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Seniors Melissa Vernik as "Cosette" and Connor Deane as "Marius" rehearse their wedding scene from Amity High School Drama Department's production of "Les Miserables".

## "Les Mis" Comes To Amity

By Laura Fantarella

When senior Marla Morris sings "I Dreamed a Dream," in the upcoming Amity Drama Department production of *Les Miserables*, pinch yourself and remember you are in the Amity High School Auditorium, not a Broadway theater.

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The Kennedy's know show business. Andrea spent over ten years working as a stage actress and touring with national production companies. Rob, who is head of Amity's Drama Department, is a former professional stage and crew manager. Their professional ying and yang is a creative force to be reckoned with. Andrea is the voice coach and choreographer, Rob does all the lighting and designs and builds the sets for the productions. Their partnership actually began in the 80s when the two were students - and physics class lab partners - at Amity. Even then, Andrea was in the limelight, star-

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## THE LIVING BOX

Andy Bloch holds two degrees in electrical engineering from MIT and a law degree from Harvard University but you won't find him suited



Laura Fantarella

up behind a desk in some stuffy corporate office. When Bloch goes to work, he puts on his signature "distressed black cowboy" hat and takes his seat at a high stakes poker table in Las Vegas.

Bloch is a professional poker player who is a regular on the World Series of Poker, the World Poker Tour, and other televised poker shows, and the author of several books and websites about poker tips and strategies. He was also a member of the group



Orange native Andy Bloch has earned over \$4 million as a professional poker player.

of MIT students who mastered the art of card counting in Vegas casinos, inspiring the book "Bringing Down the House," by Ben Mezrich that was later adapted to the hit movie, "21."

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## One-Mill Budget Increase Proposed In Orange

By Richard Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE – With soaring budget proposals in towns and cities across Connecticut, the Orange Board of Finance has managed to keep its proposed tax hike in Orange to a one-mill increase that would mean an average \$300-\$400 increase for homeowners.

Under the \$55.8 million proposal for fiscal 2010-11 that begins on July 1 -- which is about \$4.5 million more than the current year's expenditure -- the tax rate would rise to 29.3 mills.

Residents will have two chances to voice their views on the budget; at the Board of Finance Budget Hearing on Wednesday, April 28th and during the Annual Orange Town Meeting on Thursday, May 13, both at 7:30 p.m. at High Plains Community Center. The budget will then go to the voters during a May 25 referendum from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., also at High Plains Community Center.

Members of both the finance board and the Board of Selectmen said the budget is a fair one that avoids municipal and teacher layoffs, and manages to maintain town services for the most part – though some departments and programs will have to cut back on hours. The proposal includes a \$100,000 reduction to the Orange Board of Education's \$17.5 million budget request.

"We feel that considering the loss of federal and state revenue that all communities are facing due to the economy, that this is a very fair budget," said republican Board of Finance member Joe Nuzzo who also serves as Orange's representative on the Amity Finance Committee.

"We were trying for no tax increase at all, but we had a \$2.5 million short-fall due to state cuts and the Grand List staying flat," Nuzzo said. "And we tried hard to maintain the quality of our services and avoid cutting education and vital town agencies as much as possible." Nuzzo said the finance board "worked tireless hours trying to keep the tax increase as low as possible without making any personnel cuts to vital town departments and programs. It was certainly a challenging budget, but a fair one that we hope voters will approve when it goes to referendum on May 25th." Nuzzo said the dire state of the economy has forced towns to operate more like a business. "We're trying to make government as efficient as it can, but I think government still needs to shrink as much as possible at all levels. While we are fortunate to have a healthy fund balance of about \$8 million, I have been saying all along we must run the town like a business."

First Selectman James Zeoli said while he would have preferred no tax hike, it would have been impossible during the current economic conditions both statewide and across the nation. "In a very challenging economic climate, the Board of Finance did a real good job of balancing the need to curtail the budget increase as much as possible and maintain town services at the same time," Zeoli said. "We also had major mediation and arbitration settlements with three of the town's labor unions that impact the budget. This is a very lean budget, pretty much bare bone," Zeoli said. "There are not a lot of bells and whistles in it, and I would hope voters will approve it when it goes to referendum because there's nothing left to cut without having a serious impact on education and town programs and services."

Other members of the Board of Selectmen agree.

"This is a very fair and equitable budget, and I commend the Board of Finance for working tirelessly to strike just the right balance," said Selectwoman Trish Pearson, who is also chairwoman of the Democratic Town Committee. "We all know economic times are tough, and it's not easy to come up with a budget that manages to keep the tax increase to a minimum and still provide essential town services. But the finance board did that."

Republican Selectwoman Judy Williams also praised the Board of Finance for keeping the tax increase to just one mill "when some towns have a three and four-mill increase." It's a difficult time all around. I think the budget is as fair as it can be. I really feel for everybody in town who has lost their jobs, or been forced to downsize. But I applaud the finance board for its hard work, and the town departments that have kept their budgets reasonable." Williams said "we must keep the budget tight even if it means cutting some jobs and some hours to save the taxpayers just a little money. It's a nasty time out there, and I don't think it's going to get better for at least a few years."

Longtime Democratic Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt urged voters to approve the proposed budget despite its lack of capital improvement funding. "It's a sound budget and should have bi-partisan support," Goldblatt said. "I would have liked to see some funding put into capital improvements, and I don't want to see that left out of future budgets. But I am cognizant of how tough it is economically, and for this one year I can live with it."

Jeanne Consiglio, chairwoman of the Orange Board of Education, believes the school board's proposed budget is also a fair one.

"The Orange Board of Education worked diligently to create the 2010-11 budget with a firm commitment by all board members to maximize the return on every community dollar dedicated to public education," Consiglio said. "The board was keenly aware of our responsibility to maintain funding for programs that provide the best environment for our students to learn, in an economy where education funding opportunities are shrinking at the federal, state and local levels," she said. "Successful negotiations with our teachers avoided the need to eliminate any positions in the district, energy conservation measures have been put in place to generate long term savings, and we continually search for alternative funding methods for programs that enhance and differentiate the education offered to the students in Orange."

## Was Teen Center Vote Political Payback?

By Richard Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE – Amity Teen Center President Jane Opper is happy and relieved the Board of Selectmen recently voted 4-2 to approve a \$1,000 request for new computers to help teens do their homework at the Woodbridge center used by teens from Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany.

But Opper, a longtime Democratic supporter, is outraged at the two Democratic selectmen – Mitchell Goldblatt and newly elected Democratic Town Committee Chairwoman Trish Pearson – who voted against the request to add new computers to upgrade the system. Longtime Democratic Selectman Joseph Blake joined the panel's three Republicans, including First Selectman James Zeoli, to approve allocating \$1,000 from about \$25,000 in cell tower fees Orange received for two new wireless accounts.

Opper, who supported Paul Tarbox against Pearson in last summer's bitter Democratic caucus for first selectman is convinced the two selectmen used the teen center request as "political payback" for her opposition to Pearson's nomination. "I have been a loyal Democrat and it is my right to support the candidates I believe are the best for the town" Opper said. "Yes, I felt Paul (Tarbox) was the better and stronger candidate, and expressed that view in a letter to the newspapers. But it is unconscionable that both Trish Pearson, and her most vocal supporter Mitch Goldblatt, are using their position as selectman to take out their anger against me by punishing kids who need new computers," Opper said. "It is disturbing they would vote against funding for a valuable and educational tool for the teen center to send me a political message."

Opper said the reason for the teen center votes was her letter last July supporting Tarbox. In her letter, Opper warned that Pearson was a "one-issue candidate." That issue was the continuing effort to bring a Stew Leonard's Dairy Store to Orange, despite errors in the application during the Goldblatt Administration that resulted in the Connecticut Supreme Court's unanimous decision to overturn the store's approval.

Opper's foretelling letter from last July stated, in part:

"In 2004, I founded the group OASIS (Orange Absolutely Supports and Invites Stew's) to support the building of a Stew Leonard Store in Orange. As a member of OASIS..... I have pledged my support for the candidacy of Paul Tarbox as the Democratic nominee for First Selectman. Paul has avoided politicizing the issue of a Stew Leonard's in Orange, choosing instead to make the case not just for a Stew Leonard store but for the need to support the general business environment of the town."

Following the publication of that letter, Opper states that she received a "chastising email and angry voice message" from selectman Goldblatt on her answering machine. "I was very embarrassed when I returned home with my 19-year old daughter and her friends and we all listened to a message on my answering machine where I was yelled at and criticized by former First Selectman Mitch Goldblatt for the letter I had written. Others who have heard this message feel as I do that if I had not been a "single" mother I would not have been treated this way." Opper states that she was told by Goldblatt that

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## Amity Board of Ed Seeks a 1.48% Budget Increase

Staff Report

ORANGE - The Amity Board of Education held its District Hearing on the 2010-11 budget on Tuesday, April 5 in Woodbridge. Superintendent of Schools John Brady presented a budget which included a proposed reduction to the spending plan from its original 2.19% increase down to the proposed 1.48% hike. The change was made possible due to bond refinancing and a reduction in the projected special education tuition and transportation costs for next year. Other reductions included energy savings of \$42,000 as well as early retirements and the elimination of 4 positions, netting over \$400,000 in savings.

Cost increases were driven by a \$689,897 increase for unionized labor groups and a \$487,700 increase in mandated special education program costs.

The Amity Board of Education voted to support the \$42,757,397 budget by a vote of seven to four. Orange's allocation will be \$ 19,302,889, an increase of 265,308 (1.39%) from the 2009-2010 budget.

The budget now goes to referendum, to be held in Bethany, Woodbridge & Orange on Tuesday, May 4. Orange residents can cast their vote from 6 am – 8 pm at High Plains Community Center.

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Carol Nardini, Director, Orange Community Services

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Yours truly,  
Thomas Heins

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## ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



### Turkey Hill School Fathers Club Holds Clothing Drive

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### Mary L. Tracy School Centennial Gala Planned

By Ralph A. Nuzzo

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



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

Mary L. Tracy School was my first assignment when I joined the district in 1977. It now is an honor to be serving as its principal. We often hear that this school is a special place. The Centennial Gala will provide an enjoyable evening to share with others who feel the same way. If you have any photos or such, please bring them, as we will have a memorabilia display. I hope you can join us! Please RSVP by April 19, 2010. Call 203-891-8028 or visit [www.oess.org](http://www.oess.org) for tickets.

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### Szatkowski to Attend KSU School of Veterinary Medicine

Ryan Szatkowski, the son of Victor and Laura Szatkowski of Orange, has been accepted into the Kansas State University School of Veterinary Medicine in Manhattan, Kansas. Ryan is a 2004 graduate of Amity Regional High School. He also graduated in May 2008 from the University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, Magna Cum Laude and University Scholar, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Sciences: Pre-Veterinary Medicine.

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ring in the Drama Department production of Grease, and Rob was behind the scenes, tending to the set. “We have a lot of fun working together,” Andrea said. “We love it.” Rob chimed in, “I love going to work. How can you be around 50 kids and not be energized by them?”

Amity’s theater program has grown steadily over the past several years. This year more than 100 students auditioned for 40 parts. The Kennedys believe the quality of past performances as well as the new Fox television show “Glee” about a high school Glee Club may have contributed to Drama Department’s growing popularity. “Theater is not just for ‘geeky theater types’ anymore,” Andrea said. “The Drama Department is heterogeneous; we pull from all walks of Amity life. Social barriers come crashing down.” The captain of the football team, wrestling, tennis, track and lacrosse athletes, high academic achievers, socialites and musicians are among the mix of actors.

Rob likened the cast as being like a team. “They have rehearsal four nights a week and like any sport, they train really hard. That camaraderie of being together on a team builds trust as we get to the playoffs. It is an extraordinary experience and we have a very high professional standard.” Students have a hand in every aspect of the production, from set designing and construction, lighting, hair, make up, selling tickets, working as ushers and more.

They may come into the program as strangers, but midway into the production, something magical happens. “It is very cool to watch the kids gradually get on the same page. Everything happens in stages. In the beginning egos run wild everyone is angling to see where they fit in. Then everything comes together.” Andrea said.

Seniors Connor Deane and Melissa Vernik both say their participation in Amity’s Drama Club was an important part of their high school experience. “The auditorium was my home away from home,” Deane said. “There was such positive energy from the Kennedys and the other kids, it’s an experience I know I’ll hold on to for the rest of my life.”

Vernik will take away the feeling of confidence performing helped her achieve. “I now love the feeling of being on stage and commanding attention,” she said. “It’s a big accomplishment.”

The show is run like a true Broadway production, complete with a hall of fame decorated with the actor’s headshots, catered rehearsals, opening night cast party, backstage “Green Room,” and the “Amitybill” that mirrors

a Broadway Playbill program book. This year’s three-hour performance of “Les Miserables” is an ambitious one, with 44 student cast members, 15 stage hands and full orchestra, big sets, and a huge costume budget. “Each year we try to ‘up it,’” Andrea said. “This year we have a very talented pool of male actors which is ideal for ‘Les Mis.’ You have to know what you have for talent and go for it. Sometimes the stars align and the cast falls out.”

