and "Spike." "This is a unique place," Lynch said. "There's nothing else like it around here." Speaking of the premises, the new location of Joey C's Tex-Mex Roadhouse feels like the set of a Western movie, there is a good reason for that. Ania and Joe hired a designer who worked on the movie "True Grit" to help them capture the ambiance of the kind of place where John Wayne might have been a regular. And, in fact, "the Duke," along with Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and other old-time Western stars are at the Boston Post Road watering hole. "We have old Westerns playing non-stop in the back dining room," Joe said. "It's one of the touches we've added to make the new place feel authentic." There are wide plank floors, a stucco and exposed brick wall treatment and wooden tables with authentic cattle brands burned into the surface. Much of the wood trim comes from an old barn that had been in eastern Connecticut. The footrest at the bar is an old railroad tie; the bar itself is fashioned out of a single tree trunk. The rustic feel also features beer buckets at every table and rolls of paper towels to mop up errant barbeque sauce.

My visit to Joey C's was a very pleasant experience. I had an opportunity to sample the "Roadhouse Margarita, Sangria Rojo, Guacamole, Salsa, Chips, Coconut Mussels, the Joe-Shida Spring Roll (their tribute to the previous folks who owned the place), Da Bomb Stuffed Jalapenos, Aztec Fire Roasted Corn (those were just the appetizers)! In addition, I also tried the Roadhouse Style Ribs, Beef Brisket, Fiery Roadhouse Taco, Baja Fish Taco and most of the incredible side dishes including my favorites: Mac 'n cheese, Scalloped Potatoes, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and, of course, homemade Cornbread. All of these dishes were outstanding and I enjoyed the leftovers for a couple of days after.

Joey C's also offer daily specials including desserts, beverages and a great kid's menu. Joey C's Roadhouse is casual, family friendly restaurant with a big personality. Customers are invited to dine in or take out. Curbside takeaway and lunch deliveries are available. Joey C's Roadhouse also offers an expanded menu for full service catering, including pig roasts. For more information visit its website at www.joeycbbq.com and follow them on Facebook and Twitter to keep abreast of new menu items and special offers.

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Final notes: Joey & Ania are a terrific couple and have trained great team to back them up. Their interpretations of Southwest and Mexican dishes focusing on quality, freshness, outstanding customer service, in addition to the pleasant ambiance make them a place to put on the top of your list to visit! Remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com.

Klarides Supports "Caylee's Law" Proposal

State Rep. Themis Klarides during April 2's Judiciary Committee meeting voted for a bill that would allow law enforcement officers to charge a criminal misdemeanor offense to parents and guardians who wait longer than 24 hours to report a missing child under the age of 12.

Commonly referred to as "Caylee's Law," An Act Concerning the Reporting of a Missing Child (H.B. 5512) was initiated in response to the infamous Casey Anthony case heard in a Florida courtroom. In 2008, Anthony, who was eventually charged with first-degree murder, waited 31 days to report that her toddler Caylee was missing.



Themis Klarides

Endorsed by the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, the proposal received unanimous support from committee members through a 42-0 vote. It awaits action in the House of Representatives. "Parenthood, of course, doesn't come with a manual, but it does carry an assumed common code steeped in tremendous responsibility," said Klarides, Deputy Republican leader who represents Woodbridge, Orange and Derby. "This bill reinforces that code while placing emphasis on just how crucial those first few hours are to law enforcement officers assigned to investigate missing children cases." Klarides is a co-sponsor of the bill.

Rep. Davis Praises Jobs Program

State Representative Paul Davis (D-Milford/Orange/West Haven) welcomed the announcement that a new state jobs program called "STEP UP," which provides subsidies and grants to help small businesses hire more people, has resulted in 65 new jobs at 45 state companies.

Another 135 residents are in the process of being hired through the program, which came out of the bipartisan jobs bill passed in October. One of those businesses getting state funds to hire and train a new employee is Orange Research, a small manufacturing company in Milford.



Paul Davis

"I am pleased that Orange Research will benefit from the STEP UP program," Rep. Davis said. "This is a productive investment by the state and helping a small business hire a single worker is a step in the right direction. The program creates jobs and boosts economic revival."

The Subsidized Training & Employment Program (STEP UP) provides two types of hiring incentives - a scaled, six-month wage subsidy and a small manufacturer training grant that provides up to \$12,500 over a six-month period. Qualified participants are typically residents who may have some of the necessary job qualifications but who still require on-the-job training to meet the needs of the company.

In total, STEP UP will provide \$20 million in subsidies and training grants to help Connecticut small businesses hire more employees. Of the new jobs the program has helped create so far, positions include customer service representatives, machine operators, office assistants, carpenters, mechanics, equipment installers, shipping and receiving, fabricator, dispatch manager, tool grinders, help desk technicians and process engineers with hourly wages from \$10 to \$28.85.

To be eligible for either program, a company must employ less than 50 people and training must be provided at the business site. The new employee must be an unemployed jobseeker, and those hired under the wage subsidy program must meet certain income requirements and reside in specific municipalities, based on population or unemployment rates.

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Judge Streit-Kefalas Elected Probate Assembly President

Milford-Orange Probate Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas was unanimously elected President of the Connecticut Probate Assembly, the statewide assembly of probate judges, at its annual meeting held March 4th at the CT Supreme Court. In addition to chairing and serving on a number of committees, she has served as the Assembly's First Vice President-Judge of the Connecticut Probate Assembly, Executive and Recording Secretary.



Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas

Judge Beverly was elected as Milford's Judge of Probate in November 1998 and has been re-elected consecutively each term thereafter. In 2010, she was elected as the judge of the consolidated Milford-Orange Probate Court. She is current Chair of the Probate Assembly Weighted Workload Regulations Committee, Past Chair of its Planning Committee, and Member of its Executive and Legislative Committees. She is an originating judge of the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court, and was appointed by the Probate Court Administrator as Temporary Administrative Judge for the start up of both the Meriden-Wallingford and the New London Regional Children's Probate Courts.

Joined by her family, Judge Streit-Kefalas remarked at the meeting that the recent consolidation of the courts was handled professionally and efficiently by the judges and clerks in the system and that because of the consolidation the probate system has seen more than a \$3.0 million savings in just its first year of restructuring.

She noted that the probate courts address psychiatric commitments, conservatorships and child custody matters, often dealing with mental health and addiction disorders. Her goal as President Judge is to see the expansion of community-based services and case management through organizations like Melissa's Project to assist the independence of chronically mentally ill individuals and those facing substance and alcohol addictions. She also intends to promote increased pro bono service by lawyers and greater training opportunities for these volunteer professionals.

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Streit-Kefalas is an active volunteer in the community serving on a number of local boards and organizations. She is immediate past Chair of Communicare, Inc., a regional behavioral healthcare partnership; board and executive committee member of Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc.; and a member of the United Way of Milford. Judge Streit-Kefalas serves on The Milford Bank Board of Corporators; is a Devon Rotarian; and a member of the Meadowside Elementary School PTA and Notre Dame High School Parent Association.

Judge Beverly earned an A.B. in Economics from Smith College in 1985, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1990.

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Orange Company Benefits from Small Business Express Program

Governor Dannel P. Malloy recently announced that five Connecticut small businesses have qualified for \$1,020,000 through the state's Small Business Express Program (EXP). EXP is Governor Malloy's signature small business program that was created as a part of the bi-partisan Jobs Bill passed during last year's Special Session.

"From entrepreneurs creating cutting edge products in emerging industries to business leaders looking to expand long-standing companies, EXP is a program that demonstrates the state's commitment to Connecticut's small companies and their role in creating and protecting the jobs that will strengthen our economy," said Governor Malloy.

In total, EXP will provide \$100 million to help the state's small businesses hire more employees and fund capital investments. The program, administered by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), offers loans and matching grants to Connecticut companies with fewer than 50 employees at the time of application.

One of the five businesses to receive funding is:

Nature's First, Inc. of Orange is a manufacturer of food products sold in health food stores and supermarkets including Whole Foods, Stop and Shop, and other major regional chains. The company will retain four and create two new jobs as ownership leverages an investment of \$370,000 with a Job Creation Incentive Loan of \$100,000 and a Matching Grant of \$100,000. The funding will support the import of powder and juice pulp from India to its domestic manufacturing facility.

"The state is smart to invest in companies like Nature's First, a local manufacturer of healthy and nutritious foods," said Senator Gayle Slossberg. "This grant award sends a message that Connecticut supports small businesses and is focused on growing jobs. I want to see more success stories like this one that ends with a growing and thriving workforce."

"The bipartisan Jobs Bill passed in October continues to have a positive impact on small businesses in our local area," said Representative Paul Davis. "Nature's First inc., of Orange, which has an international presence, is another example of how government can help support job growth and small business expansion in the private sector. The benefits of this program extend to the entire community through greater employment opportunities and increased economic development."

"Helping small businesses grow strong roots here in Connecticut, and in



this region in particular, fueled my decision last fall to support an expanded menu of assistance options available to employers," said Representative Themis Klarides. "Government can't create private sector jobs, but it can certainly help create a climate where they can bloom. These types of state investments in our business community go a long way toward accomplishing that goal."

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



Malbec

Malbec is a grape variety used in making red wines. The grapes tend to have an inky dark color and robust tannins. Malbec is known as one of the six grapes allowed in the blend of red Bordeaux wine. Although of French origin, it is increasingly celebrated as an Argentine Varietal. It is now grown around the world. The Malbec grape is a thin-skinned grape and needs more sun and heat than either Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot to mature. It ripens mid-season and can bring very deep color, ample tannin and a particular plum-like component to add complexity to claret blends.

As a varietal, Malbec creates a rather inky red or violet intense wine, so it is also commonly used in blends such as with Merlot, Cabernet, Cabernet Franc and Gamay in some regions of France such as the Loire Valley. The Varietal is sensitive to frost and has a proclivity to shatter or coulure. This happens when the fruit never forms or it forms and falls off the vines. This is why its popularity in France has diminished.

Malbec is also planted in Chile and Australia. It is usually blended with other reds in these countries. The grape truly comes into its own in Argentina where Malbec is the major red variety planted and is most often bottled as single varietal. Much of the country's malbec vines were transplanted from France prior to the European outbreak of phylloxera tne; therefore, much was uncreated. (Planted on its own roots.) Sadly, over the years, phylloxera has infested Argentina as well and vineyards are now being replanted on resistant rootstock. Successful Argentine growers claim in order to develop full maturity Malbec need "hang time" even after sugar levels indicate ripeness.



Argentina's most highly rated Malbec wines originate from Mendoza's high altitude wine regions of Lujan de Cuyo and the Uco Valley. These districts are located in the foothills of the Andes mountains between 2,800 and 5,000 feet in elevation. Argentine vintner Nicolas Catena Zapata has been widely credited for elevating the status of Argentine Malbec and the Mendoza region through serious experimentation into the effects of high altitude.