She expects the show may be even more impressive than last season’s Rent and have the same result – playing to a sold out audience of more than 3,500 over the course of the run.

The Kennedys are quick to credit the casts’ parents as a big part of the growing success of the program. “They take on the huge task of raising thousands of dollars to fund each production,” he says. “And they are always there to pitch in with whatever else is needed, whether it’s working on the set or providing water during rehearsals.”

“This program is entirely self-supporting,” said Lisa Small, a parent involved in fundraising. “Many schools are scaling back or cutting out programs in the arts and we are holding our own.” To do so, the parents solicit donations from the community for their ad book, hold fundraising luncheons and water drives, help build the sets, run the ticket sales and donate any professional services they can to benefit the show. “One parent took professional headshots of the kids, another is a graphic artist who does our program book,” Small said.

The show will run April 30, May 1, 6, 7 and 8th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [www.amityperformingarts.com](http://www.amityperformingarts.com).

(*“Living Outside the Box” continued from page 1*)

Bloch did not expect his life to take such an unconventional turn when he was a child growing up on Wagon Trail Road in Orange, attending Hebrew Day School and Hopkins. Always good at math, playing cards was a fun pastime, during free periods in the school basement, at home against family and friends, on Boy Scout camping trips, and later in college dorm rooms. “I won a lot but we didn’t play for much money, if any” he said.

It wasn’t until after college that Bloch began to devote more time to his hobby. “I liked chess but that required too much study and it wasn’t as much fun as cards. Also Foxwoods Casino had just opened and it wasn’t too far from my first job so I started going there to play,” he said.

During this time he was fired from his first job and he jokingly told his parents, who still reside in Orange, “If I don’t find a job I like I can always play poker for a living,” he said. It was during this time a new game, “Hickok Six-Card Poker” was introduced at Foxwoods. “The game was played against the house and I wrote a computer program to develop a strategy for playing the game that increased the player’s advantage up to six percent.” Bloch hooked up with a group of fellow alumni who were part of the secretive MIT blackjack team and the group began training a team of MIT students and others to play the game. “After we won consistently for a few months the casino caught on and changed the rules,” he said.

By this time Bloch was accruing substantial winnings and the idea of playing cards for a living became less a joke and more a reality. He was travelling regularly to Las Vegas to play blackjack with the MIT group and enter poker tournaments “I liked the excitement of games, and being my own boss,” he said. “But being my own boss comes with a price. I’m in control of the games I play but I can’t control what happens in the short run. I expect to win in the long run but handling the randomness can be a struggle.”

Bloch began playing in the World Series of Poker in 1996. When the World Poker Tour started in 2002, Bloch’s interest was piqued, finishing third in two tournaments in the first season. Today he is a multi-millionaire, with over four million dollars in tournament winnings, living in Las Vegas and playing in card tournaments around the world. He is busiest from May through July during the annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. A typical day begins around noon when he heads to the casino, often not leaving the table until after 2 a.m.

Even with his success, Bloch continues to work on being a better poker player, “I’m always introspective about myself. ‘Am I getting outplayed? Should I change my strategy or seek out easier opponents?’”

On rare occasions, particularly after a bad run, he has brief moments of tiring of his line of work. “Even the best go through losing streaks. Luckily I have the bankroll to withstand it. I can lose pretty big, but luckily not big enough,” he said. The rest of the year he plays in tournaments around the world and takes part in charity events. “I really enjoy playing in charity tournaments. Poker has been very good to me and it’s a great way of giving back,” he said.

According to Bloch, the internet has changed the games dramatically in the past ten years. “Years ago if your opponent was young you could assume he was inexperienced. You could gauge their experience by how they handled the cards or their chips,” he said.

“But today kids may have played hundreds of thousands of games on the internet, and even if they haven’t played live they know what they’re doing.”

Maybe someday Bloch will make use of that Harvard degree. But for now, it comes in handy if he has to get out of a little trouble.

“I was arrested in 2002 in Washington, DC at an anti-war protest. I appealed and won,” he said.

If you’re feeling lucky, you can challenge Bloch and other top poker pros on FullTiltPoker.com. All the money he wins in the low-limit games on the site are donated to charity. He also has his own website at [www.andybloch.com](http://www.andybloch.com).

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## HAPPENINGS AT THE ORANGE SENIOR CENTER

By Joanne Byrne

### Cabaret Night

Brian Gillie will perform on Thursday, April 29 from 5:30 to 7 pm. at Cabaret Night. Brian came last year and entertained us with his wonderful piano playing and singing. He does show tunes, popular tunes, the oldies and goodies, jazz, honky-tonk and more. Coffee and dessert is served at 5:30 and the entertainment begins at 6 pm. Tickets are \$5 and are available in advance in the senior center. Tickets are not sold at the door.

### Senior Prom at Peck Place School

Peck Place Student Council will hold a Senior Prom and Lunch at the school on Tuesday, April 27 from 11 to 2 and have invited senior members of the community. A buffet lunch will be served. This event will be held as an actual prom with music and dancing. Although it is not required, guests are invited to dress up in their finest attire (i.e. tuxes or jacket and tie for the men, and dresses or fancy pant suits for the women....the student council members will be dressed up too!) Student council members will dance with the seniors. Please register for this fun event in senior center office by April 23

### Speaker on Amelia Earhart at the Library

Chandra Prasad, author of "Breathe the Sky", will speak at the Case Memorial Library on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 pm. Chandra is a Hamden resident, a graduate of Yale, and a writer with an established track record in both fiction and nonfiction. "Breathe the Sky", a novel inspired by the life of Amelia Earhart, is an adventure story, a love story, and a cautionary tale about the double-edged sword of modern American celebrity. Come to hear how Chandra wrote the story and what she learned from the life of the famous woman she was writing about. Call the center to register.

### Nature Walks

On April 26, walkers will go to the Audubon Center at Bend of the River, a short distance west of the South Britain Village in Southbury. Bring a snack and water. Call the center to sign up for the walks.

### Orange Senior Leadership Reunion and Recruitment Reception

Are you recently retired? Do you have skills and experience you would like to share with your community? Would you like to learn more about your community or benefit from more community engagement? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, then the Orange Leadership Program is designed just for you. The Leadership Program is designed for Orange residents over the age of 55. The program introduces participants to the people, programs and possibilities of the town of Orange. The program provides an excellent way to meet some of the town's influential leaders and meet new people who are interested in the same things you are interested in. Come to a reunion and recruitment reception on Wednesday, May 5 from 4 to 6 pm in the High Plains Senior Café. It will be an opportunity to meet the graduates and learn more about how you can participate in this exciting program. Wine and Cheese will be served along with coffee and other refreshments. Information about the program and application forms will be available. Please call 203-891-4784 to reserve a spot.

(*"Teen Center" continued from page 3*)

she should not have written that letter in part because he has "worked so hard for the Amity Teen Center" in the past.

Both Pearson and Goldblatt strongly deny their votes against the teen center funding were aimed at Opper as political payback. "It's just a false and outrageous claim," said Pearson, who won the caucus last summer, but then was defeated by incumbent Zeoli in the November election. "I just felt that the teen center could find the funding elsewhere, such as from service organizations like the Lion's Club or Rotary Club," Pearson said. "I never said if the center at least tried to do that and was unable to get the funding that I would still oppose funding the request. I don't know why Jane Opper wants to go around making false claims about what my motivation was. But she's wrong."

Goldblatt said he was surprised Opper would make such a claim, especially when the request was approved anyway. "The bottom line is the vote passed without my vote and Trish's vote. My reason for voting against it is very simple. There are other sources of funding I thought were more appropriate. And I'm not unhappy the request was granted. I just would have preferred it be funded in another way, even through the regular town budget."

In fact, Goldblatt said if it wasn't for Zeoli's decision a few years ago to cut the Orange portion of annual teen center funding from \$15,000 to \$10,000 "this wouldn't even be an issue because the center would have more than enough funds for the computers." Goldblatt also said if it wasn't for his strong support for the teen center while he was first selectman from 1999-2005 "they wouldn't have survived long enough to find a new permanent building." Opper acknowledges that support and points to the change in Goldblatt's position saying "It's quite obvious what has happened here, and despite their denials, everyone can see that their anger towards me was their motivation."

Goldblatt said the cell tower funds are supposed to be used only for requests in which there are no other funding sources. However, other requests that were unanimously approved included \$1000 for the time capsule to be used for the Mary L. Tracy Centennial Celebration and a \$2500 allocation toward the Annual 4th of July Fireworks. "It absolutely had nothing to do with political payback or anything like that," Goldblatt said.

Others in both parties aren't so sure.

"To tell the truth I was kind of stunned there was any opposition to the request," said Zeoli. "Look, everyone knows I haven't always supported all the events that go on at the Teen Center. But I could see this was a legitimate request for computers to help kids do their homework. Too me, that's very important and makes a lot of sense. I don't know what's going on over there (with the Democrats), but if it was some kind of payback to Jane Opper that's really a shame."

Long-time Democratic Selectman Joe Blake said he supported the request and was also surprised his fellow Democrats on the board did not. "I think it's time we gave the teen center some revenue during difficult times," Blake said. I felt as long as it was going to be used for an educational purpose that was a very good reason to approve the new computers. "I had hoped they (Goldblatt and Pearson) would have supported money for the computers too, but I can't explain their reasoning."

Republican Selectman Judy Williams, who made the motion that the teen center request be approved, said "In my opinion they did their homework and came forward with a very reasonable proposal. Computers only last three or four years, and I was surprised anyone would vote against it. Williams said she doesn't understand why Pearson and Goldblatt opposed the request. "I was sorry they voted against it because I thought it was for a very worthy cause," Williams said. "If they did it as a political payback I feel sorry for them. Something like this should not be political. They should be thinking of the kids, they shouldn't be doing it as a vendetta."

The Teen Center opened its doors on Selden Street in Woodbridge in 2006 after being without a building for many years after the original Post Road location in Orange was used by the town for a new firehouse. The center, which began in 1987, is a nonprofit organization which provides programs for area teens in grades nine to 12, providing rooms for band performances, TV, games, and computers.



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# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## Woodbridge Garden Club to Hold Annual Luncheon

The Garden Club of Woodbridge presents its annual Fund Raiser Luncheon at the Race Brook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT, on Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 11:45AM.

Luncheon will be followed by a presentation by Melinda Wolcott, certified Floral Design Judge and member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut Judge's Panel. Melinda, an entertaining speaker, will design 5 arrangements and these will be offered to luncheon attendees. A Boutique of Garden ornaments will be on display, and an assortment of Baskets for bid.

All donations will be used to support the various Woodbridge Garden Club activities in town. These activities include weekly tending of the gardens around the Town Library, gardens at the historical Darling House, gardens at the Senior Center and Town entrance, as well as activities at Beecher School with the gardens and students, and an Amity High School Scholarship each year.

For luncheon choices and reservations, contact S.Hildebrand at 203-387-3543.




## 3rd Annual Children of Orange Art Exhibit

The Art in the Library Committee and Youth Services is exhibiting its 3rd Annual Children of Orange K through Elementary Art Exhibit which is currently being displayed during April at the Case Library. A reception was held April 8th, and attended by many students, artists, friends, family, and community members. The exhibit contains 77 works of art representing watercolor, oil, pencil, chalk, photographs, as well as 3-D art submissions. Mary L. Tracy, Turkey Hill, Peck Place, and Race Brook schools participated in the exhibit. The Orange Elementary art teachers selected the works to be chosen for display. Art in the Library Committee and Youth Services collected the work, hung the exhibit, and assisted at the reception. Parents of the student artists donated food toward the reception and Youth Services student volunteers assisted as well.

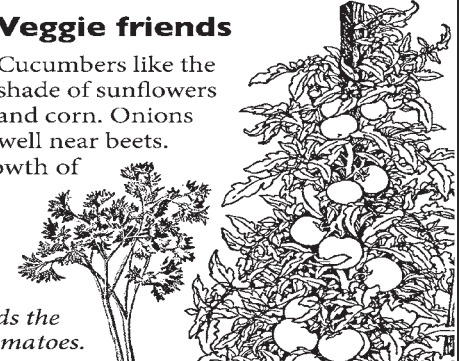
Art in the Library Committee and Youth Services wishes to express its sincerest appreciation to Superintendent Tim James and Robert Martino, Director of Curriculum. A very special thank you goes to the Orange art teachers who coordinated the material in the schools: Erin Garney-Race Brook/Mary Tracy, Matt Stevens-Peck Place, and John Kaluzynski-Turkey Hill/Mary Tracy. Thanks also to the School principals Colleen Murray-Turkey Hill, Al DeCant-Peck Place, and Michael Gray-Race Brook. Assistance was provided by Meryl Farber and the Case Library staff, and also Jason of Frammer's Edge provided matting/framing rates to parents.