Our home wine making crew made Malbec last year for the first time from grapes that were picked and placed into refrigerated containers and sent stateside right from Argentina. We received the grapes four days after picking and found the sugar and PH levels to be right on the mark so it was an easy grape to work with. We crushed it and inoculated with yeast and let it go and the results were quite good. We will be receiving our grapes in a couple of weeks and we can't wait.

Tom Smith at Racebrook Wine and Spirits recommends four Malbecs he feels are great wines and wonderful values. He likes one called Polenta at \$24.99 and is a huge wine, rich and dark with a big finish. Another is Ponta Final at \$12.99 from Argentina; a very deep dark wine. He has one from Chile called Cassone which is a medium wine, very plummy at \$12.99 and another from Argentina called Altivo. It is a lighter wine that would make a great summer drink and it is priced at \$11.99. Why not try some Malbec, 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.

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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.

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St. Vincent's Medical Center Family Support Group, 1st Tuesday of each month, 4:00-5:30pm, Elizabeth M. Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care, Level 3 Medical Oncology Conference Room, 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, for adult patients, family members and friends who are coping with a diagnosis of Leukemia, Lymphoma, Multiple Myeloma, and Hodgkin's Disease, no reservations required, free parking, facilitators are Eileen Bohan, MSW and Teresa Money McLaughlin, RN, MSN, AOCN. For more information call the SWIM line @ 203-576-6158 or email tmclaugh@stvincent.org.

St. Vincent's Medical Center Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 5:30-7:00pm, Level 4, Elizabeth Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care, St. Vincent's Medical Center, 280 Main Street, Bridgeport, no reservations required, free parking w/validated ticket, Facilitators are Maureen Pelletier, RN, OCN, Nannette Persico, RN, OCN, and Joyce Flynn, Network of Strength Volunteer. For more information, call 203-576-6158 or email tmclaugh@stvincent.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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Muscular Dystrophy Association Presents "Memories of Elvis" Featuring Michael Hoover, Saturday, April 21, 2012, 8:00pm-1:00am, Westwoods (Italian American Club), Chase Lane, West Haven. Tickets \$25/pp. For ticket information, call Geri Caccavale at 203-795-5473 or Lucy Prokoc at 203-468-2528.

Milford Camera Club Meeting, Saturday, April 28, 2012, 7:00pm, Margret Egan Center, Room 139, 35 Matthew Street, Milford, meetings are free and open to the public, visitors welcome. This meeting is an open competition for paid members. For more information, email www.milfordcameraclub.org or call Co-President Chuck Fleischman at 203-874-2787.

Friends of the Library Lucy Scillia Scholarship Application Deadline, Monday, April 30, 2012, \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors who are residents of Orange and plan to major in Library Science, English or Education. Applications are available online at www.casememoriallibrary.org.

Orange Masonic Lodge Scholarship Application Deadline, Tuesday, May 15, 2012, two \$1,000 medical scholarships for college students studying counseling, social services, psychology, psychiatry, nursing, medicine, social work, gerontology or pharmacology and having completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, maintain minimum GPA of 2.75, must be a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of a member of Orange Lodge #143 or a resident of the town of Orange. Also two \$1,000 Orange Lodge Family Scholarships for a daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece or nephew of a member of Orange Lodge #143, must have completed a minimum of two semesters in their chosen field, and maintained a minimum GPA of 2.75. Interested students should send a synopsis of credentials and accomplishments within their chosen field along with a current school transcript to: Orange Lodge Scholarship Committee, Mr. Elmer F. Manley, Chairman, 1014 Fernbrook Road, Orange, CT 06477-1011. For information call (203) 799-2651 or email hcbypolly@yahoo.com, Subject: Scholarship.

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Three hockey teams (Midget A, Bantam A and PeeWee A) from the Wonderland of Ice Wizards Youth Hockey Program, located in Bridgeport, CT won their State Championship Tournaments and will now represent the State of Connecticut while competing for the National Title. This is the first time in the nine years of operation, that the Wonderland Wizards are sending three teams to National Championships. The rink is run by Lisa Fedick, General Manager, and John Ferguson, also Orange residents.

The Midgets (15/16yrs old) competed in Green Bay, Wisconsin and the Bantams (13/14yrs old) competed in Wayne, NJ.

The PeeWee A team (11/12yr old) competed in Reston, VA just outside Washington, D.C. The PeeWee A team's record this 2011-12 Season is (64) wins (10) losses (10) ties. The team consists of 16 players, 3 of which are local Orange residents: Tommy Driscoll, Mac Deane and Charlie Csejka. They all attend Amity Middle School ~ Orange Campus.

The Governor & Mayor came down to the rink on Saturday, March 24th, to wish them well at their respective Nationals. The Governor said, "I want you to be proud of what you have accomplished. Very few have accomplished what you have in your relatively short careers. The rules you have learned on the ice are going to make you successful for the rest of your life."



(left to right) 1st Row: Anthony DiStefano, Caitlyn Welch, Angela Duro; 2nd Row: Master Chris Sansonetti, Shana Williams, Jake Hollander

Orange Students Win at Karate Tournament

Students from the Orange Recreation Karate Program won trophies at the Federation Challenge Forms & Breaking Tournament in Waterbury on March 18, 2012. Anthony DiStefano placed 1st in Forms, Caitlyn Welch placed 2nd in Forms and 3rd in Breaking, Angela Duro placed 1st in Forms, Shana Williams placed 1st in Breaking and 2nd in Forms and Jake Hollander placed 4th in Forms. Master Sansonetti of Superior Karate congratulates his students and for their accomplishments. Superior Karate also teaches classes in Stratford, Trumbull, Ansonia and Monroe. For more info call 203-783-9768 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.

Orange Fields New Home for Amity Rugby Club

In just its third season the rugby club at Amity High School has over 30 students as members and this season will play clubs from Fairfield, Stamford, Cheshire, Southington, Staples, Madison, New London and Hartford. The rugby club now boasts more participants than most other varsity programs at the school. Like other start-up organizations the club is run entirely by volunteer parents and coaches with no assistance from the school other than a hard working math instructor club advisor Mr. DeMeo. The next scheduled home match is May 6th against greater New London.

With the club now gaining popularity and with no use of the schools facilities available, the parents turned to the Town of Orange and asked for use of the field at the Community Center for a few home games. The town has enthusiastically allowed the boys use of the field. All players, the club itself and coaches are registered and insured so the town has no liability to be concerned about and the club has a policy of no tolerance of litter or misuse of town property. After a recent home game against Stamford Academy the field and facilities used for the after game meal were spotless.

"I'm living a dream" was what club parent and founder Ed Walsh exclaimed after the Stamford game. "I knew when we were starting the club in 2010, that eventually we would have a bulk of our players coming from Orange, so it is very fitting we call Orange our home". "My guess is even if the club reaches its goal of varsity status at Amity that our community center field remains our home field, but time will tell. The rugby program will likely have over 40 kids playing next year and adding a girls club too".

Nearly sixty percent of the 2012 players in the club are from Orange including: Andrew Esposito, Zach Fiscella, Pat Flynn, Owen Flynn, Skye Zawadski, Ian Maier, John Mizzzone, Giancarlo Pacelli. Nick Poulin, Liam Reilly, Mike Butler, Lyle Luth, Anthony Sanchez, Tyler Bishop, Dakota Owen and John Gagle. Students interested in learning about rugby are still welcome to join the club at any time. www.amityrugby.org.

Spring Karate Classes Offered

The Orange Park and Recreation is offering karate classes for ages 4 - adult. The new 8-week spring session starts May 8th, 2012 at the High Plains Community Center. Master Sansonetti also teaches in Stratford, Trumbull, Ansonia and Monroe. For more info call 203-783-9768 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.



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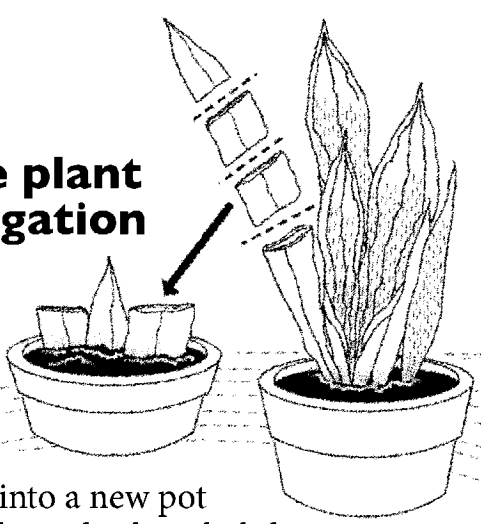
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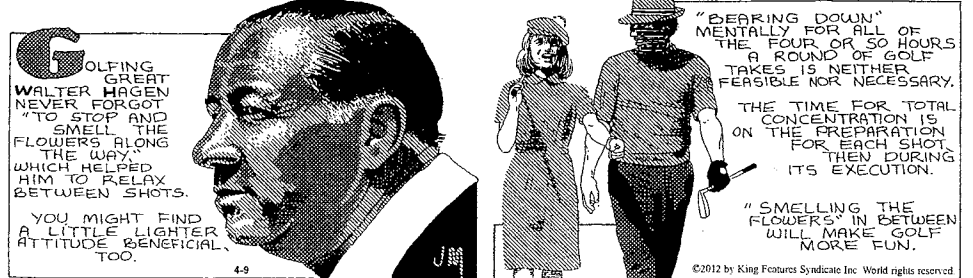
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New plants can be grown from the common *Sanseveria*, or snake plant, just from snipping sections of its upright leaves and inserting them into a new pot of soil. Roots will form if the soil is kept lightly moist, and the young plants are given indirect sunlight.

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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

1. **The Hunger Games (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
2. **Wrath of the Titans (PG-13)**
Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson
3. **Mirror Mirror (PG)**
Julia Roberts, Lily Collins
4. **21 Jump Street (R)**
Chris Parnell, Johnny Pemberton
5. **Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG)**
animated
6. **John Carter (PG-13)**
Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins
7. **Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13)**
Emily Blunt, Ewan McGregor
8. **Act of Valor (R)**
Roselyn Sanchez, Jason Cottle
9. **A Thousand Words (PG-13)**
Eddie Murphy, Kerry Washington
10. **Journey 2: The Mysterious Island 3D (PG)**
Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R)**
Daniel Craig
2. **The Descendants (R)**
George Clooney
3. **The Sitter (R)**
Jonah Hill
4. **Immortals (R)**
Henry Cavill
5. **Jack and Jill (PG)**
Adam Sandler
6. **Hop (PG)**
animated
7. **Tower Heist (PG-13)**
Ben Stiller
8. **The Adventures of Tintin: The Secret of the Unicorn (NR)**
animated
9. **The Muppets (PG)**
Jason Segel
10. **Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (R)**
Gary Oldman



Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **fun feat. Janelle Monae**
"We Are Young"
2. **Kelly Clarkson**
"Stronger (What Doesn't Kill You)"
3. **The Wanted**
"Glad You Came"
4. **Gotye feat. Kimbra**
"Somebody That I Used To Know"
5. **Nicki Minaj**
"Starships"
6. **Adele**
"Set Fire to the Rain"
7. **Flo Rida feat. Sia**
"Wild Ones"
8. **Katy Perry**
"Part of Me"
9. **Drake feat. Rihanna**
"Take Care"
10. **David Guetta feat. Nicki Minaj**
"Turn Me On"



Gotye and Kimbra

Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Jake Owen**
"Alone With You"
2. **Taylor Swift**
"Ours"
3. **Lee Brice**
"A Woman Like You"
4. **Blake Shelton**
"Drink On It"
5. **Lady Antebellum**
"Dancin' Away With My Heart"
6. **George Strait**
"Love's Gonna Make It Alright"
7. **Rascal Flatts**
"Banjo"
8. **Montgomery Gentry**
"Where I Come From"
9. **Miranda Lambert**
"Over You"
10. **Dierks Bentley**
"Home"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Adepero Oduye stars in "Pariah"

romantic-comedy period drama about his life before he was a famous writer. He fails his law exams and gets flung out into the country to work under a head prosecutor. Goethe manages to fall for exactly the wrong girl: She is beautiful, but her father wants her to marry Goethe's boss. How romantic and tawdry and Victorian.

It's not until later in the story that our Goethe has anything to do with writing famous poetry -- the real focus is on the gorgeous rolling landscapes, and the things people do in them while wearing authentic costumes.

"Pariah" (R) -- Coming of age and coming out stories have been done before, but this debut of writer/director Dee Rees shows fresh perspective and powerful storytelling. Alike (Adepero Oduye) is 17 years old, lives with her parents in Brooklyn and has no idea how to move forward with her life as a lesbian.

The dynamic between Alike and her parents -- and the dynamic between the parents themselves -- feels authentic. The marriage is already strained, and how can she not feel guilty knowing that her identity causes even more tension? To be a pariah is to be an outcast, but this film shows real compassion for its protagonist.

DOG OF THE WEEK

"The Wicker Tree" (R) -- Two Christian missionaries from America are led down the rabbit hole by a bunch of dirty Scottish pagans. It's not very scary or suspenseful, and it mostly falls flat when trying to bring in its own humor. At least in the 2006 "The Wicker Man," we all got to laugh as Nick Cage tried to overact his way out of being a human sacrifice. Truly, even the most empathetic person alive had to laugh at the scene where he's stung by bees. There just isn't any of that hilarious bathos in this flick, so you can skip it.

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 23, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Contraband" (R) -- Mark Wahlberg grimaces his way through another formulaic thriller, but manages to bring in the goods. Chris (Wahlberg) is a smuggler-turned-straight who loves his wife (Kate Beckinsale) and his two sons. A botched drug deal lands his brother-in-law in deep trouble with some bad guys, so Chris has to enter the criminal world for one last run.

Wahlberg gets to do tough-guy stuff while being backed by a more comedic -- and better characterized -- supporting cast. You'll be pulled in right away, but it's another question as to whether you'll be engaged enough when the plot twists start to fly later in the film.

"Young Goethe in Love" (NR) -- Goethe was a German romantic poet. Congratulations, you are now qualified to watch this highly fictionalized

1. What were The Blue Velvets?
2. Which male artist was known as the Prince of Wails?
3. What did Michael Jackson, Lesley Gore, Miles Davis and Frank Sinatra have in common?
4. The Mother McCree's Uptown Jug Champions was the second name of which band?
5. Name the band that released "More Than a Feeling" and "Peace of Mind."
6. Which singer/songwriter penned and released "Free Fallin'" and "I Won't Back Down"?



1. The Blue Velvets (1959) were John Fogerty's first band. He later formed The Collingwoods (1964), and then Encounters of the Third Kind. 2. Johnnie Ray. He was probably the first singer to incite teen fans to hysteria and crying that would later become common with groups such as the Beatles. 3. All had albums produced by Quincy Jones. Over the years, Jones has racked up a 27 Grammy wins as producer. 4. The Grateful Dead. Founded by Jerry Garcia, Bob Weir, Ron McKernan, Phil Lesh and Bill Kreutzmann, the band had a brief initial run as The Warlocks. 5. Boston, in 1976 and 1977, respectively. "Feeling" was used in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." 6. Tom Petty in 1989, on his solo "Full Moon Fever" album.

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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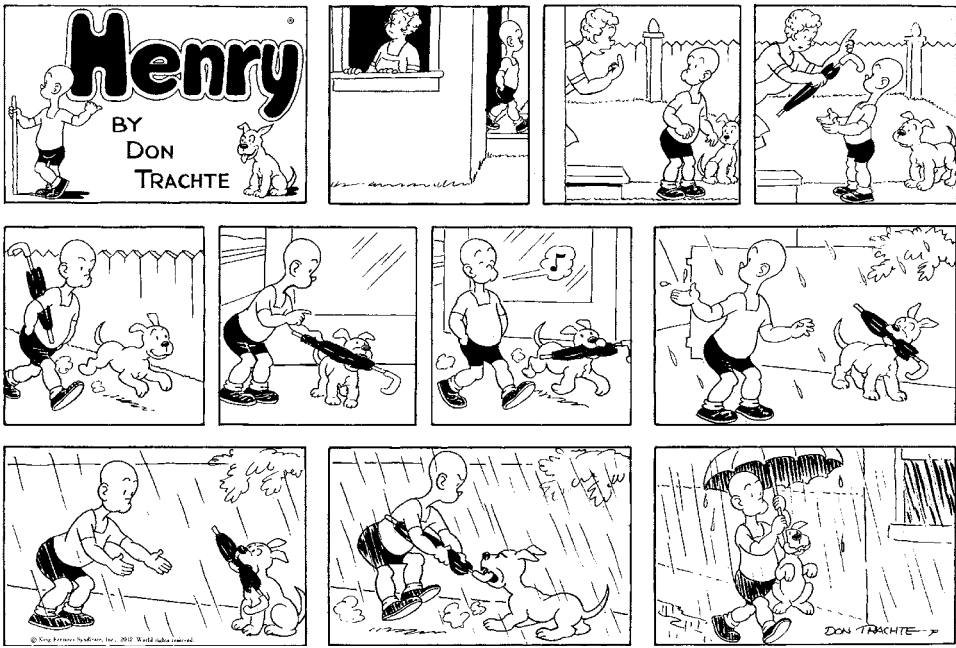
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Angelina Jolie in "Maleficent"

HOLLYWOOD -- On the heels of Julia Robert's beautiful evil witch in "Mirror, Mirror," word is that Angelina Jolie is set to play the title role in the witch who gave "Sleeping Beauty" a nap she'd never forget. Based on the 1959 Disney feature cartoon, this will be live action from the witch's point of view, with possibly Elle Fanning as Princess Aurora/Briar Rose.

Angelina views "Maleficent" not as an evil queen, but as misunderstood. "I hope in the end you see a woman who's capable of being many things and just protects herself and is aggressive. It doesn't mean she can't have other, warmer qualities. She's a great person. She's not perfect; she's far from perfect." Well, that should be an interesting take on a big bad witch ... warm qualities and a great person!

Julia Roberts goes right from her publicity tour for "Mirror, Mirror" into "August: Osage County," the Pulitzer Prize-winning Broadway show now becoming a movie. She plays Meryl Streep's daughter, who tries to overcome certain differences when her drug-addicted mother goes missing. Then, Julia takes on "The Normal Heart," another play being made into a film.

She'll be surrounded by top-notch actors such as Jim Parsons (of "The Big Bang Theory"), Oscar nominee Mark Ruffalo, "30 Rock" Emmy winner Alec Baldwin, and "White Collar" hunk Matt Bomer. It's the story of a gay activist trying to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS during the early 1980s. At one time, Barbra Streisand owned the screen rights and worked with author Larry

Kramer to come up with a script, but couldn't agree on script changes and gave up.

Shame on HBO for cancelling "Luck." The cable network was so excited to have Oscar-winning actor Dustin Hoffman in its stable that it renewed the show for a second season after it drew critical acclaim and 1.1 million viewers for its premiere. But HBO was disappointed when "Luck" attracted only 500,000 viewers thereafter. In the early part of the season, two horses were injured during racing scenes and had to be put down. Then, a third horse reared back while going to the stable, hit its head on a rock and was put down as well.

Shooting of horse-racing scenes was suspended while an investigation was conducted, which gave HBO the perfect opportunity to cancel the show. The California Horse Racing Board's equine medical director, Dr. Rick Arthur, was quoted as saying, "Horse fatalities are not uncommon at the race track. It's not as outrageous as it's been played to be." Sad that HBO didn't give "Luck" a chance to find its audience. Well, Dustin, sometimes your "Luck" runs out before the race is over!

Send letters to Tony Rizzo's Hollywood, 8306 Wilshire Blvd., No. 362, Beverly Hills, CA 90211.

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Macrame and origami
- 5 Spill the beans
- 9 Swine home
- 12 Old Italian money
- 13 Parks or Bonheur
- 14 Rage
- 15 "Animal House" event
- 17 Aviv preceder
- 18 Garb
- 19 "Monopoly" building
- 21 Therefore
- 22 "SNL" alumna

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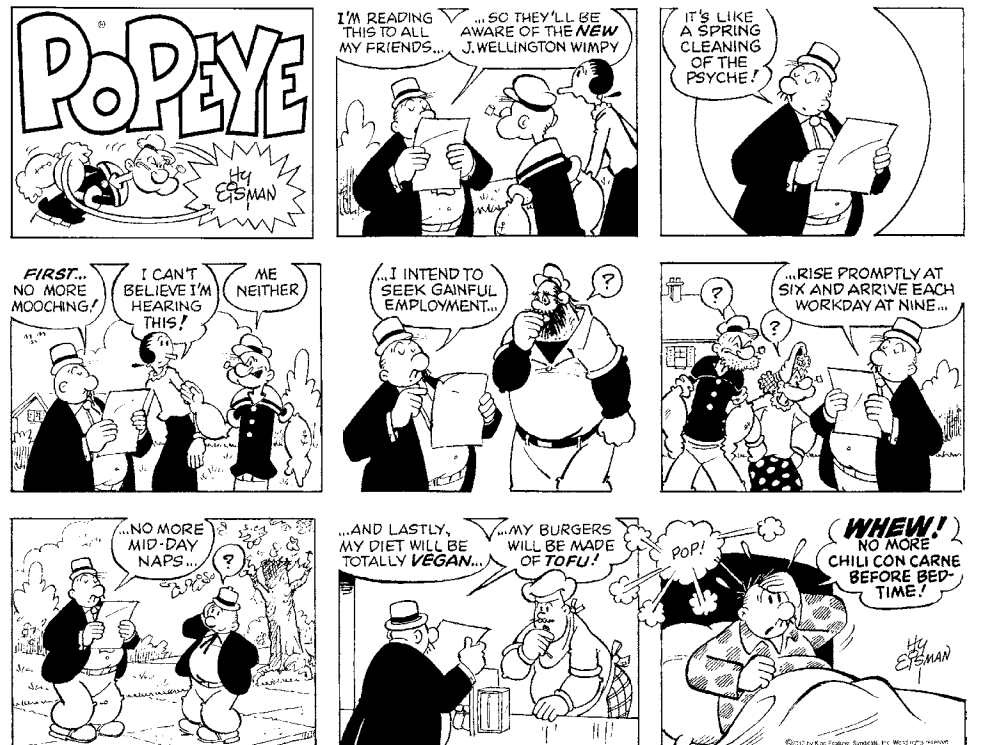
- 41 Backbone
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- 51 Potsdam pronoun
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- 55 Old letter opener?
- 56 Appear
- 6 Journal
- 7 Blond shade
- 8 Wash in a tub
- 9 Wait patiently
- 10 Genealogy chart
- 11 Holler
- 16 To and --
- 20 Acapulco gold
- 22 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 23 Sacred
- 24 Collection
- 25 Meadow
- 26 Fine
- 27 Biography
- 29 Carnival city
- 30 Kreskin's claim
- 35 Inmate
- 37 Parsley servings
- 39 "La Toilette" painter
- 40 Coffee vessel
- 41 Take to the pool
- 42 Gait
- 43 Finds the sum
- 44 Look lustfully
- 45 Roller coaster cry
- 46 Goblet feature
- 49 Sapporo sash
- 50 "-- the ramparts "