## Garden Club of Orange Holds May Market

The Garden Club of Orange will be holding their annual May Market plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 8 (Rain date May 15), from 8:30-12 noon on the Orange Town Green, Orange Center Road. The Club will be selling locally grown annuals and perennials, as well as home baked goodies and garden artifacts. The May Market has become the place for local gardeners to purchase plants that are proven to do well under our local growing conditions at a very reasonable price as well as to learn about gardening from the Club members. If you would like to learn more about the Garden Club, please visit their website at [www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html](http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html) or call membership Chairperson Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195.



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## Beardsley Zoo Coming to Orange

The Orange Land Trust Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 27th. Following a brief business meeting, the Beardsley Zoo will present a program on "Mammals of Connecticut and How Environmental Changes Have Affected Them." The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited to this free program.



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

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## TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

### Upcoming 2010 Budget Meetings and Votes

**Wednesday, April 28th**  
Orange Board of Finance Budget Hearing (7:30 pm)  
High Plains Community Center

**Monday, May 3rd**  
Amity District Budget Meeting (TBA)  
Amity High School, Woodbridge

**Thursday, May 4th**  
Amity District Referendum Vote (6 am-8 pm)  
High Plains Community Center

**Thursday, May 13th**  
Orange Annual Town Meeting (7:30 pm)  
High Plains Community Center

**Tuesday, May 25th**  
Orange Budget Referendum Vote (6 am-8 pm)  
High Plains Community Center



### Triad Presents: Yellow Dot

The Orange Triad is a partnership between People's United Bank, the Town of Orange and Senior Residents. The three parties have come together to help protect senior citizens from physical and financial harm. On May 20th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm the Orange Triad will be holding a free Yellow Dot sign up & update event at the High Plains Community Center Café.

The Yellow Dot Program consists of an information packet that is placed in the glove compartment of your car and a yellow dot affixed to the lower inside corner of the driver's side rear window. First responders (EMS and Police) are trained to look for this yellow dot when they are called to an accident scene. Besides basic information such as name and address, the package contains valuable information such as your doctors' names and phone numbers, health history, medications you are taking, any allergic reactions, and emergency contacts.

We urge you to take advantage of this free program. Triad members will be available to take your picture and help fill out the information card. Please bring with you a list of all medications with dosage, your doctors' names and telephone numbers, health and allergy history, and names and phone numbers of emergency contacts.

For further information call Dennis Marsh, Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent, at Orange Community Services 891-4787.

### OVNA Healthline



The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinics will be held at its office at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library. Monday, April 26, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, and held on Thursday, May 6, from 1:00 to 2:00. No appointment is necessary.

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

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

Forms are available at the Orange Town Hall in the First Selectman's Office and are due back by May 1, 2010 to Kevin Gilbert, Parade Organizer, at 256 Peck Lane, Apt. #29, Orange, CT 06477. Participants can also fax the completed form to Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall, 203-891-2185.



### We Need Your Energy!

The Clean Energy Task Force of Orange is looking for volunteers to help Orange save energy. We need your help to make Orange an energy efficient town so we don't waste our tax dollars on needless energy and we can help our environment at the same time. If you are technically inclined, that is even better. If you have some time to make a few calls a week, that is great too. You can really make a difference in our town. Please call Amy at (203) 980-9623. Or email [CleanEnergy@orange-ct.gov](mailto:CleanEnergy@orange-ct.gov).



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

### From the Desk of the Municipal Agent

By Dennis Marsh



### Warning: The Government Does Not Call About Your Insurance

Ok folks, know one thing, the United States Government will not call nor will anyone from the government be stopping by to talk to you about your health insurance policy. Now with that being said, be aware that there are many unscrupulous salespeople who are visiting seniors, pretending to be (or at least allowing you to believe that they are) federal employees. They are not federal employees, but rather insurance sales representatives looking to make a sale. In fact, what they are really doing is selling Medicare Supplements, Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, or even Annuities.

In Missouri, the Senior Medicare Patrol, an advocacy group funded by the federal Administration on Aging that educates Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries about health care fraud, have found that senior apartment complexes have been targeted by insurance sales representatives claiming to be with "ObamaCare". They use fears and anxiety generated by the national health care debate as an opportunity to get seniors to change their health insurance plans to be sure they have the "right coverage".

The ObamaCare scam is just the latest trick sales agents are using to get in front of seniors to encourage the purchase of insurance or other products. A popular practice by insurance companies is to mail postcards to seniors about the changes in Medicare. When the senior returns the postcard an agent calls to schedule an appointment. At the appointment they will complete a thorough assessment to "identify your needs" then they will try to sell an insurance policy or annuity to meet those needs.

Buying a Medicare Supplement plan can be wise for Medicare recipients, but you need to know: Uncle Sam does not make house calls to sell health insurance. If you have any questions of concerns, please feel free to call Dennis Marsh, Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent for the Town of Orange at (203) 891-4787.

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## Quill and Davis Named Managers at Paugusset

Kevin Quill and Seth Davis have assumed the positions of manager and assistant manager respectively at Paugusset Pool and Tennis Club, 1 Club Rd in Orange.

Founded in 1951 Paugusset is a member-owned private club set on twelve acres that offers the largest outdoor heated swimming pool in the area, a recently renovated kiddie pool, basketball court, picnic area as well as a clubhouse and six Har-Tru tennis courts and three hard courts.

Quill, a noted area swim coach for over 20 years, brings abundant experience from his years at the Country Club of Waterbury and the Weston Field Club as well as extensive pool knowledge from many years in the pool construction and maintenance industry.

Seth Davis is a teacher at Amity Middle School where he has been employed for five years. He also coached at Lauralton Hall. Before entering the field of education he worked as a restaurant manager for a total of 15 years in both the casual and fine dining environment. He is returning for his second year at Paugusset.

Paugusset President Richard Zorena made the manager announcement last week and informed the membership of numerous recent and pending improvements including the painting of the clubhouse interior, a construction project doubling the size of the main patio, a new heater for the main pool, complete repair and resurfacing of the hard courts, extensive tree work, the upgrade of the sidewalks surrounding the tennis courts and new deck furniture. To schedule a tour or for more information please contact membership chair Jamie Weber at: [jamiweb@optonline.net](mailto:jamiweb@optonline.net).

## Reinhard to Speak at GOP Woman's Luncheon

The Woman's Republican Club of Orange will hold their annual spring luncheon on Saturday, May 1st at Grassy Hill Country Club, 414 Clark Lane, Orange.

Cocktails will be served at 12 noon (cash bar) with luncheon to follow. The cost is \$27 per person. Reservations will close on April 24th. Please make checks payable to WRCO, c/o Beth Michael, 386 Drummond Road, Orange 06477. Dinner choices include Eggplant Parmigiana, Chicken Francaise, and Beef Jardiniere and include dessert & coffee.

The guest speaker for the event will be Ginny Reinhard. Ginny is well known in the member of the Orange community. Ginny is a substitute teacher in the Milford Elementary School System and has taught Orange students as well. She is a 20 year member of the Orange Historical Society and currently serves as the organizations president. She also serves as the curator of the Stone-Otis House as well as the director of the Stone Education Exhibits at the Academy. Ginny will speak on "Orange Woman That Have Made a Difference".

The WRCO will continue their traditional "Door Prize Event". You are invited to bring a door prize to donate. Please contact Mary DeVito at 203-795-9382 or Lynn Plaskowitz at 203727-1673 with any questions or reservations. Friends and perspective members are welcome to attend the event and join the WRCO.



*Ginny Reinhard*

## Jessup Named Manager at Milford Yacht Club

Milford Yacht Club is pleased to announce that William "Wim" Jessup has recently taken over as manager.

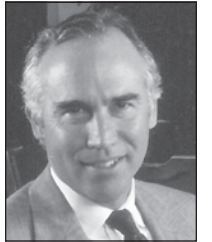
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For over a 100 years, Milford Yacht Club has been a premier destination for sailors, boaters, swimmers and a summer oasis for families. Members and their guests enjoy coming in from a day of yachting, then cooling off in the pool before relaxing on the deck with drinks before dinner. Often the Club House is abuzz with the excitement of a weekend regatta or rocking with the entertainment of a Saturday night dance. The club has a very active Star boat fleet along with other one design classes and an active PHRF fleet. For those new to sailing; adult classes are offered in 4 pristine J-22's, a small safe keel boat.

Jessup brings to Milford Yacht Club a wealth of experience and track record of success as the former general manager of the Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, the Larchmont Yacht Club in Larchmont and the New York Stock Exchange Luncheon Club in NYC. Wim is a life-long sailor and lives in Darien with his wife Barbara and son Christopher.

"Milford Yacht Club is one of the finest full service Yacht Clubs on Long Island Sound with a prime location on the head of Milford Harbor and I look forward to working with my staff to build upon its rich tradition of sailing, community, charitable events and recreation" said Jessup. "There is high excitement here as we sail into the 2010 season with its many member events scheduled such as Opening Day Commissioning Ceremonies on May 15th, Mother's Day Brunch, Father's Day BBQ, Community wide Blessing of the Fleet, Jimmy Buffet Nite, Sunday Happy Hours on the Deck with music. A signature event will be the Milford Yacht Club's fundraising regatta scheduled for August 7th to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Exciting things will be happening at Milford Yacht Club this spring, summer and fall!"

To schedule a tour or for more information call 203 783-0060 or email us at [membership@milfordyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@milfordyachtclub.com).



*William "Wim" Jessup*

## Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert & Silent Auction

Amity High School Habitat Club, Amity Cares, and Sleeping Giant Build will co-host the 4th Annual Benefit Concert & Silent Auction on Saturday, May 15th at Amity High School in Woodbridge at 7:00 PM. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven. Singer-songwriter Amanda Kaletsky returns to lead the program. The Amity Middle School cast of Beauty and the Beast, the North Haven High School Barbershop Quintet, and the Greater New Haven Community Choir will also perform.

Doors will be open at 6:00 PM for a silent auction. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, and children under five are free. Contact [amitycaresconcert@gmail.com](mailto:amitycaresconcert@gmail.com) for silent auction donations and concert tickets. Tickets may also be purchased by contacting (203) 397-3466. Visit [www.AmityCares.org](http://www.AmityCares.org) for further information.

## Democratic Town Committee to Host Candidates

Two leading contenders for the Democratic Gubernatorial nomination, Ned Lamont and former Mayor Dan Malloy of Stamford will discuss the issues and answer questions at a Meet and Greet Forum on Monday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center Senior Cafeteria. The Forum, which will take place during the next regular meeting of the Orange Democratic Town Committee, will also feature Attorney General candidates Cam Staples and George Jepson. The Forum is open to not only democrats, but any resident interested in hearing the candidates' views on a variety of issues.



## CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

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### In the Children's Department

#### Spring story hour schedule:

Sessions for age 2 are held on Mondays from 10:30-11 a.m. and continue each Monday through May 2010. The final spring story hour for age 2 will be held on June 7.

Sessions for ages 3-5 (which include a craft activity) are held on Wednesdays from 4-5 p.m. and Thursdays, from 10:30-11:30 p.m. through May 2010. The final spring story hours for ages 3-5 will be on June 2 and June 3.

Summer story hour will begin at the end of June.



#### Jack and the Beanstalk

Saturday, May 22, 1 p.m.: Master Puppeteer Michael Graham, Director of Spring Valley Puppets, will perform "Jack and the Beanstalk" at the Case Memorial Library. This popular classic features beautifully crafted hand puppets, colorful scenic design, and an original script in which Jack is truly a hero. The production was awarded the 1994 Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry from UNIMA-USA, the American Center of the Union Internationale de la Marionette. This program is recommended for ages 5 and up. Pre-registration is required in person at the library or by telephone.

### Adults and Teens

#### Authors in the Library: Chandra Prasad

Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.: Chandra Prasad, a Hamden resident, Yale graduate, and author of several books, will speak about her latest novel *Breathe the Sky*, a novel based on the life of Amelia Earhart. Celebrated novelist Wally Lamb says of her book: "From lift-off to landing, *Breathe the Sky* is a novel that soars." Sponsored by the Case Memorial Library and the Orange Senior Center. Please pre-register.

#### Connect to the Unexpected: Uncovering Your Destiny in the Winds of Change

Monday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.: Stacey Krone Battat, author of *Thin Threads: Stories of Life Changing Moments*, will visit the Case Memorial Library for an exciting and uplifting presentation and book signing. Battat will share the 'thin thread' moments of her own personal journey, along with some of incredible stories of people who have contributed their real stories of life-changing moments to the book series. If you're wondering what's next in your life, she will help you recognize the potential life altering moments that are in your path. This event is part of the library's Boomer & Beyond series co-sponsored by the Case Memorial Library and Orange Community Services. Please pre-register.

#### Cooking with Chef John Bencivengo: Spring Vegetables and Salads

Wednesday, May 19, 7 p.m.: Join Chef John Bencivengo Jr., Senior Chef at the Chowder Pot Restaurant in Branford at the Case Memorial Library as he demonstrates how to prepare delicious spring vegetables and salads. Attendees will be able to taste his creations! Reservations will be accepted beginning May 5 and must be made in person at the library. Receipts must be presented upon entering the program to gain admission. A \$5 per person food charge is required with your reservation.