DOWN

- 11 -- Romeo
- 2 Urban disturbance
- 3 Horse's gait
- 4 Great cruelty
- 5 Cheese choice

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A sudden change of plans could lead to a misunderstanding with a friend or family member. Be ready to offer a full explanation of your decision. A past favor is returned.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Expect pressure from those who want you to change your position on a matter of importance. However, the determined Bovine will be able to withstand the bullying and win out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's time to stop dwelling on past disappointments and move on to other possibilities. By week's end, you'll be meeting new people and making new plans for the future.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A long-simmering situation between co-workers threatens to heat up and could create problems with your work schedule. Best advice: Consult a supervisor on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might have just learned that someone close to you is keeping a secret. And, of course, the Cat's curiosity has gone into overdrive. But be patient. All is revealed soon enough.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Don't give up. The recognition citing the good work you recently did will come through. Meanwhile, an opportunity opens up that can lead to a lot

of traveling later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A financial crunch eases, but it's still a good idea to keep a tight rein on what you spend for nonessentials. Education becomes a major focus as the week winds down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Recent encounters with stressful situations could require some restorative measures to get your energy levels back up. Talk to your doctor about a diet and exercise program.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) New connections follow changes on the job or in your personal life. But keep your feelings reined in until these relationships have a chance to develop.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Pay more attention to your aches and pains, and avoid self-diagnoses. Seek professional advice to make sure these problems won't lead to something more serious.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You love doing research and learning new things, so you'll be happy to know that education becomes a big part of your life at this time, and for some time to come.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your Piscean penchant for doing things logically could be challenged by an equally strong emotional reaction to a new situation. Best advice: Keep the two factors in balance.

BORN THIS WEEK: ttand nature. You would be an excellent environmentalist, as well as a fine singer or musician.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"Whoever caught THAT fish is a natural-born liar!"

LAFF-A-DAY



"Dear, I've just come from the doctor—and guess what my allergy is!"

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"It's been grand! We enjoyed every month of it."

Getting the Poop on Poop-Eating



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I recently read an article that said to use Super B complex to stop stool eating in dogs. Have you heard of this? My veterinarian has not. If so, what is the dosage? The article I read referred to golden retrievers, but my dogs weigh 35 to 45 pounds. I don't want to overdose them. -- Dianne E., via email

DEAR DIANNE: Poop-eating, known scientifically as coprophagia, is a troublesome habit in which dogs will sniff and eat their own stools or those of other animals. As you can imagine, this behavior is not only disgusting but potentially unhealthy. And it sure makes you not want to kiss your dog.

Coprophagia is such a big problem that there are entire websites devoted to it. Vernon Lee's dogpoopdiet.com is one such site. It's clearly laid out and offers plenty of information both on possible causes of the behavior -- from health issues to attention-seeking -- and ways to deter it.

As far as giving your dog a B complex supplement, it appears to address the possibility that a dog is not getting enough of certain nutrients, including vitamin B, which is leading to his behavior. B vitamins are found naturally in foods like liver, kidney, heart, eggs and kelp, and in ingredients like yeast and wheat germ. Pet stores and health-food stores both sell B complex supplements for both humans and dogs.

The vitamin supplement is water-soluble and tends to break down quickly when exposed to air or water, so according to some advocates, an overdose is unlikely. However, you should check dosage rates for your dogs through their vet, or a holistic practitioner, or by searching on the Internet or visiting manufacturers websites for recommended amounts.

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.

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ARTS & LEISURE



Art Exhibit Celebrates a Life's Work

During the month of May, Case Memorial Library's Art in the Library's exhibit will feature the artwork of Jamie Alaine Hulley in celebration of her life and the ten year anniversary of the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation created in her memory. The collection features many old favorites and some never-before-seen treasures. A reception will take place on Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 5-7 pm, 176 Tyler City Rd in Orange, 203-891-2170, www.orange.lioninc.org.



Davis Gallery Director, Jennifer Duff, and Artist, Dara Tomeo.



The opening and examples of Dara's work.

Davis Gallery

The Saturday, March 10th, Opening Reception for Fairfield Artist, Dara Tomeo, at the Davis Gallery in Orange, was a very well attended event and an outstanding success for Dara. At her opening of "Watercolor Inspirations", Ms. Tomeo sold a number of her luminous and colorful works in this, her first individual showing, as she displayed thirty-seven examples of her artistic talent. Dara's showings are greatly varied, featuring brightly colored floral arrangements, serene flowing waters, joyful beach scenes, enticing food illustrations, lovable groups of cows, and excellent portraiture from impressionistic to realism.

Dara, who studied watercolor at the Studio in Fairfield CT, and at New Canaan Silvermine School of Art with Alex McFarlane and is now mentored by Phyllis Rutigliano, has been creating watercolor art since childhood. She said, "A good painting offers a fresh new way in which to see our world." Her favorite expression of art is watercolor and that her most exciting paintings are the ones in which the beauty of water pervades the painting.

Dara Tomeo's brilliantly colored watercolors are definitely worth a visit to the Davis Gallery. Dara's paintings are now in the Gallery's, "Past Presented" wing, where Dara Tomeo and examples of other artists are currently on display, including, Graham Dale, Steve Bollman, Mick Marsden, Mark Dittmar, Joan Handschumacher, Jennifer Duff, Maiga Doocy, Natalie Fifer and E.M. Carlson.

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



ARTS & LEISURE



Peck Place School's Sixth Grade Performing Arts Grant

The Peck Place School's sixth grade was the recipient of a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation for the fourth year. The grant was used as a vehicle for enhancing the curriculum while giving students authentic experiences in the world of arts. The six-week drama workshop was conducted by the Jared Andrew Studio for the Performing Arts. The workshop taught children elements of acting that will help them grow as actors and individuals.

Jared Andrew Brown received his BFA in Music Theatre from The Hart School where he has also choreographed. Jared's directing and choreographing have graced the stages of The Little Theatre of Manchester, The Seven Angels Theatre, as well as various high school and community stages throughout the northeast. Jared's students have gone on to join the casts of Mary Poppins on Broadway, the national tour of Annie, as well as appear nationally in commercials. The Jared Andrew Studio for the Performing Arts opened up its doors in May 2005 in North Haven; offering private and group lessons in voice, acting and dance - without the "fluff" of recitals or competitions! In 2010, Andrew opened The Square Foot Theater, a 250 seat theater located in The Hamden Plaza.

The Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of young artists who share in Jamie's creative passion and her love of taking artistic risks. The Foundation's goal is to provide opportunities for young artists that will help them to expand their artistic talent and to pursue their dreams - a fitting legacy for Jamie. For more information regarding the Jamie Hulley Arts Foundation, please visit the website at www.jamiehulleyartsfund.org.

Literacy Center Of Milford Book & Author Brunch

On Sunday, May 6th, the Literacy Center of Milford will hold its 4th Annual Book and Author Brunch at the Milford Yacht Club. It is an opportunity for the community to gather and honor our local authors.

Our panel of authors is diverse. Sandra Rodriguez Barron, writer and Milford resident, is the author of *Stay with Me*, a novel about the lives of 5 abandoned toddlers in Puerto Rico. Claire Criscuolo's book, *Welcome to Claire's*, contains "35 years of recipes and reflections from the Landmark Vegetarian Restaurant." Eric Berlin, children's author and Milford resident, continues the escapades of Winston Breen in *The Puzzler's Mansion*. Children will love to solve the puzzles within the book and share in the excitement of solving a mystery.

The Literacy Center of Milford provides a quality program where people can find the help and support they require to meet their literacy needs. Adults are taught English at all levels while others obtain help in mastering basic reading, writing, and math skills.

For information on how to register for the Brunch or for information on our programs, please go to www.literacycenterofmilford.com or contact Phyllis Gwatkin at 203.795.4549.



OACC Opens "The Gallery at Town Hall"

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is proud to announce the official opening of The Gallery at Town Hall, a joint venture of the Council and the Town of Orange. The Gallery is an intimate exhibit space, a part of the initiative to put art in public spaces, and is located on the second floor of the Town Hall (617 Orange Center Road, Orange). The Gallery has a cable hanging system hanging apparatus comprised of flexible cables and hooks. The apparatus allows for a wide range of possibilities when determining how to configure artwork on the walls.

The opening exhibit will feature the work of Graham Dale, a local artist who has exhibited in the U.S.A. and abroad, and is well known as a teacher as well. Some of the work will feature scenes of Orange and will be exhibited from May 1st to June 30th; Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30 P.M. There will be an opening reception on May 9th from 5:00-7:00 P. M. The artist will be in attendance and light refreshments will be served.

One of the benefits of exhibiting at The Gallery at Town Hall is that an artist's work will become part of OACC's Encore Virtual Gallery, an online exhibit linked to the OACC website and displayed for up to 12 months following the closing of the exhibit at Town Hall.

The OACC has issued a call for interested artists to submit completed applications containing contact information along with images of three pieces of their work in jpeg format on a CD. Each submitted piece must be identified by title, medium and size. Acceptable submissions are not limited to paintings, drawings and photography. All wall-mountable media can be submitted. Submissions are due annually by June 1st and should be sent to:

The Gallery at Town Hall
c/o Lucia Bloom, Chair
821 Racebrook Road
Orange, CT 06477.

Artists wishing to exhibit their work may obtain Exhibit Guidelines and Application Forms at orangeartsandculturecouncil.org or from the information display rack located in the Gallery.

International Concert Artist to Perform in Orange

The Board of Music Ministry, in conjunction with the New Haven Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, will host Dutch organist Henk Galenkamp in concert at the Orange Congregational Church. Mr. Galenkamp will perform at the church as part of his American tour. He appears on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 4:00 pm. The virtuoso will play the newly dedicated custom-built Odell pipe organ in the sanctuary of the historic Meetinghouse, located on the town green. The admission cost is \$10 and tickets will be available at the door. For more information please call 203-795-9749.