#### Book Chat Café

Tuesday, May 18, 2:15 p.m. Held at the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments.

#### Art in the Library

Watercolors and pottery by Joan Lakin, Barbara Mazur, MaryAnn Verinis, and Margaret Ulecka-Wilson will be displayed in the Meeting Room of the Case Memorial Library through the month of May. The public is invited to meet the artists at the opening reception on Thursday, May 6 from 5-7 p.m.

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

## Orange Resident to Present Photography Exhibit Entitled "Remarkable" in May

The Milford Library is pleased to announce its May exhibit of photographs from the work of Orange resident, Carlyne Labrecque. She is a native of Milford whose childhood home was located on Elton Street, between Gulf Street and the harbor. The "Wilcox Park" she played in as a child, the "old Boat Ramp" and the beautiful "Lisman Landing", have inspired her to create her "Harbor Series." It is a study of the magical environment full of charm, vibrancy and character. Her popular swan photographs recall the era of Herman, the renowned male swan, and his offspring. "Bye-Bye" is the signature photograph of the series.



Carlyne Labrecque

Since moving to Orange, Carlyne has taken inspiration from the rural, sylvan charm of the town to create the "Animal Series." Her love and understanding of animals are obvious in her portraits: lambs, sheep, goats, and horses at Patti and Bryan Clark's Mapleview Farm, bullocks at First Selectman's Jim Zeoli's Shamrock Farm, and a cunning, fast, 400 pound sow that tried to eat Carlyne's camera at Foyer's Farm. The series also includes a photograph of a regal tiger at Beardsley Zoo, and a portrait of a haughty llama at the Orange Agricultural Fair.

Carlyne's most recent collection of photographs, The People Series, has evolved into a source of challenge and delight. This is the first photo series of people for her. She states that "the heroic, the happy, the poignant, and the spontaneous are at the heart of these pictures." John Tartaglio's courage and intense determination were the inspiration for "The First Walk." The connection and conversation between two dear friends resulted in "Joel and Dave." The spontaneous childlike silliness of two little girls is captured in the photograph "La joie de la jeunesse."

The Milford Library exhibit will include selected photographs from these three series. Carlyne is very grateful to have been inspired by the towns of Milford and Orange. Through her photographs, she has made both communities her own.

The exhibit will run from Saturday, May 1 to Friday May 28 during regular library hours.

For further information about the exhibit contact Carlyne Labrecque at (203)795-4182.

## Life, Language and the Pursuit of Happiness - Ernest Hemingway Alive!

Join us as Richard Clark's performance brings to life Ernest Hemingway and helps us relive with Ernest those days from WWI through the inauguration of JFK. The tragedies and triumphs, the joys and sorrows; the sacred and the profane, the loves and losses. The life force of the master craftsman considered by his peers as "the greatest writer since Shakespeare".

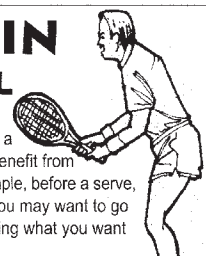
Richard Clark has spent over 30 years in New England regional theater and New York Theater. He is a graduate of Clark University and has studied at the American Academy of Dramatic Art, The Actors Connection and the Actor's Loft in New York. His "Keeping History Alive" series brings the life and work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

Wednesday, April 28th, 7:30 pm at the Case Memorial Library. This event is free and open to the public but please RSVP by calling or stopping by the Circulation Desk (203)891-2170. This event is sponsored by The Friends of the Case Memorial Library.

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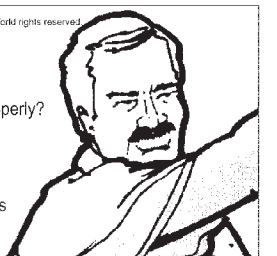
Sometimes beginners let their focus wander and just hit balls in a mindless fashion. But they can benefit from focusing on their game. For example, before a serve, try to relax and breathe slowly. You may want to go through a mental checklist covering what you want to accomplish with the shot.



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- Ask yourself:
- Do I have control of my breathing?
  - Are my feet lined up properly?
  - What's my target?
  - Am I going to the net or staying back?

Having a clear set of goals can help you relax and play better.





## Charitable Group to Aid Orange Residents in Need

Vincent M. Marino and Debra B. Marino have announced the formation of Saving Orange Residents In Need, Inc., a charitable organization to help Orange residents in need. The organization will also be known as "SOaRING." SOaRING was founded with the objective of supplementing the assistance given by the town's community services and outreach programs as well as to provide assistance for families in crisis.

Vincent Marino stated "last holiday season Deb and I were sitting in the kitchen talking about how many families there were in town that needed help. The numbers of those in need were much higher than we imagined." "With all of the donations that are given nationally and internationally, local residents and families in need are not getting all of the assistance they need. We thought if only each household gave a small donation of \$10, we could do a lot of good in our community." "There are about 5,000 homes in Orange. A \$10 donation from each would raise \$50,000 to help those in need in our community," Marino stated.

"Someone should not have to choose between heating their house and eating a meal" Deb Marino said. "We are fortunate to live in a great town. We must all work together to provide our fellow residents with assistance when the need arises. Our mission is to complement and work with the town's community services," Marino said.

"The mission of SOaRING is to remind our community that a lot of small contributions can create big results." Vincent Marino said. "It is our hope that SOaRING will serve as a model for our surrounding communities and beyond. With decreased government assistance and increased needs in our community, it is incumbent on us all to reach out a hand to help members in our community that need it."

SOaRING's Board of Directors include: Vincent Marino, Debra Marino, Kevin Houlihan, Kathrine Carangelo, Robert Lettick, and Tracey Papello. SOaRING is a non-profit charitable organization and one hundred percent of the proceeds collected by SOaRING will be distributed to residents in need directly to residents through the Board of Directors. For more information about SOaRING, to become involved or to make a donation, contact Debra Marino at [savingorangeresidentsinneed@yahoo.com](mailto:savingorangeresidentsinneed@yahoo.com) or by contacting Debra at 203-298-0611. Anyone interested in making a donation should send a check payable to Saving Orange Residents in Need and mail it to 657 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

## Orange Rotary to Hold Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale

The Orange Rotary Club will be having its annual Rose Sale fundraiser on Friday, May 7th and Saturday, May 8th (Mother's Day Weekend). The cost is \$15/dozen which includes a clear plastic box and care packet; there will be a variety of colors to choose from and they will make a wonderful Mother's Day gift. All proceeds from the event will go towards supporting Rotary's initiatives both in the local community and abroad. Roses may be pre-ordered by contacting Mike Richetelli at (203)795-8060 or [mike@colprop.com](mailto:mike@colprop.com) or by contacting any Orange Rotarian. Roses will be available for pick-up between 11-2 on Friday, May 7th in front of High Plains Community Center and will also be sold on Saturday, May 8th from 8-12 at the Orange Transfer Station.



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## Relay for Life to be Held on Orange Fairgrounds

On Saturday, May 22 & 23, the American Cancer Society will present the 2010 (Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge) Relay For Life, a walk that will bring together our community to fight a battle that is touching the lives of all whom we know. This year's event will be held at the Orange Fairgrounds for the first time since its beginning 10 years ago and we expect hundreds (thousands) of your friends and neighbors to walk the track to raise money to draw attention to the seeming epidemic rise of cancers that touch our lives and the lives of those we love.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight community celebration where individuals and teams camp out, and take turns walking around a track relay style to raise funds, while celebrating the lives of those who have had cancer, remembering those lost, and fighting back against a disease that touches all of us. At nightfall, participants light hundreds (thousands) of luminaria around the track in a moving ceremony to honor cancer survivors as well as friends and family members lost to the disease. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who fight cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Local volunteers are a huge part of making this a success. So now is the time for individuals, families, community groups, corporations and small business to commit their Relay For Life team participation. Join us at this event to help the American Cancer Society realize its vision of a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

To sign up, participate or learn how you may volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345, or visit [www.RelayForLife.org/bow.ct](http://www.RelayForLife.org/bow.ct) You may also contact Debbie Davis at [Debbie.Davis@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:Debbie.Davis@reg5.k12.ct.us) or George Geane at [George.Geane@reg5.k12.ct.us](mailto:George.Geane@reg5.k12.ct.us)

## Barton, Hendricks, Gilbert Named 2010 Living Treasures

Three Orange residents have been chosen by the selection committee from twelve nominations made for this year's Living Treasure Awards awarded by the Community Services Department. Every person nominated deserved to be on the Living Treasure list. Those chosen as Living Treasures this year are John Barton, Sr., Veronica Hendricks, and Kevin Gilbert.

Jack Barton, Sr. has given his time and talent to Little League, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Orange Rotary, and the volunteer fire department. Jack is also a member of the Orange Police Commission, and has been active in raising funds on the ACES Foundation Board.

Ronnie Hendricks has committed her life to all things educational. Ronnie has served on the Executive Board of the AAUW raising funds for college scholarships, tutors students after school, serves as a Commissioner for the Community Services Department and has participated in camper selection at Girl Scout Camp. Ronnie is often seen volunteering at a wide variety of community events.

Kevin Gilbert has chaired the town Memorial Day Parade for 15 years, serves as a member of the Orange Fair Committee, was a member of the Orange Water Pollution Control Authority, and is an usher at Holy Infant Church. Through his volunteer efforts, Kevin has demonstrated a deep commitment to his community, and to the people and organizations that he has served as leader and/or committee member.

Honorees are chosen for the contributions they have given to the community as volunteers during their lives and especially in their later years; and on the scope of their volunteer service and the impact their service has had on the community. Each will be honored at the annual Pasta Festa! supper which will be held on Friday, May 14 from 5 to 8 pm in St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church Hall, 480 Racebrook Road. Tickets are \$20, which include the dinner, entertainment and the awards presentation, and can be purchased at the Orange Senior Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Tables for up to 8 persons are available.

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Americans love pizza and it always seems like we can't get enough of it. Milford has a new pizza restaurant that offers an "All You Can Eat" pizza buffet. Definitely a unique concept in our area. Nationally the pizza buffet restaurants are springing up all over the country and Paisan's is the first one in Connecticut. Owner Neil Riggione is committed to spreading the word about his new establishment.

Paisan's Pizza & Buffet definitely caters to families offering a large, clean, fun friendly environment with a much laid back casual atmosphere. Paisan's (pronounced pie-zans) specializes in New Haven style thin crust brick oven pizza made fresh to order. Neil's partner John Capece sharpened his pizza making skills at the popular "Bar Restaurant" in New Haven that is famous for their "mashed potato" pizza. Paisan's recently hosted a Business After Hours for the Orange Chamber of Commerce. The guests were raving about the mashed potato pizza, macaroni & cheese pizza and Paisan's special dessert Apple Pie Pizza with apples, honey, brown sugar and cinnamon along with the Cookie Monster Pizza featuring cookie dough, marshmallows, chocolate sauce and confectionary sugar.

The "All You Can Eat" buffet items include a soup of the day, salad bar with fresh greens, fresh toppings, potato & macaroni salads, tomato, cucumber & onion salad. The hot bar offers pasta with a choice of marinara, tomato Alfredo, & cheese alfredo sauces, meatballs, sausage & peppers, and fresh baked rolls. The New Haven style thin crust brick oven pizza is made fresh to order with your choice of toppings right at the buffet table. Beverages on the buffet include fountain sodas, lemonade, iced tea, hot tea and freshly brewed coffee with unlimited refills. All this for the unbelievable price of \$6.99 for lunch and \$8.99 for dinner. Kid's prices range from \$1.99 - \$5.99 depending on their age.

Paisan's also has a regular menu featuring appetizers, calzones, salads, soup, dinners, subs, etc. You may "BYOB" as future plans include beer & wine. On my most recent visit, I met Orange resident Dave Evans and his adorable son Todd. This was their first visit to Paisan's and both were thoroughly enjoying the Pizza buffet. Paisan's is the ultimate party place for kids, offering Team & Birthday Party Packages starting at only \$5.99 per kid. This includes the buffet with dessert pizzas, balloons on the table and 10 tokens per child for "Smiles Game Room" next door. Paisan's is extremely spacious and they also offer a large patio for outdoor dining.

Paisan's Pizza & Buffet is located at 1595 Boston Post Road (across from Whole Foods & next to Smiles Entertainment Plaza) in Milford. Phone 203-877-6666 - Fax 203-877-6667. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday 11:30am-9:00pm. Friday & Saturday 11:30am-10:00pm, Sunday 11:30am-9:00pm. All major credit cards accepted, handicapped accessible, catering & party trays available & free delivery (call for details). You may also visit Paisan's and friends online at Facebook.

Final notes: Neil and his staff, including his lovely mother, Vicky Riggione are working very hard to make Paisan's a success. The reasonable prices and good food makes this the ideal location for families to enjoy a fun casual dining experience. All you have to do is walk in and grab a plate and you are good to go, no waiting! Remember to support our local businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant please e-mail: susan@orangetownnews.com.