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Celebration of Learning

Fifth Grade students at Turkey Hill School participated in a Celebration of Learning on Thursday, April 5th, after completing units on the Revolutionary War and the Constitution. Prior to this celebration, students had each been assigned an important figure from the Revolutionary War period. Such figures included Thomas Paine, Nathan Hale, and Patience Wright. In school, students researched their person to create a summary of their life and contributions to the war period. From this research students then created a poster and speech, as if they were that person. At the celebration, students participated in a mock Madame Tussauds. They each pretended to be a wax statue of their historical figure. Next to each person was a button. When participants in the audience came and "pressed" their button, each student came to life and delivered their speech. Fifth Grader, Hannah Hayes, exclaimed, "I loved the presentation, because it felt like going back in time! It was a fun way to learn about all the important people who took part in the American Revolution." Also at the Celebration of Learning, each class performed a Readers' Theater. Readers' Theaters were performed on the Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party, and the Constitution. In addition, all students sang a song in between each play. They rocked out to, "Revolution Revolution," "America the Beautiful", and "The Preamble". The morning was filled with smiles and laughter that all students, parents, and teachers will remember for years to come!



"Orange Community Nursery School was pleased to welcome Youth Officer Aquino to teach the 3-year-old class about Safety. They are pictured here taking a pledge to make safe choices at home and in public. Each student earned a badge-sticker from the Orange Police Department and got a personal tour of the inside of the famous yellow DARE Corvette!"

ATTENTION AREA BUSINESSES!



Help Celebrate the Town of Orange's 190th Anniversary Celebration

Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 7th (rain date Sunday, July 8th)
Orange Fairgrounds - Gazebo
525 Orange Center Road, Orange

The town of Orange is celebrating its 190th Birthday this year! As part of the celebration the town is holding an event on Saturday, July 7th at the Orange Fairgrounds. The anniversary ceremony will be followed by the Town's Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display.

The concert band will soon be announced by the Orange Special Events Committee and the Fireworks Display will be performed by national renowned "Zambelli Fireworks Company". The Orange Town News is organizing this year's fireworks display and will be producing a "Commemorative Program" for the event.

Be a Sponsor!

The Orange Town News is inviting area businesses to be a sponsor for the July 7th celebration. This is a great opportunity to not only support this great community event, but to promote your business in the Commemorative Program and promotional materials for the event. This is one of the towns most anticipated and best attended event and this year promises to be more spectacular than ever. Your sponsorship makes this event possible and is tax deductible. All funds raised support the fireworks display and the publishing/ mailing of all promotional materials.



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Support the Town of Orange's 190th Anniversary Celebration

Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Display

Date: Saturday, July 7th
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Time: Anniversary Celebration 6:30 pm, Concert 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Fireworks Display 9:30 - 10:00 pm.
Concert Band: TBA - Presented by the Orange Special Events Committee.
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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

Church of the Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

Shepherd's Café: We are pleased to announce that 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. Church services are available at 12:30 for those who would like to attend. 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. This is a new ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd and a partnership between the church and Community Services. 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.



Church of the Good Shepherd

Weekly Services: *Sundays* 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Coffee and conversation after the 8:00 am service and after the 10:30 am services.); 5:30 am (Come just as you are Worship Service: Light supper after the service.). *Wednesdays* 12:30 pm (Eucharist with laying on of hands); 7:00 pm (Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion)

Bible Study: Held every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Women's Spirituality: Starting on Thursday, April 26th. If you would like to deepen your relationship with God, through conversation, reading and group spiritual direction, join other likeminded women as companions on this journey of faith. We will meet the fourth Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6 pm in the parish hall. For more information contact Rev. Ann at rectorofcgs@optonline.net or call the office at 203-795-6577.



State Science Fair Champions

The hard work and determination of nine middle school students from Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy in Orange was recognized and awarded at the 64th Annual Connecticut State Science Fair held March 13th - 17th, 2012 at Quinnipiac University. All of the students, from both seventh and eighth grades, received top recognition and prestigious awards for their exceptional science projects.

Eighth graders Rivka Kantor (Westport) and Bracha Hecht's (Orange) project Analysis of Omega Oils as Cancer Inhibitors and Antioxidants plus Effect on Cell Bioavailability received the Pfizer Life Sciences Awards - 1st Place - Life Sciences Middle School Team, which has a \$100 and trophy prize for each and an invite to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS competition.

Eighth grader Hadassah Sessel's (Orange) project Analysis of Local Watershed and River Contaminated Sediments, and Effect on River and Long Island Sound Waters received Pfizer Life Sciences Awards - 2nd Place - Life Sciences 8th grade, which has a \$200 and trophy prize and invite to compete in the Broadcom MASTERS competition; Audubon Connecticut & Arch Chemicals Environmental Awards - MS Finalist, which has Audubon gifts, CSF Medallion and Acrylic Award; Office of Naval Research - U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine - Middle School, which has a Certificate and \$50 gift card to Amazon given by CSF; Long Island Sound Foundation, Inc. - \$500 Life Science/Environmental Science/Physical Science Award; Southeastern New England Marine Educators - \$75 award and membership in SENEME - 1st Place Junior & T-Shirt; Schoepfer Award for Excellence in Local Aquatic Science - for excellence in local water quality study, which has a \$100 prize; and The Maritime Aquarium Environmental Stewardship Award, which has a 1 year Family Membership, Family iMax, and Family Cruise prize.

Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy is located at 261 Derby Avenue, Orange. For more information about the school, call 203-795-5261.

Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events

"Hot Topics" with Rabbi Wainhaus, Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30 pm : Rabbi Wainhaus switches from Wednesday day classes to evenings. His next topic is: WHY BAPTIZE ANN FRANK?: Mormonism's penchant for baptizing Holocaust victims. Non-members welcome.

Youth Group Car Wash, Sunday, May 6 11:30 am - 2:30 pm. This is the Youth Group's final fundraiser of the year, only \$5 per car!

Sisterhood's Annual Martini's & Mah Jong, Thursday, May 17, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Please come and join us for an evening of fun. This is your opportunity to learn how to play Mah Jongg, a great game that has been played for hundreds of years. If you already know how to play, you can get together with a group and enjoy an evening with friends. \$5 per person, reservations required. Contact Robin Ben-Eli at 203-799-0014 or ben-eli@sbcglobal.net.

Zumba Gold: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Join Zumba Gold with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

Naming Babies: Does your Jewish child need a Hebrew name? If so, we will provide him/her with one. There is no charge and this is open to Congregation Or Shalom members and non-members. Call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.

Services:

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

All Events Are Open To Non-Members.



Congregation Or Shalom

Saint Barbara's Church to Hold Annual Fashion Show

The Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church will hold its Annual Fashion Show "Food For Thought" Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 6:00 PM. Fashions by Coldwater Creek at the Milford Marketplace. Erica Grow, News Channel 8 Meteorologist, will be the featured Guest Commentator. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Connecticut Food Bank.



Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church

The Fashion Show includes: Coldwater Creek Fashions - a preview of summer fashions designed for women of all sizes, Buffet Dinner - prepared by The Greek Olive Restaurant, Greek Dessert - delicately prepared by the Philoptochos bakers, Baskets of Hope - attendees are asked to bring non-perishable items to fill the Baskets of Hope, to stock the shelves of the Connecticut Food Bank. There will also be a raffle - a chance to win many prizes donated by community businesses.

Food For Thought - People are hungry every day in Connecticut. Help fill the shelves of the Connecticut Food Bank and become part of the solution to this serious problem. We can make a difference. No one should go to bed hungry.

Donation is \$35.00. Social Hall of Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, 480 Racebrook Road, Orange CT 06477. Free parking (on-site). For directions visit www.saintbarbara.org. For reservations call Mary 203-799-0087 or Marie 203 732-4106.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Booths Still Available at the Orange Business and Community Expo

The Orange Economic Development Corporation is excited to announce the 11th Annual Orange Business and Community Expo will take place on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, the Expo will be held at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. Paul Grimmer, Executive Director stated, "We have received many positive comments regarding the new venue. The public access and central location will help spur added visitors to this one-day event."

Exhibitor space is limited to 65 booths (including 10 booths located in our new tent facilities). Sixty percent of booth space is sold out at this time. Exhibitor Booths are reasonably priced at \$300--all exhibitors will be provided with an 8 foot booth space with pipe and drape, linen topped table, and 1 chair. Exhibitors will have their business information listed in the Expo Program Book, marketing materials placed in Welcome Bags, company name listed in OrangeLife Magazine (sign-up by April 23rd), and activities. Electricity, which is very limited, may be provided for an additional \$100. A new feature this year is that exhibitors will be able to sell their products on-site. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, you may register on-line at the OEDC website, OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm or call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045.

If you cannot participate in the Expo this year, your business can still have a presence. For just \$75, we will include your marketing materials in the Expo Welcome Bags, which will go to attendees and vendors. Send 600 copies to us or we can make the copies for you for an extra \$75. You may also place an ad in the Program Booklet; sizes and prices vary. Please call our office at the number above for information on both opportunities.

We have many activities planned at the Expo this year—activities and admission is FREE and OPEN to the public and include the following:

- Fashion Show – coordinated by Annamarie Mastrangelo Amore of Anna's Creations;
- Seminar – "Social Media Marketing Made Simple" provided by Constant Contact;
- Job Fair – conducted at the PFP booth;
- Raffle – for your chance to win a restaurant gift package from various Orange restaurants; and
- Donation Center – Bring your gently used items to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters truck on-site and then go to the Savers booth for your reward.
- Business owners, their employees, and local residents can look forward to visiting exhibitors such as Amore Carpet and Floor, Bright Horizons, Coromandel, Fast Signs, Gutter Topper, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, Orange Ale House, Reno's, Roly Poly, Savers, Yale New Haven Hospital, and many more. A complete list of exhibitors is available on our website at OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm.

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Please call the Orange Economic Development Corporation office at (203) 891-1045 for more information or visit the OEDC website at OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm. "Like" the Expo on Facebook at Orange Business and Community Expo, Become our friend on Facebook at Orange EDC.

Local Therapist Offers Techniques to Help with Insomnia

Ed Perten, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Art Therapist located in Orange Town Center will be offering a seven week cognitive behavioral therapy program to explore alternative ways to improve your sleep.

Insomnia, often accompanied with anxiety and/or depression and possible medical issues, may interfere with your lifestyle. At bedtime it is often frustrating tossing and turning, trying to get to sleep with limited or no success. The following day you can find it difficult to get out of bed to get the day going and you may experience decreased energy later in the day.

Utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, a proven alternative non-medication therapy, without side effects, it is hoped you will improve your sleep and feel better about yourself. Ed Perten's goal is to help you become more productive in your personal and professional lives. As stated in the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, June 1, 2009, "...cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) for chronic insomnia significantly improves insomnia severity, daytime fatigue, and sleep quality."

Ed Perten was born and raised in New York City. He has a Masters of Professional Studies in Creative Art Therapy from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY and a Masters of Family Therapy from Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT. Ed has worked in many different capacities utilizing his experience, his Marriage and Family Therapy and Art Therapy skills. He is experienced in program development and working with diverse client populations in hospitals, clinics and groups.

He currently maintains a private practice seeing individuals, couples, families and children. The cost for each session is \$40. Ed is on many insurance panels and will be happy to assist you to utilize them for payment. The sessions will be held on Wednesday nights from 6-7 pm, starting on May 2, 2012 at his office located at 657 Orange Center Road. Please call Ed at 203-878-9190 for further information and to answer any questions you might have.

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Fred Astaire Orange Announces New Staff

Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Orange, provider of dance lessons for all ages and abilities in a fun atmosphere, announces the addition of two Dance Instructors to its staff:

Mr. Marko Paunovic has over sixteen years of ballroom dance experience, having competed internationally and listed as one of the top 100 couples in the World IDSF (International Dance Sport Federation) ranking. Marko was ranked one of the top three couples in Serbia from 1999-2009. He has over seven years experience coaching young couples for amateur dance competitions.



Sonny Schiefelbein

Ms. Sonny Schiefelbein is a recent graduate with honors from University of Minnesota Duluth receiving a B.A.Sc. degree in health education. She has a performance background in dance and thirteen years of competitive figure skating. Sonny's energetic style of ballroom dance instruction makes learning to dance easy and fun.



Marko Paunovic

Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Orange sets the standard of excellence in dance instruction from Ballroom to Latin and Swing to Salsa. We offer all styles of dance lessons for all ages and abilities in a fun atmosphere. Our customized wedding dance program gives couples the confidence and skill to perform a variety of dances on their wedding day. Visit us online at <http://www.fadsorange.com>.

Women's Leadership Network 5th Symposium

The Orange Chamber of Commerce Women's Leadership Network will hold its 5th Annual Symposium for women in business. The event, sponsored by People's United Bank, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24th, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Race Brook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue, Orange. "This is a wonderful, information filled opportunity for today's women. People leave with practical, applicable tips on how to improve both their personal and professional lives" said Carolyn Shiffman, PhD, Network chair.

This year's theme is "Supersize Your Message" and features keynote speaker, Ruth Sherman, founder and CEO, Ruth Sherman Associates. As a leading executive speech and communications coach, Ruth brings 18 years of high-level experience to her consulting and training programs. Her topic for this event is "Charisma! Presentation to Profit-Command the Stage, Conquer the Camera and Cash in on your Charisma!"

The first afternoon interactive session, "Getting Noticed Online - Increase the Value and Visibility of Your Business" will be presented by Michele Kelly founder of GraphicWays Design and Jocelyn Murray founder of Marketing & Event Resources. The second session, "STAR Success - Simplify your Thoughts, Achieve Reality" will be conducted by Carolyn Shiffman, PhD. of Carolyn Shiffman Consulting.

Registration is \$45 and includes lunch and a mini-expo. Vendor tables including registration are available for \$100. Contact Carol Smullen, Executive Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce for further information at 203-795-3328 or email: carol@orangetchamber.com.

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.



Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers Adds 12th Location

Orange, CT - Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Centers (PTSMC) added its 12th Connecticut location in Orange! The company opened the Orange clinic through a partnership between Alan Balavender, PT, MS, PTSMC President and Owner, and Anthony P. Ciaburri, PT, DPT, ATC/L, Partner and Director.

Anthony began his career at the Westbrook PTSMC clinic after graduating from the Sacred Heart University with a Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy. He has 5 years experience, a specialization in outpatient orthopedic physical therapy, and he enjoys working with patients of all ages.

When asked why he chose to open a practice in Orange, Anthony said, "this town is a close knit, family-oriented community, and my family has lived in Orange for over 25 years." Already Anthony has begun getting involved with the community by becoming a member of the Orange Chamber of Commerce. His official ribbon cutting ceremony is expected to take place in April.

Cassie Iulo, long time member of the Orange community as well, joins Anthony as the clinic's Medical Secretary. As a team, they will improve the quality of people's lives by striving to provide unmatched patient experiences, clinical excellence and lifelong relationships.

Anthony and Cassie are located in the Spring Brook Common, 240 Indian River Road, Suite A8, and are open from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm Monday-Friday. They welcome patients of all ages seeking exceptional physical therapy care! For more information visit them on the web at www.ptsmc.com or call the office (203) 298-9828.

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TOWN OF ORANGE

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF SECTION OF CODE

In accordance with Section 3.4 of the Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange that on April 11, 2012 the Orange Board of Selectmen amended a Section of the Code of the Town of Orange Chapter 190 – Outdoor Burning Ordinance. The Ordinance is printed in its entirety.

CHAPTER 190. OUTDOOR BURNING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I, Purpose and Definitions

§ 190-1. Purpose

It is the purpose of this Ordinance to promote the health, safety, welfare, property, and living conditions of the citizens of the Town of Orange from the fire hazards and air pollution of open burning and outdoor burning.

190-1a. Application

This Ordinance shall not supersede Connecticut regulations that apply to open burning, outside wood burning furnaces or emissions from chimneys from building and/or structures.

190-1b. Non-Applicability

This Ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking, grilling appliances, or barbeques being used for food preparation. Further, this Ordinance shall not apply to the use of propane, acetylene or natural gas in a device intended for temporary heating during construction or maintenance activities. This Ordinance shall not apply to recreational fire appliances (as defined in Section 190-2) that are designed, manufactured, installed and approved for such use.

190-1c. Permittee Responsibilities

Any Town issued burning permit(s) in no way relieves any individual from their responsibility for any damage or injury caused by their permitted actions to another person's property or person.

§ 190-2. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to all parts of this chapter (words italicized in this chapter are defined in this section):

BONFIRE -- an outside fire for the sole purpose of celebrating an event or occurrence either on private or public property.

BURNING INDEX -- A weather forecast based on a scale calibrated to reflect the risk of forest fire and broadcast by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

CEREMONIAL BURNING -- shall mean the open burning of materials such as flags for the purpose of disposing of said material that is fit and proper.

CLEAN WOOD – Means natural wood which has not been painted, varnished, stained or coated with a similar material; has not been pressure treated with preservatives; and does not contain resins or glues as in plywood or other composite wood products.

COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL -- Any substance which is inflammable, readily ignitable or free burning, such as but not limited to paper, rubbish, wood, grass and leaves.

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE – means building materials, including but not limited to waste shingles, insulation, lumber, treated wood, painted wood, wiring, plastics, packaging, and rubble that results from construction, remodeling, repair, and demolition on a house, commercial or industrial building, or other structure.

DEEP -- shall mean the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

FIRE MARSHAL -- shall mean the Town of Orange Fire Marshal, or authorized agency designee(s)

FIRE PIT -- shall mean an outside area of earth ground or a hole in earth ground that may or may not be surrounded by noncombustible materials with the intent of controlling the potential spread of a fire.

FIRE TRAINING FIRE -- shall be methods of fire inside a structure or in the open environment for the purpose of training firefighters to enhance their skill performance.

GRILLOUTDOOR FIREPLACE, OR APPROVED APPLIANCE -- Any metal or masonry structure, or premanufactured appliance used for outdoor cooking or recreational fire.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL -- means any substance or compound that has the capability of producing adverse effects on the health and safety of humans or environment.

NUISANCE -- shall mean a situation in which a recreation, bonfire, fire training, cooking or brush burning type fire creates an environment on or in property, other than the property where the fire is occurring, which is considered to be unhealthy, hazardous, reasonably annoying, uncomfortable, unsafe, creating a traffic hazard, creating a persistent odor or would cost resources to eliminate the odor from the property. This shall apply to but not be limited to smoke, soot, fumes, odors, vapors, noxious gases, products of combustion, heat and incomplete products of combustion.

OPEN BURNING -- shall mean the burning of any matter in such a manner that the products of combustion resulting from the burning are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through an adequate stack or flue. Definition from Connecticut General Statutes 22a-174-1 (59).

OPEN BURNING OFFICIAL -- shall mean any person designated by the Town of Orange under Connecticut General Statutes to enforce Connecticut Open Burning Regulations, this article and any applicable regulations.

OPEN OUTDOOR FIRE -- Any fire in the open air, or outside the confines of a building for the purpose of burning a combustible material.

PERMIT -- Permit shall mean any paper or electronic form to document the approval of open burning that has been designated by the State of Connecticut or Town of Orange to serve as the approval. Permit shall also include any approval(s) to build, as issued by the Town of Orange Building Department.

PATIO WOOD-BURNING UNIT -- means a chimnea, patio warmer, or other portable wood-burning device used for outdoor recreation and/or heating.

RECREATIONAL FIRE -- shall mean an outside fire created for the purpose of experiencing the outside natural environment, for the human consumption of beverages or food and the cooking or smoking of food for human consumption and ceremonial purposes. The fire shall be fueled by combustible materials, EXCLUDING flammable or combustible gas or liquid. Some typical words describing a recreation fire includes campfire, and fire pit.

RECREATIONAL FIRE APPLIANCE -- shall mean a commercially or privately manufactured device in which the intent of its manufacturing was to contain or control a recreation type fire.

RESIDENT -- shall mean an individual seeking to burn on the property where he or she resides.

SPARK ARRESTOR -- A cover designed to prevent the escape of sparks and embers from an open fire or a recreational fire appliance, which meets the specifications of § 190-4 of this chapter, or the appliance manufacturer's listing.

WINDY CONDITIONS -- shall mean a consistent or gusting wind velocity of 15 mph or more.

ARTICLE II, Regulations

§ 190-3. Specifications

A. A spark arrestor shall

1. Be large enough to cover the entire opening of the permitted fire area on which it is used, and
2. Be constructed of perforated sheet metal or of substantial wire mesh screen capable of withstanding the temperatures of the permitted fire, but in no case less than six (600) degree Fahrenheit; and
3. Have perforations or openings which do not exceed 1/2 inch in length and 1/2 inch in width.

B. Recreational and bonfires shall not create a nuisance to surrounding neighbors, homeowners, people, and property.

C. Recreational type fires shall be contained in either a fire pit or recreational appliance.

D. A recreational type fire or use of a recreational fire appliance shall be supervised and monitored by a person of at least 16 years of age and who is able to make responsible decisions to adequately control it.

E. Bonfires and fire pits shall be limited to no more than three (3') feet in diameter or no more than seven (7sq ft) square feet in area, and shall not have a fuel stack greater than three (3') feet high.

F. A spark arrestor shall be used on all fire pits, bonfires,

ARTICLE III, Powers and Duties of the Fire Marshal

§ 190-4 Inspection.

The Fire Marshal's Office of the Town of Orange are is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter. To assist such enforcement, the Fire Marshal or a designee is authorized to enter any yards and open property for the purpose of detecting and initiating extinguishment of fires created without compliance with this chapter.

§ 190-5. Notice of violation.

Whenever the Fire Marshal determines that there has been a violation of this chapter, he shall give written notice of such violation to the person or persons responsible for such violation. Such notice shall describe the violations charged with specific reference to the provisions of this chapter, and shall outline the remedial action required to remove the violation, including the time within which such violation must be cured.