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## Four Year Olds Receive Special Visit

"The four year olds at the Orange Congregational Church Nursery School were recently treated to a visit from Slither & Swim of West Haven. The children were delighted to have an up-close look at several exotic animals, including a bearded dragon and an albino Burmese python.



Members of the Orange Mom's Club and their kids march in a town parade, just one of many fun activities the group does together.

## Staying Connected with the Orange Mom's Club

By Laura Fantarella

What happens when you combine a gaggle of babies, little ones and toddlers, and a group of stay at home and work from home moms? A vibrant and fun "Mom's Club" that helps moms feel connected and keeps the kids entertained.

Mom's Club of Orange is a chapter of an international organization designed to support mothers who choose to stay at home to raise their children. Networking doesn't have to happen just in the work place, it can happen on the playground as well. According to Susan Riccio, an Orange mom and former president of the group, the Mom's Club is a great way for moms to feel connected. "When a woman is used to being in the workforce and then decides to stay at home to raise her children, it can feel very isolating," she said. Riccio had grown up in Orange, moved away, and then moved back when her son Zachary was born. Having lost contact with many of her old friends, she was thrilled when a couple she met at a local playground told her about the "Mom's Club".

"The Club is geared for moms of predominately pre-school age children," she said. A host of fun activities, from going to the park and the beach, holiday parties, trips, play dates and library story times are offered throughout the month. For an annual fee of \$25, moms and their children can participate in as many or as few events as they choose. There are currently about 40 moms and 80 children who are members.

The Mom's Club is not all fun and games. The group also performs local service projects and helps children in the community. They have participated in the Relay for Life, collected toys for the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital toy cart and raised donations for the American Cancer Society and Americares.

Every month there is a forum for topics of interest to mothers ranging from bedwetting and teething to preparing your child from kindergarten. "It's very supportive to meet with other women who are experiencing the same things in their lives," Riccio said.

The women become such good friends that they typically meet several times a month in the evenings without the kids for a 'mom's night out.' "We usually go to dinner or a movie or have a Book Club Night," she said.

The group has fostered many friendships that continue even after the kids have moved on and become too busy for the group. "Once a child starts school they become busier with school and other activities, but many of the moms continue to come to the adult evenings. It's just a really nice group," Riccio said.

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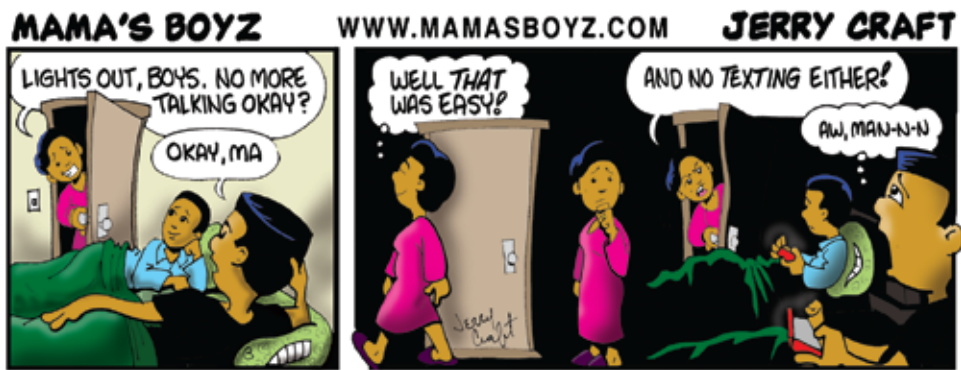
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## Peck Place Students Complete DARE Program

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## SOCIETY NEWS



## Drenzek-Jaques Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Drenzek of Orange announce the marriage of their daughter, Danielle Drenzek to Thomas Scott Buckingham Jaques, son of the late Andrew Jaques and the late Cheryl Jaques of Milford, CT.

The wedding took place at Holy Infant Church in Orange on October 17, 2009. The Reverend Peter Dargan performed the ceremony. A reception was held at Woodwinds in Branford.

The bride is a graduate of Paier College of Art in Hamden, CT with a Bachelor's of Science in Graphic Design. She works as a graphic designer at SalesOne International. Her husband works at Drillmaster Eldorado as Supervisor of the Rifle Button Department.

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## Wagon Trail Neighbors "Walk for MS"

Wagon Trail neighbors (from left) Eric and Civiann Bloch and Beth Kaufman recently participated in "Walk MS" for the 13th consecutive year. The group first teamed up when Beth Kaufman's husband Joel, who has since died of MS, was first diagnosed with the disease. "It's a horrible, horrible disease," Kaufman said. "I have a personal reason for participating." The Blochs agree, adding, "We believe the money we raise is helping to fund the research," Civiann said. "We have several friends with the disease and it's a worthy cause." Last year their team, which usually includes several other walkers, won an award for the "family" team that solicited the most donations, raising over \$9,000 for MS.





Donna Dufresne in character as Prudence Crandall, Connecticut State Heroine, at the recent annual Orange Historical Society Spring fundraiser held on Saturday, April 10 at the Orange Congregational Church. Dufresne's one-woman play portrayed the private voice of Prudence Crandall and the events that led her to open an academy for black girls in 1833. The OHS event also featured homemade soups, breads and desserts.

## HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

### The Tax Man Cometh...

Unless you have filed an extension, you can take a deep breath and glad that tax day has come and GONE, if not, then rummaging through piles of papers, shoe boxes and the like, you have yet another deadline to meet....and you best get to it!

There is a saying about death and taxes but somehow, mixing the thought of leaving this earth and paying out money doesn't compute with me. But looking back at the Town of Orange and taxes, it would seem that taxes were everywhere, military tax, road tax, school tax, property tax, dog tax... yipes the 19th century citizens of Orange had a tax man on every corner, so it would seem.

Individuals of the Town were given the responsibility of collecting the taxes carrying a little, brown, pocketsize, leather book, listing alphabetically, members of the town in one book with columns for a variety of taxes of property and dogs while other little books had members of a neighborhood making them responsible for the road tax. Then there was the military tax that the State imposed and while that didn't dig into the profits enough, the State portioned out a tax to the counties, dividing the sum equally and requiring quarterly deposits to the State Treasury.... all very legal and no doubt very necessary.



By looking at the records held at the Orange Historical Society, the School Society was a separate entity with each school district being paid by a fund within the Town of Orange known as the Town Deposit Fund. Deeds exist for property owned by the society in New Milford with several recorded problems with payments and promises from various members involved with its ownership. As of 1822, history notes that West Haven was allowed, by the State of CT, to be joined with the North Milford section of the Milford colony becoming the Parish of West Haven within Orange and later, the Borough of West Haven. Ultimately, in 1921, West Haven was allowed to withdraw from Orange, becoming its own entity.

With this scenario in mind, taxes can be followed from district to district with Union District, which was physically located in West Haven, receiving from the treasurer of the Town Deposit Fund, \$ 90.40, being the dividend of the fund for Feb 2, 1858. Another receipt dated December 1858 for \$67.93 and again in December of '58, \$28.65 to the Allingtown District. The Town of Orange had a total of 5 Districts schools by 1874 with the last of them being erected in Tyler City. The 5 districts ceased when, in 1909, the Orange School was built on Orange Center Road to accommodate all of the children in those districts. \*

School taxes were certainly not the sole income for Connecticut towns and the state. A military tax, imposed by the State of Connecticut sheds light on how "homeland security" of the time, impacted town treasuries and our records show that \$39.29 was due in December of 1858. State tax of \$251.54, due February 20th of 1858 was paid by the 19th of February what might be an obvious effort to get as much interest as possible on the town funds. It was very common for the old documents to have notations in the margins and the tax assessment for 1858 had an additional amount of \$39.29 added to the \$251.54 but without any explanation. Hmm.

By 1932, official typewritten letters from the Tax Commissioner of the State of Connecticut listed with "chapter & verse, what was required and a letter dated October 29, 1932 outlines a tax of \$780.45 which was Orange's portion of the \$1,250,000 apportioned among the 169 towns. It goes on further to assess \$321.76 for the share of the military tax. The amount to be raised was \$606,298 with the State paying 15 % of the amount and the town treasuries, 85 %. The date due? November 10, 1932.

To make matters worse, in March of 1931, the Senators and Representatives of New Haven County held a meeting and voted that a county tax of \$524,435 be levied, to be apportioned among the several towns of the County with the first of four payments due in June of that year of \$268.54. This time, the letter was sent from the Superior Court of New Haven County, representing the State of Connecticut. Records show that the group met again in 1933, this time they levied the county tax of \$326,376.63, a definite reduction that gave Orange a figure of \$177.27 quarterly.

What is fascinating about these documents is that often the back of the paper was used for note taking and we find on the back of the 1933 letter notes about Connecticut pleas with a fine being collected "at jail" and a dollar amount of 85 for "Dept. State Police." Taxes were a serious business. Aren't you glad you've paid yours?

\* There is no evidence available at this time, that either Union or Allingtown districts were included in the 1909 Orange School.

Ginny Reinhard is the president of the Orange Historical Society.

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## ARTS AND LEISURE



Artist Jennifer Duff (left) with Orange Selectwoman Judy Wright-Williams (right).

### Artist Jennifer Duff Featured at The Davis Gallery

The Davis Gallery in Orange, had a lively opening reception of the works of its gallery director and resident artist, Jennifer Duff, on Saturday afternoon, March 27, 2010

Jennifer Duff was at the gallery to greet the guests at her well-attended, Saturday opening. On view were her numerous hangings dubbed, "The Last Ten Years: A Retrospective." Jennifer's works in the show are mainly pastels ranging from abstract creative pastel portraiture, images of farm animals and utilities, to warm and cozy nature studies. A number of her colorful showings were sold at the event. The prior artist's showings, Vanessa Van Ryzin, were also on display in the Davis Gallery's newly opened, Past Presented wing, and two important items of her presentation were also purchased by visitors. The Davis Gallery is located at 200 Boston Post Road in Orange in the VideoLab lobby.

### Orange Players To Hold First Annual Young Playwrights Competition

The Orange Players, one of Connecticut's oldest community theater groups, is pleased to announce its first annual Young Playwrights of Orange Competition. The competition, which is open to Orange residents in grades 4 through 8 (as of May 1, 2010) seeks to increase children's awareness and interest in the theater and to encourage local writing talent. The competition requires original One Act plays written in standard script format with two to eight characters per play. The competition will be divided into two age categories: grades four through six, and grades seven and eight, with at least one winner per category. The winning plays will be produced as staged readings by the Orange Players in the fall of 2010 at the Young Playwrights Festival. The deadline for submissions for the competition is June 15, 2010.

Further information, including copies of the entry form and details regarding additional rules, can be found at [www.orangeplayers.net](http://www.orangeplayers.net). In addition, the Orange Public Library has made copies of sample plays available for reference for those who are interested. The Orange Players hopes that this will provide a great opportunity for budding writers to have their work showcased while promoting support of the arts in Orange.

## THEATER REVIEW

### "Promises, Promises" at the Broadway Theatre in New York

by Zander Opper

"Promises, Promises," the sensational new revival of the 1968 Neil Simon-Burt Bacharach-Hal David musical at the Broadway Theatre in New York, is a terrifically entertaining production with a super cast that may very well prove to be the Broadway show of the current season. "Promises" marks the high profile debuts of both Rob Ashford as director/choreographer of a Broadway show (he won a Tony for his choreography of "Thoroughly Modern Millie") and of Sean Hayes, who is making his Broadway debut in the central role. From the moment he appears onstage, Sean Hayes is just spectacular, displaying confident leading-man charm and authority and a terrific singing voice, to boot. And, as for director Ashford, his pacing of the show is superb, his staging of the scenes and musical numbers just wonderful, and he even manages to give an idea (for the first time, in my experience) why this show was such a smash in 1968.



When "Promises, Promises" is truly working on all cylinders (as it is here), Neil Simon's book is a laugh-a-minute, the Bacharach/David songs a complete pleasure, and the show offers lots of showy roles for actors to shine. Chief among the performers, as stated, is Hayes as Chuck Baxter, an up-and-coming insurance company employee. The songs for this character were originally tailored to the big-voiced Jerry Orbach and there was some fear on my part that Hayes would not be up to the demands of this rangy music. Fortunately, Hayes' singing is enormously appealing and pitch-perfect throughout. In the part of the office girl who Chuck is secretly in love with, Kristin Chenoweth, who has made her mark in any number of musicals, also scores heavily. Chenoweth's natural perkiness is somewhat at odds with the character she is portraying, but, under Ashford's guidance, she does some of the best acting I've ever seen her do. (It should be noted that two Bacharach/David songs have been added to give Kristin more to sing and, although they are unnecessary, this production is so well-directed that they work anyway). In smaller parts, Katie Finneran is a hoot in the second act as the woman Hayes meets at a bar on Christmas Eve, and veteran Dick Latessa, as Chuck's neighbor, Dr Dreyfuss, knows exactly how to read his lines to get the biggest laughs.

None of these fine performances would be possible if not for the work of Rob Ashford at the helm. Since he is a choreographer as well as a director, the production seems to dance seamlessly from scene to scene, and Ashford is aided enormously by his wonderful scenic and costume designers. He also manages to accomplish an impossible task: the show's big dance number, "Turkey Lurkey Time," (which, happily, exists on video from the 1969 Tony Awards), is, as originally choreographed by the late Michael Bennett, one of the most thrilling numbers ever staged. Miraculously, and without copying any of Bennett's work, Ashford's choreography for this number proves to be equally sensational in its own way and stops the show just as the original dance reportedly did in the 1968 production.

Being a fan of "Promises, Promises" and its exciting score, it is enormously gratifying to report that this production (the first ever Broadway revival of this show) is absolutely first-class from beginning to end. What's more, Rob Ashford even makes the most familiar songs—like "I'll Never Fall in Love Again"—seem so newly-minted that they can still give one goosebumps. While not everyone may fall in love with this marvelous revival of "Promises, Promises," it makes the strongest case for the excellence of this musical and, as it also showcases a star-making performance by Sean Hayes, it is not to be missed. Tickets can be ordered by calling Telecharge at (212) 239-6200 or by going to [PromisesPromisesBroadway.com](http://PromisesPromisesBroadway.com).

## Learn About Designing with Flowers

Do you ever think that you would like to learn how to arrange the flowers you buy or grow in your garden? Then you won't want to miss The Garden Club of Orange meeting on May 11, 2010, 11:30-2 at the Case Memorial Library. Award winning designer and Orange resident Lana Ho will teach tips on creating beautiful designs with fresh flowers. And with gardening season just beginning, you can get a head start thinking about what you would like

to grow in your garden to turn in to arrangements for your home. Club members Gail Nixon, Nancy Becque, Sandy Dadlani, and Brenda Zandri will have designs they created on display. A light lunch will be served. All are welcome. There is a \$5 fee for non-members. If you are interesting in learning more about the Club, please visit their website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or contact Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195.



## ORANGE HOUSE OF WORSHIP EVENTS

### Light Up the Harbor for Beth-El

Beth-El Center in Milford, CT is holding its second annual fundraiser at the Milford Yacht Club on Saturday evening, May 22, 2010 from 7 to 11 pm. "Light up the Harbor for Beth-El" will benefit the organization's shelter, soup kitchen and other support services for homeless men, women and children. Join in a fun, nautically-inspired harborside evening of dining and dancing, with music and entertainment by Good 2 Go, with vocalist Michael Ciulla and guitarist, Ron Murray performing cabaret-style standards. A Silent and Live Auction with auctioneer Eric Hummel includes golf and spa packages, wines, theater and sporting event tickets, original art, a sunset sail, a kayak, fine jewelry, exotic getaways, and much more. Sponsors include the Meisenheimer Foundation, Baybrook Remodelers, United Illuminating, O.E.M. Sources, LLC, Milford Bank, Griswold Special Care, Milford Junior Women's Club, Milford Lions Club, Williams Insurance Agency, Arnold Peck Realtors, and Yale University. WQUN is the media sponsor. Tickets are \$75 per person and space is limited, so reserve early by calling Joanne Byrne at 203-799-9926. Tables of eight are available.

Beth-El Center offers a 34-bed transition shelter and a soup kitchen. The shelter services include case management services for homeless individuals and families. Residents are admitted for a 90-day period. Case managers assist the residents to obtain employment, support services, and housing. The soup kitchen has two part-time staff and a large group of dedicated volunteers who serve 60 to 70 hot, nutritious lunches daily. Beth-El is located at 90 New Haven Avenue in Milford and serves the surrounding area.

Businesses who would like to donate an item or gift certificate for the auction should contact Marcia Ivers at 203-876-9427

## New England Handbell Ensemble to Perform at Congregational Church

The New England Ringers, a fourteen member handbell ensemble, will perform at the Orange Congregational Church on Sunday, May 23rd at 4:00PM. The concert will benefit the church's Restoration Fund of the Woodruff Memorial Pipe Organ.

The ensemble is headquartered in Tewksbury, Massachusetts and the players come from several New England states. The energetic performances delight audiences of all ages. The ensemble demonstrates the range and beauty of the unique and impressive handbell instrument. The repertoire includes diverse musical styles including classical transcripts, familiar favorites and original compositions.

Tickets are \$20 per person, \$15 for seniors and students. Children 12 and under are free. The tickets may be purchased at the church office at 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange or by calling the church office at 203-795-9749.

Refreshments will be served.



## Holy Infant to Hold Spring Tag Sale

The Holy Infant Church Women's Guild will be having a Spring Tag Sale on Saturday, April 24th. The sale will be in the school gymnasium at 450 Racebrook Rd, Orange, from 9am to 2pm. Over 30 vendors will be selling books, household items, jewelry, antiques, children's items. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tables are still available at \$15.00 each for Women's Guild members, and \$20.00 each for non-members. To reserve a table, contact Marilyn at 203-795-9078.



SCHA science fair team accepting their awards at Quinnipiac University. Left to Right (back row): Rabbi Sheya Hecht, SCHA Headmaster, Evan Risch, Rivkah Salhanick, Mussie Kantor, Aviva Levitansky, Lilly Scherban, Rabbi Enan Francis, SCHA Principal, Nancy Bulkeley and Richard MacManus, Dominion's Millstone Power Station representatives (front row): Mendel Hodakov, Shmaya Hecht, Karen Howell, SCHA Science teacher, Alice Burstein, CT Science Fair Executive Committee member.

## Connecticut State Science Fair Champions at SCHA

After weeks of planning and days of concentrated experimentation, eight SCHA "junior scientists" reaped the rewards of their hard work. All the 8th grade students who entered the Connecticut State Science Fair in March received top recognition and prestigious awards for their sensational science presentations.

The inspiration behind the students' success is Mrs. Karen Howell, who heads the SCHA science department and serves as coordinator of the Science Fair. "For Mrs. Howell, science is a labor of love," says SCHA Headmaster, Rabbi Sheya Hecht. "It is her determination, drive, and passion for the courses she teaches, that steer her students in the direction of high achievement. She expects nothing but the best from her students."

For Mrs. Howell, the faculty, and the parents who attended the Award Ceremony at Quinnipiac University, it was a proud and exhilarating moment as the judges announced the names of the SCHA students who stepped up to accept their trophies and awards. Mendel Hodakov and Shmaya Hecht, who exhibited The Effect of Environmental Conditions on the Corrosion of Metals and Corrosion Prevention won 1st place in the Physical Science Middle School Team category, and received Dominion's Millstone Power Station Physical Science Award, as well as the Goodrich Award for winning 2nd place-Engineering-Middle School.

Lilly Scherban's Analysis of "Green Floor Choices-Antimicrobial Activity, Water Absorption, Shock Absorption, Strength and Surface Durability, received 2nd place recognition, Physical Science-8th Grade Individual, and was the recipient of Dominion's Millstone Power Station Physical Science Award. Lilly was also named a middle school finalist, for which she received the Audubon Connecticut and Arch Chemicals Environmental Awards and Esmarts/CT Energy Efficiency Fund Sustainable Resources and Practices Award.

Pfizer Life Sciences Awards were received by Aviva Levitansky and Mussie Kantor who achieved 3rd place-Life Sciences Middle School Team for their presentation on the Effect of Viscosity on Absorption and Adsorption of Nutrients; Evan Risch who won 3rd place for Life Sciences-8th Grade for his Analysis of Roof Slope and Roofing Materials on Mold Growth; and Rivkah Salhanick, 4th place winner Life Sciences-8th Grade, for her presentation on The Effect of Factors on Simulated Cell and Skin Absorption of Vitamin D.

8th Grader, Dobie Kalmanson, earned Special Award Winner status with her exhibit on How the Acid in Bog Berries (Vaccinium) Affects Vitamin C and Antioxidant Levels.

The SCHA champions agree with winner Evan Risch who summed up their success. "It took hard and tedious work to prepare for this event, but it was a gratifying experience. We were busy recording data, checking results, and questioning throughout. We learned so much in the process, and Mrs. Howell was always on hand to answer our questions and guide us. We think she deserves a trophy as well."

The closing congratulatory remarks of Richard MacManus, Dominion's Millstone Power Station representative, will certainly remain with the students for years to come. "You started on a great journey," he said, "remember, never stop learning!"

The Connecticut State Science Fair was followed by the school's annual science fair, which took place later in March. The exhibits, which were set up by students in all grades, and included the winning State Fair exhibits, were viewed by an overwhelming attendance of parents and friends. It was a festive occasion, bringing congratulations to the State Science Fair winners and rounds of applause for the efforts of all the budding scientists in the elementary grades.

SCHA principal, Rabbi Enan Francis, lauded the accomplishments of the students. "I am truly amazed at the level of all the presentations. The students showed a thorough understanding of the subject matter and their research and observations were truly remarkable. We are very proud," he said. 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:

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



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

**Birthday Brunch Celebration Honoring Joey Russell:** Sunday, June 20 at 10:00 am. Please join us for a morning of laughter and memories in celebration of Joey Russell's 90th birthday!. Donation is \$18 per person with proceeds to benefit ARMDI and Congregation Or Shalom. Reservations are due by June 10th. Call Or Shalom for more information at 203-799-2341 or e-mail [info@orshalomct.org](mailto:info@orshalomct.org).

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

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

**Services:** **Sunday mornings:** 9:00 am  
**Monday mornings:** 7:30 am  
**Thursday mornings:** 7:30 am  
**Friday evenings:** 7:00 pm (the first Friday of each month is our Family Service where Rabbi Wainhaus reads the children a story in lieu of a sermon. Following the Service, there will be a dairy Oneg Shabbat--refreshments.)  
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The Expo is reasonably priced at \$275 for an 8 foot foot fully furnished booth. Electric, which is very limited, may be provided for an additional \$100. All exhibitors will be provided with an 8 foot booth space with pipe and drape, linen topped table, 1 chair, business information listed in Expo Program Book, marketing materials placed in Welcome Bags, presentation and activities. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, you may register on-line at the OEDC website - [OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm](http://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 by placing an ad in the Expo Program Booklet or placing your marketing materials in our Welcome Bags for a nominal fee. Please call the OEDC for more information.

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# What I Love About Tax Season

By Roberta L. Nestor

Sixteen years ago I affiliated my financial planning services with a well established income tax preparation office that has been servicing area residents for 35 years, Tax Services of Milford. What followed is the establishment of my practice, TSM Financial. Investments and taxes have proven to be a marriage that cannot be separated. Everything you do with your investments affects your taxes. Having a marriage with a tax office can provide many advantages for investors.

There are obvious reasons why this partnership works, and some maybe not so obvious. For example, months before year end I sit with the tax preparers and make sure I am aware of carry forward losses someone might have.

## Dollars and sense

And, with all of the selling out of the market many individuals are carrying huge losses that may take years to deplete (being limited to \$3,000 of losses against income each year.) This type of information helps me to manage a clients' portfolio for tax efficiency or not.

When it comes to 401k, IRA and Roth contributions, it is often your tax preparer who is telling you how it will affect your bottom line on your return. Our tax preparers will be busy this year helping me with the process of Roth conversions for clients - should you or shouldn't you and how much will it cost? When your advisor works closely with your tax preparer they are working together to make sure you are maximizing tax and investment benefits.

Last tax season is one I will not remember fondly. The market was crashing, it felt like the world was coming to an end and I repeatedly heard, "stop the bleeding". It was scary, for everyone. The market knew no boundaries and appeared to be in a free fall. Taxes and investing took a back seat, last year it was all about the market. During this tax season, it was the economy that dominated conversations.

Emotions have been more about job loss than market loss. Tax expertise has become crucial when advising individuals about job loss. There are many decisions regarding health insurance; access to retirement funds; what to do with pension benefits; tax implications and early withdrawal penalties; severance and how it can affect unemployment benefits; taking money out of 401k, Roth or IRA - all of these issues have an impact on your taxes.

So, while tax season hours are grueling. They are also rewarding. At the end of the day I know my relationship with the tax office has helped my clients. Congress has enacted the Health Care Reform Act, The CLASS Act of 2010, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, The Energy Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 and The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. I am confident that our partnership of tax and investment expertise will guide investors through the tax law changes that await us all.

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The Food court celebrates the return of Thai Taste, Grecian Delights, Boy Scout Troop 1 - breakfast and lunch. The 48 foot Peacemakers "Billboard of Bethlehem", from the West Bank will be displayed. Presented by Bruce Barrett who also produced the award winning documentary film, which he will discuss with the public, offering a limited number of this production for sale.

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# Should Dogs Roam School Playground?



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I walk early every morning around my neighborhood, and almost every time I walk past the elementary school, I see people letting their dogs run around the grassy part of the playground. This is right around sunrise, before school opens. I don't think this should be allowed. What if a dog leaves a nasty "surprise" for the kids? Who should I call to report this? -- Concerned in New England

**DEAR CONCERNED:** While you raise a good point about dogs possibly leaving waste behind after romping around the playground, there doesn't appear to be any other harm done from your description of what's going on.