ARTICLE IV, Permits

§ 190-6. Application for permit.

All applications for permits required by this chapter shall be made to the Fire Marshal in such form and in such detail as they shall prescribe. The Fire Marshal may require, where they deem it necessary, proof of compliance with the town zoning or building ordinances EN and may revoke a permit in case there has been a false statement or misrepresentation as to a material fact in such application.

§ 190-7. Issuance of permits.

The Fire Marshal shall issue all permits required by this chapter when satisfied that the activity or condition for which the permit is sought poses no threat to life, health or property. Such permits shall be valid for such period of time as appears on the face of the permit and may be withdrawn at any time on notice to the holder thereof, if because of changed conditions, a threat to life, health and property is found to exist.

§ 190-8. Permit Fees

- A. The following fees shall apply to permits required under this Ordinance:
- a. Single use kindling or open burning permit, \$25.00
 - b. Annual fire pit operating permit, \$150.00
 - c. Fire Training Permit \$75.00
 - d. Special use permit \$25.00

ARTICLE V, Prohibited Acts

§ 190-9. Prohibited acts enumerated.

The following acts are prohibited:

- A. Kindling or allowing to be kindled an outdoor fire for the purpose of disposing of garbage, construction and demolition waste;
- B. Leaving unattended an open outdoor fire;
- C. Kindling or allowing to be kindled an outdoor fire when the burning index as broadcast by the State DEEP as High, Very High, or Extreme, and/or windy conditions exist;
- D. Kindling or allowing to be kindled an outdoor fire when the Air Quality Index is broadcast by the State of Connecticut DEEP as Unhealthy to Sensitive Groups, Unhealthy, or Very Unhealthy.
- E. The location or storage outside a building of any combustible material in such manner or condition as to pose a threat to life, health or property;
- F. Kindling an outdoor fire within the traveled portion of any highway or curb area; and
- G. Bon type fire and fire pits that is greater than three (3') feet in diameter or more than seven (7sq ft) square feet in area, and that has a fuel stack greater than three (3') feet high.
- H. Kindling or allowing to be kindled an outdoor fire for the purpose of disposing of any type of structure, including marine and aircraft, vehicles or debris from any of the foregoing.

ARTICLE VI, Acts Requiring a Permit

§ 190-10. Enumeration of acts requiring a permit.

The following acts are permitted under this chapter provided that a written permit is first obtained from the Fire Marshal or Fire Wardens of the Town of Orange:

- A. Kindling or allowing to be kindled an outdoor fire
- B. Bon type fires
- C. A non-conforming fire or special use fire of a type other than listed in this Ordinance which may be required due to unique nature or condition, such as, but not limited to a prescribed burn for forest fire control.

D. Fire suppression training fires in accordance with the following provisions;

1. The burn must be exclusively for fire prevention training. The burning shall not be used as a means to dispose of waste material including, but not limited to, tires and other hazardous materials.

2. All hazardous materials must be removed and disposed of prior to conducting the fire suppression training removed by a licensed abatement contractor in accordance with the applicable local and state regulations regarding such activities.

3. Asphalt shingles and asphalt or plastic siding shall be removed prior to the practice burn unless the Fire Chief determines that they are necessary for the fire practice.

4. At least seven (7) days before a planned practice burn, residents within one thousand (1000') foot radius of the site of the proposed burn shall be notified.

5. All fire suppression training shall conform to the latest edition established by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard on Live Fire Training Evolutions (NFPA 1403).

E. An annual operating permit can be issued to a resident for approved fire pits that will be used throughout the year. Such permit will require an initial inspection by the Fire Marshal to determine compliance with this Ordinance, and any other applicable standard. Each permit shall be valid for twelve (12) months after the date of issuance, and must be renewed after such time.

F. If a resident obtains an annual fire pit operating permit, it shall be that persons responsibility to verify that acceptable conditions exist to burn and the arrangement or configuration of such pit has not changed from the initial inspection by the Fire Marshal.

G. Any changes to the location, layout, or configuration of the fire pit will require a reinspection by the Fire Marshal.

ARTICLE VII, Penalties

§ 190-11. Penalties for offenses.

A. A maximum of 1 written warnings shall be allowed to the homeowner, resident or responsible person(s) for the violation of this Ordinance.

B. After the first written warning in a calendar year, the homeowner, resident or responsible person shall be fined \$100 for each additional written warning. This process shall continue up to the third written warning.

C. If the violations continue after the third written warning, the Fire Marshal shall seek an order from a court of competent jurisdiction for a cease and desist order of the open burning that violate this ordinance.

§ 190-12. Enforcement

A. The office of the Fire Marshal is charged with the enforcement of this Ordinance. That office can request assistance from the Police Department, Fire Department or Connecticut DEEP, as necessary.

B. The office of the Fire Marshal shall provide the homeowner, resident or person responsible for the open burning a notice of written warning violation when the open burning is in violation of this Ordinance and any part of it. The written warning violation notice shall be left with the proper person or affixed to the residence in a conspicuous location. When necessary, a copy of the written violation shall be sent to the responsible person(s) by certified mail and return receipt requested. In the event that the responsible person does not claim such form at the Post Office, the Fire Marshal shall have such notice served by a Judicial Marshal.

C. In the event that the Fire Marshal, Police Department or Fire Department determines that, in the best interest of public safety and/or the intent of this Ordinance, the open burning must immediately cease, they have the authority to have the open burning extinguished, as soon as possible.

D. Nothing in this Ordinance shall limit the power and authority of the Fire Marshal to enforce their respective regulations or other related Connecticut Regulations regarding open burning.

E. Open brush burning is not allowed without a permit. Brush burning without a permit is illegal and the individual(s) responsible for the burning may be subject to arrest by the Police Department or any other authorized person(s).

F. The Fire Marshal may revoke or cancel a burn permit if it is deemed that the open burning is creating a nuisance, fire hazard, unsafe condition, environmental hazard or for any other reasonable condition.

G. The notice of written violation form, as a minimum shall contain the following information:

1. The property of origin.
2. The exact nature and Ordinance section(s) of the violation(s).
3. A copy of this Ordinance.
4. The penalty or fine for the violation of this Ordinance.
5. The penalty(s) or fine(s) for continued violation of this Ordinance.
6. The procedure to appeal this violation(s).
7. The name and business telephone number(s) of the Fire Marshal, police or fire department representative finding such violation(s).

ARTICLE VIII, Interpretation and Conflicts

§ 190-13. Conflict.

In any case when a provision of this chapter is found to conflict with a provision of any zoning, building, fire, safety or other statute, regulation, code or ordinance of the state or Town of Orange, the provision which established the higher standard shall prevail.

§ 190-14. Liability.

This chapter shall not be construed to render the Town of Orange or any of its officers liable for any damage to person or property by reason of the inspection or reinspection authorized herein or the failure to inspect or reinspect or by reason of the issuance of any permit as herein provided.

§ 190-15. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of July 2012. Notice of Amendment of Chapter 190 of the Town of Orange Code dated at Orange, CT this 13th day of April 2012.

TOWN OF ORANGE, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BY:

James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

ATTEST:

Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Town Clerk

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT OF SECTION OF CODE

In accordance with Section 3.4 of the Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange that on April 11, 2012 the Orange Board of Selectmen amended a Section of the Code of the Town of Orange, by adding a new **Chapter 217 – Fire Prevention Fee Ordinance**. The Ordinance is printed in its entirety.

CHAPTER 217. FIRE PREVENTION FEE ORDINANCE

§ 217-1. Purpose

The purpose of this fee schedule is to allow the Fire Marshal's Office of the Town of Orange to collect fees in connection with the Fire Marshal's fire inspection and plan review responsibilities and other activities within the boundaries of the Town of Orange, Connecticut that are regulated by the Orange Town Code, the State Fire Safety Code, the State Fire Prevention Code, the Connecticut General Statutes and/or the Regulations promulgated by the State Fire Marshal's Office or the Department of Public Safety.

§ 217-2. Activity Fees

A. Inspections

When the Office of the Fire Marshal performs an inspection that requires official certification issued from the Office, a fee shall be charged for such inspection prior to the issuance of a certificate. The fees for such inspection noted below shall apply. All other fees for inspections, reviews, or services must be submitted with applications for such services. Government, public education and non-profit organizations are exempt from fees but still subject to inspections as required.

Type of Occupancy	Initial	Renewal
Assembly Use, Liquor License	\$100.00	\$50.00
Educational	\$100.00	\$50.00
Nursing & Convalescent Homes	\$250.00	\$100.00
Residential Board and Care (small <16 residents)	\$75.00	\$50.00
(large >16 residents)	\$250.00	\$100.00
Day Care Facilities	\$100.00	\$50.00
Group Day Care Home	\$75.00	\$50.00
Hotels and Dormitories	\$200.00	\$100.00
Retail Fireworks/Sparkler	\$200.00	\$200.00
Hazardous Materials Transport Vehicles	\$25.00 ea	\$25.00 ea

B. Plan Compliance Review

Whenever any person, firm, business or other entity submits a plan in connection with a Building Permit for review and/or approval from the Office of the Fire Marshal, the fees for said review and/or approval shall be based on aggregate building square footage as set forth below. The Office of the Fire Marshal shall have thirty (30) days to complete the review of such submitted drawings and shall provide in writing Authorization to Release Building Permit to the Town of Orange Building Official in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 29-263.

Building Plan Review (new construction or total area being Renovated)	up to 2,000 sq ft	\$65.00
	2,000 to 4,999 sq ft	\$100.00
	5,000 to 9,999 sq ft	\$350.00
	10,000 to 30,000 sq ft	\$500.00
	30,000 to 50,000 sq ft	\$750.00
	Over 50,000 sq ft	\$1000.00*
Fire Alarm System (sq ft of area being protected)	up to 5,000 sq ft	\$65.00
	5,000 sq ft to 9,999 sq ft	\$100.00
	10,000 sq ft to 49,000 sq ft	\$200.00
	Over 50,000 sq ft	\$500.00*
Active Fire Protection System (sq ft of area being protected in sq ft)	up to 5,000 sq ft	\$65.00
	5,000 sq ft to 9,999 sq ft	\$100.00
	10,000 sq ft to 49,000 sq ft	\$200.00
	Over 50,000 sq ft	\$500.00*
Food Service Type I Hood System (includes final acceptance inspection)		\$100.00 ea
Modifications, alterations, or additions to existing Fire Alarm and Active Fire Protection System(s)		\$1/2 base fee

**Any building plans for buildings 50,000 SF or greater may be required to have an independent plan review, as determined at the sole discretion of the Office of the Fire Marshal. The independent plan review shall be conducted by a plan reviewer hired by the applicant and subject to the approval of the Office of the Fire Marshal. The applicant shall pay all costs associated with the contracted plan reviewer's independent review. The applicant shall submit the plan reviewer's written report, along with documentation that the reviewer's costs have been paid in full, prior to the Office of the Fire Marshal's review and approval of any such plan.*

C. Other Permits, Inspections, and Fees

Approval to install/operate or conduct an operation listed below shall require a permit be issued from the Fire Marshal's Office prior to such operation. When the Fire Marshal's Office issues a permit to install/operate or conduct an operation, the fees listing below shall apply. Government, public education and non-profit organizations are exempt from fees but a permit to install/operate or conduct shall still apply.

Blasting Permits	\$30.00 (CGS)
Retail Fireworks/Sparkler vendor (annual if continual operation, or each instance if temporary)	\$200.00
Public or private fireworks display (does not include any required fire protection personnel/equipment)	\$150.00
Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Compliance	\$50.00
Underground Flammable/ Combustible Liquid Storage Tank Removal	
<1000 gallons capacity	\$50.00 ea
>1000 gallons capacity	\$75.00 ea
Propane filling station, annual	\$50.00
Propane exchange retail operation, annual	\$25.00
Requested After-Hours Inspection fee (after 4:30 pm and before 8:30 am, excludes weekends/holidays, Two-hour min if cancelled within 12 hours of requested time)	\$65.00 hr (ea. Inspector)
Missed (no-show) inspection fee	½ base fee
Returned check fee	\$35.00
File Copies:	
Printed document	\$0.50 page
Printed photographs	\$1.00 ea photo
Pictures on CD	\$1.00 ea photo

§ 217-3. Billing and Enforcement

- (a) No permit or required certificate shall be issued to any party until the fee for such permit or certificate has been submitted with the appropriate application.
- (b) The First Selectman may take all enforcement action necessary to secure payment of the delinquent bill of costs, including authorization of the Town Attorney to bring action for payment in a court of law.
- (c) All fees shall be payable by check only made out to "Town of Orange Fire Marshal's Office".

§ 217-4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of July 2012.

Notice of Amendment of Code adding a new Chapter 217 Fire Prevention Fee Ordinance dated at Orange, CT this 13th day of April 2012.

TOWN OF ORANGE, BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BY:
James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

ATTEST:
Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE NOTICE OF HEARING TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the statutes in such cases provided, the Orange Board of Finance will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477 relative to the expenditures and proposed budget of the Town for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. Citizens may present oral and/or written comments. The proposed budget will be available for examination in the Office of the Town Clerk in the Orange Town Hall on Monday, April 23, 2012

Dated at Orange CT this 13th day of April 2012.

ORANGE BOARD OF FINANCE
Kevin Houlihan
Chairman

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The Bond Bubble

By Roberta L. Nestor

The headlines are beginning to emerge and have been since the fall of 2011. "Great American Bond Bubble" (WSJ 8/10/11), "Will the Bond Bubble Burst This Year?" (InvestorInsights.com 02/28/12), "Is the Bond Bubble Finally Bursting?" (Money.com 3/15/12) and "Long Term Bond Bubble Gets Ready to Burst" (cbsnews.com 3/21/12). Bonds have had a great ride, a long ride, one that has outperformed overall equity markets for the past decade and there are some signs that indicate the ride might be over.

If you think about the last several economic bubbles it may help to remind you of the realities of any "bubble burst". Investors barely survived the tech bubble that burst in the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 – resulting in a cumulative market loss of over 38 % for a three year period. The realities of the "housing bubble" continue to have lasting effects on the economy, that bubble was indiscriminate and once again, equity investors took a beating. For many that was the last straw, risk aversion set in and in 2009 \$311 billion dollars flowed into taxable bond funds; in 2010 another \$230 billion and the trend continued in 2011 with in-flows of \$136 billion (JP Morgan Guide to the Markets 3/31/12).

In the past, the bond markets have been relatively predictable. When interest rates go up, the value of bonds goes down and the reverse with declining rates. Federal Chairman Ben Bernanke stated that the fed would not raise interest rates until the end of 2013 so one might believe that the bond market should behave "normal". What would make the bond market act unpredictably? A sell-off in the bond market could be one trigger. The flow of dollars into bonds has not been negative since the year 2000. Savvy investors are beginning to realize that if inflation is running at just above 3 percent, then it may not make sense to hold bonds yielding 2 percent. It's a losing proposition.

Another trigger would be a rapid rise in interest rates, a rise in rates that is not "scheduled" by the Fed. Consider that we have been in a declining interest rate environment for the last 32 years. If you look at the chart below of the 10 year Treasury Note, in August, 1981 it peaked at 15.84%. Most of us remember that period of high interest rates with 15% CDs and even higher money market rates of 18%. As of April 4, 2012 the 10 year Treasury note closed at 2.16% (Source: Yahoo Finance Charts). The overwhelming majority of investors today have never experienced a rising interest rate environment.



Within mainstream economics, many believe that bubbles cannot be identified in advance, cannot be prevented from forming, that attempts to "prick" the bubble can cause financial crises. That instead authorities should wait for bubbles to burst of their own accord, dealing with the aftermath via monetary policy and fiscal policy.

One word of caution, don't panic if you own bonds. Talk to a financial professional. Not all bond funds are equal. Understand what you own and how it may be affected if there is a rise in interest rates. Remember why you are investing in bonds in the first place and the importance of a diversified portfolio.

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. Tax planning and fixed insurance products and services offered through TSM Financial Services are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. She can be reached at TSM Financial Services, 203-876-8066 or roberta@tsmfinancial.com.

FROM OUR READERS

Dear People of the Town of Orange and Neighboring Communities,
We are writing to thank you for the donations received for our soldiers. The response has been overwhelming. Orange Community Women will package the items and forward them to deployed soldiers overseas.

The collection is on-going through the month of April at VideoLab/Davis Gallery, 200 Post Road in Orange. Drop off donations in the decorated collection box daily from 10:00am-6:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm at Video Lab.

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

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Orange Community Women



by Freddy Groves

Summer Sports Clinic

If you're a veteran with severe physical or psychological impairments, consider whether you'd enjoy participating in an adaptive sports clinic. The next National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic will be held in September 2012 in San Diego.

Clinic categories are surfing, sailing, cycling (hand and tandem), kayaking and track and field in venues all over the San Diego area.

Check the website [www.va.gov, then click Media Room] to be sure you qualify, but if you have spinal cord injuries, burns, injuries sustained in the past six years, psychological trauma, amputations or traumatic brain injuries, you're likely the veteran they're hoping will sign up.

Registration forms are available for download online. The deadline is June 1, so don't delay. (You'll pay a late fee after that.)

The application pack has multiple parts, and you'll need to fill out all of them: a registration checklist, application, medical/physical exam form, media and news release questionnaire, and application for health benefits (if you're not registered with the VA).

Once you have all your paperwork completed, send it all to:

Tristan Heaton (00SSC)SV
National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic
VA San Diego HCS
3350 La Jolla Village Dr.
San Diego, CA 92161

If you have questions or don't have a computer and need the forms sent to you, call the local organizing committee chair at 858-642-6426. If you don't think you can afford the trip, talk to the Veterans Service Organization at the VA center where you receive care.

The vision statement for the event says that these sports clinics and enjoying those sports later can improve independence, increase self-worth and quality of life, lower stress, reduce dependency on medications and serve as an addition to rehab you might be getting. Sounds like that could open some doors, doesn't it?

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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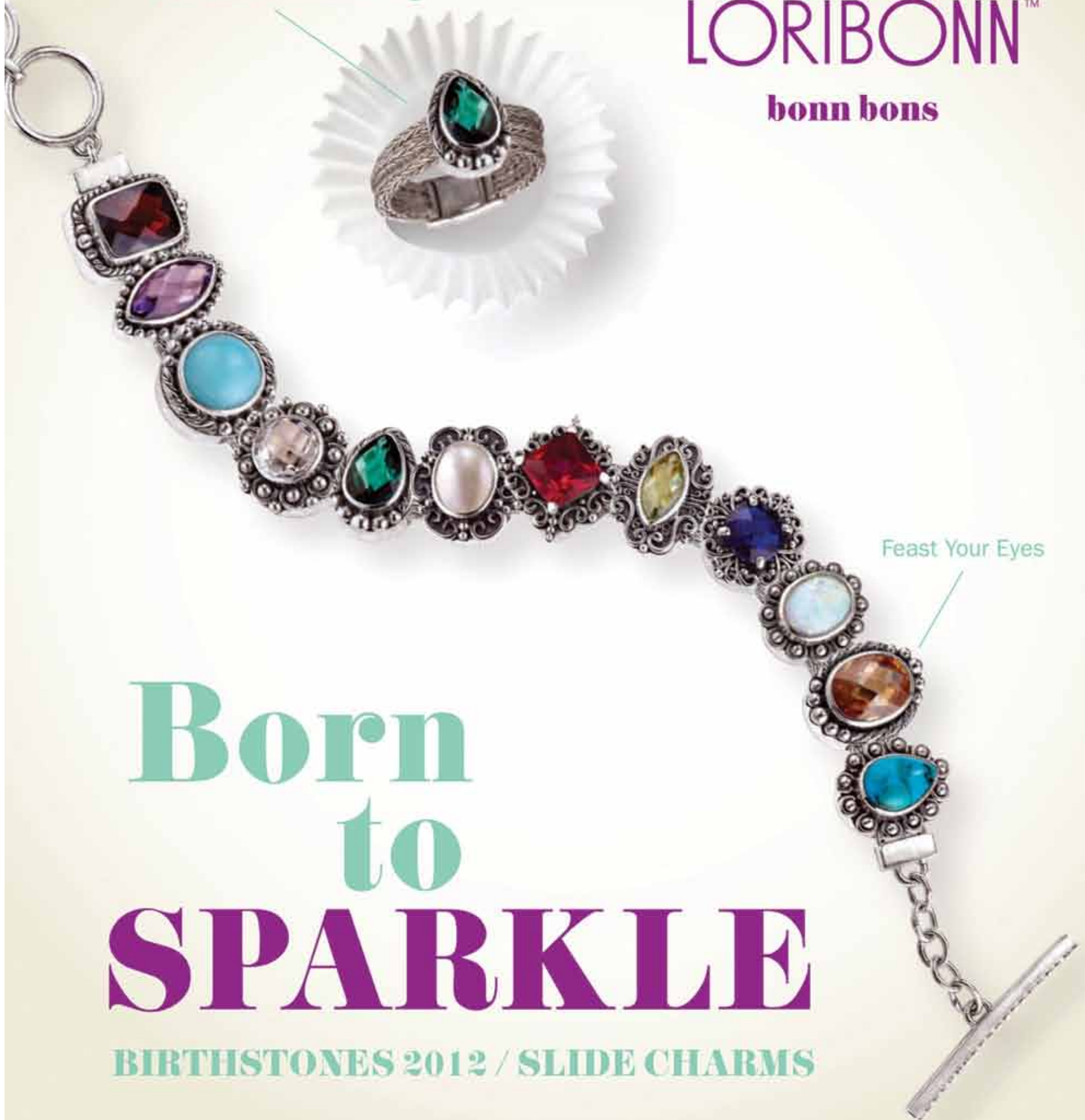
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