Before calling to report these dastardly evildoers, be sure to check municipal, county or school board regulations about pets. There probably are regulations about when and where pets can't go -- like inside the school or on the grounds during school hours -- but there may not be any rule stopping pet owners from letting their dogs romp on the grass at 6 a.m.

I'm somewhat ambivalent about telling you how to stop a dog owner from letting his dog play in a controlled area. It's become very difficult for urban and suburban owners to find open, unregulated places for their pets to play. But it's certainly your right to voice your concerns, to the city or the school board.

For pet owners faced with a dearth of open spaces, it's more important now than ever to make a good impression on neighbors, many of whom aren't thrilled about off-leash anything -- even designated dog parks. Socialize your dog to humans and other dogs from a young age, make sure your pet responds promptly to basic commands, pick up its mess from sidewalks and grounds right away, and be considerate to others.

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

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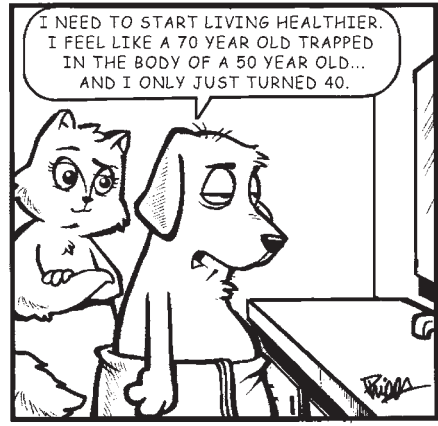
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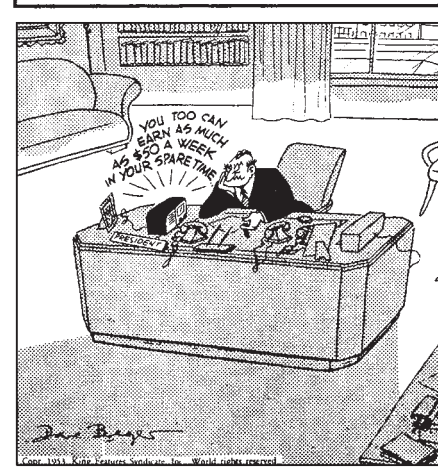
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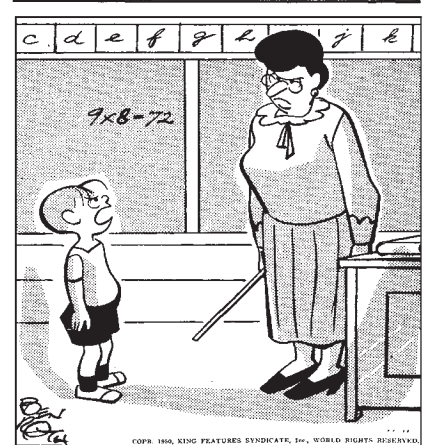


Sports Quiz Answers

From page 26

1. Randy Johnson (five), Steve Carlton (four), Sandy Koufax (three), Tom Glavine (two) and Johan Santana (two).
2. Derek Lowe (21 in 2002), Pedro Martinez (20 in '02), Curt Schilling (21 in '04) and Josh Beckett (20 in '07).
3. Tom Cahill in 1966.
4. Oscar Robertson, Michael Jordan and LeBron James.
5. Canada (1920-1932) and Soviet Union (1964-1976), with four consecutive Olympics each.
6. Jimmie Johnson.
7. Four (2000, '04, '08 and '09).

LAFF-A-DAY



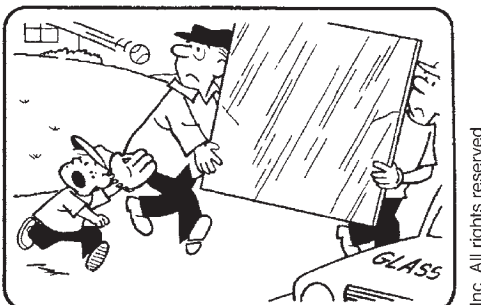
"I'd be good at ancient history, too, if I'd lived it!"

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert

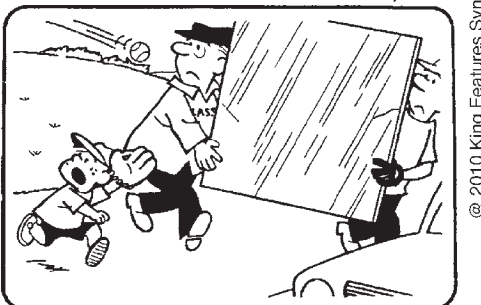


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## top ten

### WOMEN\* in THE BIBLE



\* most mentioned

1. Sarah
2. Esther
3. Rachel
4. Leah
5. Rebekah
6. Jezebel
7. Mary
8. Abigail
9. Miriam
10. Mary Magdalene (tie) Hagar

Source: Meredith's Complete Book of Lists

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## top ten

### Pie Flavors\*

1. Apple
2. Chocolate
3. Coconut
4. Pecan
5. Berry (all types)
6. Key lime
7. Lemon
8. Pumpkin
9. Cherry
10. Banana

\* Ordered in U.S. restaurants  
Source: The NPD Group

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# ENTERTAINMENT



1. **Clash of the Titans (PG-13)**  
Sam Worthington, Gemma Arterton
2. **Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married Too? (GP-13)**  
Tyler Perry, Janet Jackson
3. **How to Train Your Dragon (PG)**  
animated
4. **The Last Song (PG)**  
Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
5. **Alice in Wonderland (PG)**  
Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska
6. **Hot Tub Time Machine (R)**  
John Cusack, Rob Corddry
7. **The Bounty Hunter (PG-13)**  
Jennifer Aniston, Gerard Butler
8. **Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG)**  
Zachary Gordon, Robert Capron
9. **She's Out of My League (R)**  
Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
10. **Shutter Island (R)**  
Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo



1. **The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13)**  
(Summit)
2. **The Princess and the Frog (G)**  
(Buena Vista)
3. **Ninja Assassin (R)**  
(Warner)
4. **2012 (PG-13)**  
(Sony)
5. **The Boondock Saints II: All Saints Day (R)**  
(Sony)
6. **Old Dogs (PG)**  
(Buena Vista)
7. **The Hurt Locker (R)**  
(Summit)
8. **Planet 51 (PG)**  
(Sony)
9. **Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' By Sapphire (R)**  
(Lionsgate)
10. **Astro Boy (PG)**  
(Summit)



### Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Rihanna**  
"Rude Boy"
2. **B.o.B feat. Bruno Mars**  
"Nothin' On You"
3. **Train**  
"Hey, Soul Sister"
4. **Lady Antebellum**  
"Need You Now"
5. **Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce**  
"Telephone"
6. **Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris**  
"Break Your Heart"
7. **The Black Eyed Peas**  
"Imma Be"
8. **Justin Bieber feat. Ludacris**  
"Baby"
9. **Young Money feat. Lloyd**  
"BedRock"
10. **Ke\$ha**  
"TiK ToK"

### Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Carrie Underwood**  
"Temporary Home"
2. **Zac Brown Band**  
"Highway 20 Ride"
3. **Easton Corbin**  
"A Little More Country Than That"
4. **Lady Antebellum**  
"American Honey"
5. **Keith Urban**  
"'Til Summer Comes Around"
6. **Blake Shelton feat. Trace Adkins**  
"Hillbilly Bone"
7. **Kenny Chesney**  
"Ain't Back Yet"
8. **Josh Turner**  
"Why Don't We Just Dance"
9. **Joe Nichols**  
"Gimme That Girl"
10. **Chris Young**  
"The Man I Want To Be"



Lily Cole

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 27, 2010.

**"The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus" (PG-13)** -- Despite losing one of his major players (Heath Ledger), director Terry Gilliam has managed to create another magical film to add to his impressive list of modern classics ("Brazil," "12 Monkeys," "Time Bandits" and "The Fisher King").

The film tells the story of Doctor Parnassus (Christopher Plummer) who, thousands of years ago, makes a deal with the Devil/Mr. Nick (Tom Waits in a stellar performance) to gain immortality. Flash-forward a few hundred years and Dr. P meets a woman, falls in love and makes another deal with Mr. Nick: He will

give up being immortal in exchange for youth (so he can woo his one true love). In exchange for youth, Mr. Nick demands that when Parnassus' daughter Valentina (the scrumptious Lily Cole) turns 16, she will become the property of Mr. Nick.

When Mr. Nick arrives on the eve of Valentina's 16th birthday, Parnassus makes another deal with the devil in the hopes of saving his daughter from a dark fate: The first man to seduce five souls will gain possession of the girl.

**"It's Complicated" (R)** -- Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin star in this romcom for the middle-agers. Like most romantic comedies, the plot is a bit thin, but the performances of the actors elevate the film to something better than it could've been. Streep plays Jane, a divorcee who becomes engulfed in a love triangle between herself, her current beau (Steve Martin) and her ex (the always awesome Alec Baldwin).

**"Pride & Prejudice" (The Restored Edition) (Unrated)** -- Considered by many to be the definitive adaptation of Jane Austen's Regency Era romance, this 1995 BBC miniseries starring Colin Firth as the mysterious Mr. Darcy and Jennifer Ehle as the headstrong Elizabeth Bennet is finally receiving the proper DVD release it deserves.

**"Why We Laugh" (Unrated)** -- This is one of those documentaries that sort of flew under the radar, but is definitely worth a look. From minstrel shows to Stepin Fetchit, Amos & Andy to Bill Cosby, Dick Gregory, Richard Pryor and Chris Rock, "Why We Laugh" is a celebration of the evolution of black comedy in America as told by black comedians. Definitely worth a look.



1. Who had a hit with "Smooth" in 1999?
2. What group released "Lola" in 1970?

3. Who sang "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" first, an American or British group?
4. Which artist released songs with these locations in the titles: "Phoenix," "Wichita," "Death Valley," "Kentucky" and "St. Louis"?
5. Who sang "Wuthering Heights," and when?
6. Which duo released "Love Is Strange" and when?

Answers on page 24

Sudoku answers on page 24

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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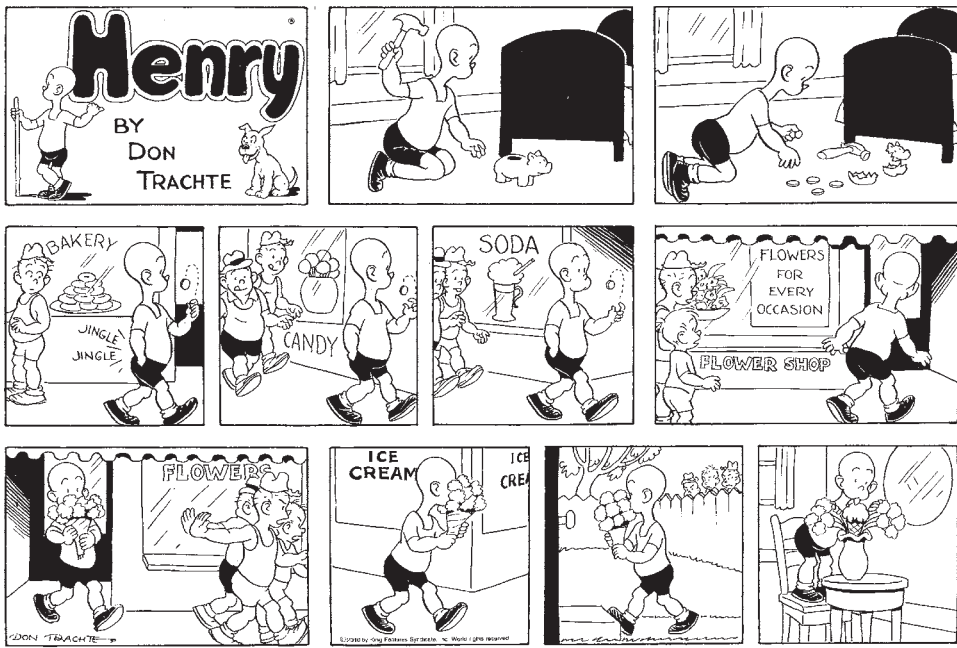
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

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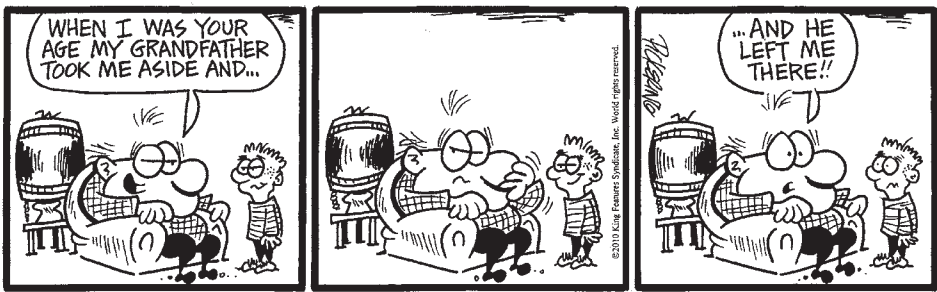


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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Slippery" tree
- 4 Regions
- 9 Pismire
- 12 Vast expanse
- 13 Ballroom favorite
- 14 Actress Myrna
- 15 Letter from the Vatican
- 17 Cleopatra's slayer
- 18 Floral garland
- 19 Undeveloped stage
- 21 Reacted in horror
- 24 Leeway
- 25 "Uh-huh"
- 26 Thickness
- 28 Dynamite inventor Alfred
- 31 Disposition
- 33 Formal 25-Across
- 35 "I never — man I didn't like"
- 36 Porcine sniffer
- 38 Pen point
- 40 Varnish ingredient
- 41 Small sala mander
- 43 In a whimsical way

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- 45 IOU signer
- 47 Listener
- 48 Swiss
- 49 Sandbox
- 54 Zero
- 55 Mohammedanism
- 56 Pod denizen
- 57 Kenan's co-star on Nickelodeon
- 58 Autocrats
- 59 Upper surface
- aid
- 4 Dormant
- 5 With great intensity
- 6 Ostrich's cousin
- 7 More skilled
- 8 Canned fish
- 9 Warning signal
- 10 Too curious
- 11 Error in print
- 16 Matterhorn, for one
- 20 Prosperous time
- 21 Workout venues
- 22 Charize Theron film, "— Flux"
- 23 Ibis' kin
- 27 Hankering
- 29 Handy Latin abbr.
- 30 Frilly
- 32 Song for two
- 34 Motorcycle attachment
- 37 Cheap
- 39 Lullaby composer
- 42 Lock of hair
- 44 Sphere
- 45 Basketball tactic
- 46 A reat Lake
- 50 Chicken — king
- 51 Suitable
- 52 Zodiac sign
- 53 Once around the track

DOWN

- 1 Kreskin's claim
- 2 Meadow
- 3 Orienteering

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King Crossword Answers on Page 24



things.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things. Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for esthetic as well as economic reasons.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that "too-good-to-be-true" offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are generous, and also sympathetic to people who find they need the help of others.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You still might have to deal with some lingering confusion that marked a recent workplace situation. But for the most part, you should now be well on your way to your next project.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new commitment might demand more time than you'd expected to have to give it. But rely on that special Bovine gift for patience, and stick with it. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're earning the admiration of a lot of people who like the way you handle yourself when your views are on the line. Even one or two of your detractors are being won over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking your responsibilities seriously is what you do. But ease up on the pressure gauge and make time for much needed R & R. Start by making this weekend a "just for fun" time zone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some recently uncovered information might make a change of plans inevitable. If so, deal with it as quickly as possible, and then find out what went wrong and why. What you learn might surprise you.

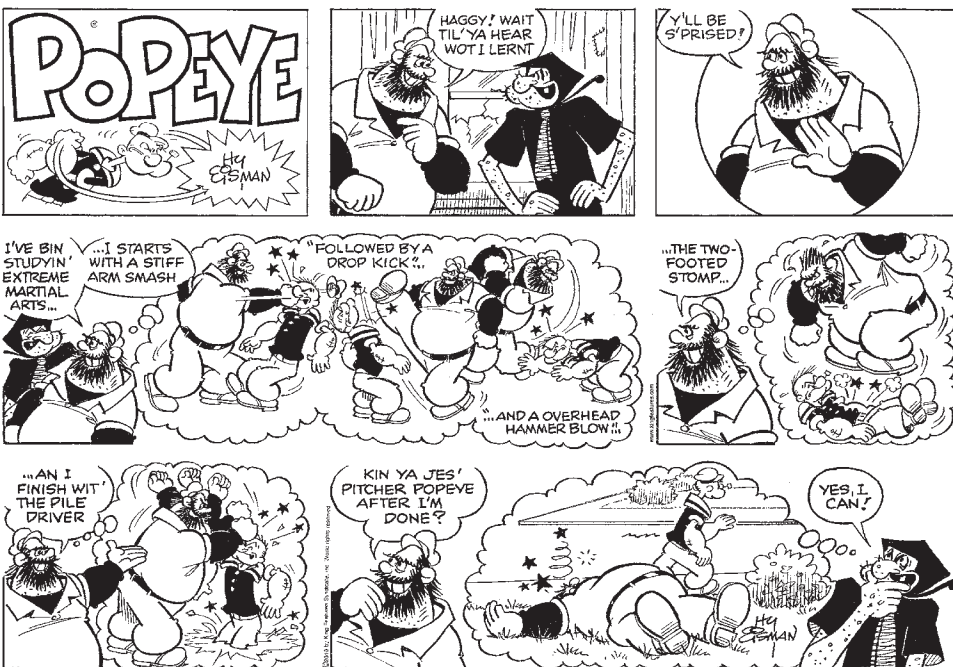
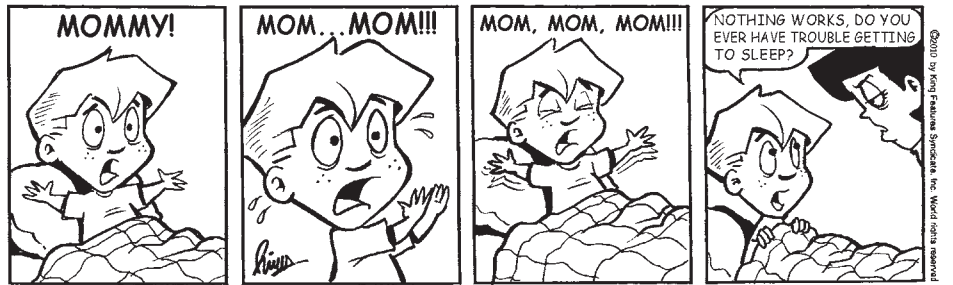
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Aspects favor moving carefully and deliberately when making any significant changes. Could be there are more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush

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Answer

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- Santana. The song, which featured Matchbox Twenty singer Rob Thomas on vocals, was No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 for 12 weeks.
- The Kinks. Al Yankovich did a parody, "Yoda," in 1981 using a "Star Wars" theme.
- American. The Exciters recorded the song in 1963, with Britain's Manfred Mann having the more successful version one year later.
- Glen Campbell. Other song titles included: "Arkansas," "Oklahoma," "Houston," "Tennessee," "Hollywood," "Branson" and "Galveston."
- Kate Bush wrote the song as her 1978 debut single after reading the book of the same name. It hit No. 1 in markets all over the world.
- Mickey and Sylvia, in 1957. It was the only big hit for Mickey Baker and Sylvia Vanderpool, but the song has been covered by others over the years, as well as being used in films such as "Badlands" and "Dirty Dancing."



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## Death Notices



### Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Gherlone

Mrs. Catherine (Kitty) Gherlone, age 78, beloved wife of 41 years to the late Louis J. Gherlone, passed away surrounded by her loving family at Milford Hospital on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. Daughter of the late Manuel and Bessie Koch Mendez, she was born on January 22, 1932 in Bronx, NY. She was raised on Goss's Farm in Guilford, CT.

Kitty worked at many restaurants in New Haven and met many celebrities and entertainers from the 50's to the 80's at places like Kaysey's, the Oneco and the Ballroom at the Hotel Taft. She will be remembered for her love of family, hard work, strength and quick wit. Kitty's famous humor, parties and entertaining stories will live on for generations to come. Lou and Kitty were part of many families' Christmas celebrations. Their Christmas tree farm at their home in Orange was the site of many annual holiday traditions.

Survivors include her daughter Barbara Lehrer and her husband George and Louis M. Gherlone and his wife Linda both of Orange. Eight cherished grandchildren Kim, Marc, Eric, Jamie, Alexa, Ashley, Nicole, Chloe and stepson Lance Gherlone.

Memorials may be made in Kitty's name to the Masonicare Home Health and Hospice, Administrative Office, 33 North Plains Industrial Road, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492. Funeral service were held on Friday April 9, at the Cody White Funeral Home, 107 Broad Street on the Green, Milford www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.



Mrs. Catherine Gherlone

### Louise Pauline (Winkle) Jennings

Louise Pauline (Winkle) Jennings, age 96, died April 12, 2010 in MN. Mrs. Jennings was born on May 16, 1913 in Orange, the daughter of Lena (Jorgensen) and Christian Winkle Sr. Her father was the longtime fire chief of Orange, and she grew up on Derby-Milford Road. In 1937, Mrs. Jennings married Ronald Carlton Jennings, Sr. of Milford. They had two sons, Ronald Jr. (born 1941) and Barry (born 1948), and lived for many years at 73 Chestnut Hill Road in Trumbull. For the last years of her life Mrs. Jennings had lived in MN. Mrs. Jennings was predeceased by her husband and two sons. She is survived by her two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A private interment will be held at Mountain Grove Cemetery Easton. All are invited to join in a celebration of her life by visiting her online memorial at <http://louisejenningsmemorial.wordpress.com/>

## Mother's Day



Detail of Etching, Mother & Child by Henry Moore (1898 - 1986)

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## LOCAL SPORTS



### Orange Students Win Karate Tournament

Two students from the Orange Parks & Recreation Karate Program won trophies at the Cheezic Tang Soo Do 2010 Federation Karate Challenge. The Tournament was held in Waterbury on January 24, 2010. Jocelyn Eagle placed 2nd in weapons and Michael Anil placed 1st in forms and 3rd in weapons. Master Sansonetti congratulates his students on their success.

### Amity High School Rugby Club Is Growing

All Orange high school age males are encouraged to learn about the world's second most popular sport behind soccer. Once again an Olympic sport, rugby on the high school level, has grown rapidly around the United States. Amity plans to be involved with the CT High School Championships at Yale this spring and the New Haven 7s Tournament this summer. Amity has landed one of the premier high school level coaches in the US, Nathan Gallow, who, in addition to coaching Amity, will be working with Yale rugby.

An Amity club organizing parent Ed Walsh mentions, "We now have 12 very active school teams and clubs around the state with several more like Amity in the pipeline". Cheshire, Simsbury, Fairfield HS and Prep, Greenwich, Westport, Wilton, Darien, Branford, Madison, Old Lyme and Cromwell play a full season and clubs in Southington and Avon will be starting this spring.

Amity already has support from men's club teams in the area - the New Haven Old Blacks [www.nhrugby.com](http://www.nhrugby.com), the New Haven Warriors, and Connecticut Greys RFC players. In addition, coaches from UCONN and Yale are onboard to offer training opportunities. Amity will play in the Connecticut Rugby Union. The club welcomes any former rugby players to help us get things rolling at Amity. Teams like the Cheshire club look forward to taking us on, but we'll be a long way from their level in 2010.

Amity RFC has a website so students and parents can check out more about rugby [www.amityrugby.org](http://www.amityrugby.org). The club hopes to hold training and practice sessions in Orange starting soon. Additional information can be had by calling 203-671-7372 or through e-mail to [amityrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:amityrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com).

### Karate Classes Offered

The Orange Parks and Recreation is offering karate classes for ages 4-adult. New session starts May 11, 2010 at the High Plains Community Center. For more information, contact Chris Sansonetti at 203-783-9768 or visit [www.superiorkarate.net](http://www.superiorkarate.net).



### Orangemen Selected

Christopher Winkel (left) and Eli Oliphant (right), both of the Holy Infant Orangemen sixth grade team, have been selected to the Christian Heritage Basketball Tournament All-Tournament Team (in Brookfield, CT). The tournament took place at the Christian Heritage School in Trumbull.

### Soccer Players Wanted Aged 40 or Over

The Woodbridge WD40s are looking for additional players to join the team which is part of the Connecticut Adult Recreational Soccer League (CARSL). The team is open to men in the Woodbridge, Orange, and Bethany areas who are 40 years of age or older.

The team plays two sessions: one in the Spring and the other in the Fall. In addition, some team members form an indoor team during the winter months and play at the CFC Arena in Hamden. Each session consists of 14 games for a total of 28 outdoor games per year. Games are played (home and away) at 10 AM on Sundays. The spring season starts late April.

Anyone interested in exploring the possibility of playing adult soccer and joining the team should contact Faisal Saleh at 203/530-2248 or by email: [fsaleh@aliquant.com](mailto:fsaleh@aliquant.com).

### Orange Parks & Recreation Tennis: Spring 2010

Orange Parks & 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 3. Pee Wees (ages 4 & 5) and Juniors (ages 6-8 and 9-12) will meet either Monday or Wednesday afternoons. Adult sessions are offered for Beginner/Advanced Beginner or Low Intermediate/Intermediate players either Monday or Wednesday evenings. An adult session will also meet on Monday mornings for both levels. 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](http://www.fairfieldcountytennis.net) or call 203-640-1724.

### Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

- Name four of the five left-handed pitchers to win more than one Cy Young Award.
- Between 2000 and 2009, four Boston Red Sox pitchers each won 20-plus games in a season once. Name them.
- Name the last Army head football coach to win his first game against Navy.
- In 2008, Tony Parker became the fourth NBA player to tally at least 50 points and 10 assists in a game. Name two of the other three to do it.
- Which countries share the longest consecutive streak of Olympic gold medals in men's hockey?
- Who won the last Southern 500 NASCAR fall race in 2004?
- How many Davis Cup titles has Spain captured since 2000?

Answers on Page 21

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