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LONG-TIME AMITY POP WARNER FOOTBALL PRESIDENT RETIRES

Fellow Founding Member Takes the Spartans' Helm

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Every fall Sunday for the past nine years, Rich and Laurie Photos would get up at the crack of dawn and go to the football field at Amity Regional High School. With help from other parents, they'd lug out the football equipment for the day's Pop Warner football games, they'd set up tables and tents filled with sportswear and snacks to sell, open up the concession stand and get the field ready for the day of play.

Rich Photos took over as president of the association in 2009. He oversaw coaching and operations while his wife Laurie supported by running much the show off the field. At the end of the 2016 season, through tears and much

reflection, the Photos announced their retirement from the Amity Pop Warner Board to a high school gym full of coaches and many long-time Pop Warner football and cheer families. Rich has since accepted the role as president of Southern Connecticut Pop Warner. As president, he will oversee the 19 associations in the state, including Amity, but he won't be permitted to coach, something he admits he's having a hard time getting used to.

Coaching is in this man's blood. He played high school football, coached high school and travel soccer teams in Shelton. "I have been coaching kids since 1981. It's what I enjoy – it's what I do."

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NEW STUDENT ASSESSMENTS PROVIDE HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE

By Melisa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

In the ever-changing world of public education, the State Department of Education has a new accountability system for student performance called The Next Generation Accountability System. Director of Curriculum for the Orange Schools Evelyn Russo spoke to the Orange Board of Education at its

monthly meeting in April, explaining what the new accountability index is and how it compares to the old performance index. "It's important for you to know about the important improvements of this new accountability system. There

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are now indicators beyond academic test scores," she said. Under the old system, students were strictly analyzed by academics and test scores.

"Now there are 12 indicators and we focus on four of those at the elementary schools," Russo explains. "We have some better metrics and academic growth of the same students over time that is now valued where it never was before. This is something that districts have been complaining about and have been asking the state department to do something about."

The new system tracks: academic achievement in English language arts, math and science for students in grades four through six; academic growth for students in grades four through six; chronic absenteeism in students in all elementary aged children and physical fitness. She gave an example, using the English Language Arts index, "Our index is 80.2 with a target of 75. Our students performed above the target and well above the state average," Russo said. "We do have to keep in mind that when we look at these numbers and analyze them, we're triangulating data and looking at lots of other data as well. In Orange, 53.8% of our students met the target for growth with 74% growth overall. We have more growth than many other districts in our DRG, which I think is great news."

She continues, "We did not perform as high in math as we did in ELA. While our academic achievement was not as high for the performance index, our growth is good. We're going in the right direction with a 74% growth rate."

Under the new assessment, while looking at chronic absenteeism, districts

should fall under 5% of students with chronic absenteeism, which Orange did. The new physical fitness assessment now has two parts: a participation rate and an actual performance score, based on health fitness standards that include such challenges as the 'sit and reach' test.

Overall, Orange's accountability index is 77% with Race Brook's index at 78.4%, Peck at 82.2% and for Turkey Hill, 86.6%. "I want to bring everyone's attention to why there is a bit of a discrepancy in scores. Turkey Hill has a cohort of more than 20 high needs students in ELA and math, but not for science. We don't have scores for growth for high needs students, where at Race Brook School there are more high needs students, which makes their index a little lower," Russo said.

Board of Education member Kimberley Browe asked Russo what she does with the information in her role as curriculum director. "Does it help you in any way in thinking about what we're doing? Or do you see this as something that's just reporting and you are already addressing what needs to be addressed?"

"I think that if we 'right-size' it, it's helpful if we think about it in the context of everything else that we do. It's just a snapshot to help us check on achievement with the standards. It's information that is helpful that we can use. It is the most helpful when we drill down to the student matched cohort instead of just looking at the averages. We must remember that it's just a comparison of two scores," Russo explained.

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I’m going to miss Amity and I’m going to miss the kids. Being on the field with them, whether at practice or games, it’s where I find my peace,” he said.

The decision to retire didn’t come easily, according to the Photos. “It’s one of the hardest things I’ve walked away from, but being involved with Pop Warner at this new league level works for me now. I know we’re leaving the Amity association in good hands,” he said.

Laurie agrees, saying she’ll miss the ‘dysfunctional family’ that the parents would become over three short months each year. “I will miss the moms that helped me shoulder the tasks that needed to be done and I will miss running something truly special and doing it well,” she says.

“In August it will be hard to stay away from the field, but I know that Amity will run without me and I can enjoy my summer knowing it’s in good hands.”

One of the other founding members of the association, David Ryan has taken over as president. “He’s been right alongside us for all of these years, Dave Wright too, and Greg Laugeni and his family. They really got us going years ago and kept us going strong along the way. They were my right hand people, even though many times behind the scenes when nobody saw how hard they worked, trust me, I did. I know that between them, Alicia, our cheer coordinator who always does a phenomenal job, and Tina, our assistant coordinator, Amity will be in good hands,” Rich said.

The retirement didn’t come as a surprise to some, as the Photos’ twin children are finishing their first year of college and the couple has not had



children in the program for five years. The Photos want to focus on their family in their retirement from Amity.

“We were doing concessions for the high school game Friday nights, going to New Hampshire to watch Nick play football early Saturday morning, back late Saturday only to be back at the high school early Sunday for the day. We were the first ones in and the last ones out,” Rich said. “Now I get to just be a dad.”

Rich Photos was one of a handful of dads who had young sons and daughters a decade ago who were looking to bring a strong football and cheerleading program to Amity.

“Rich and Laurie have done a tremendous job and now the new board is looking to continue their success,” Ryan said, as he is gearing up for the first round of football and cheerleading registrations May 11 and May 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Orso Trattoria on the

Post Road in Orange.

“We hope we have led by example and that others will follow on that path,” Laurie said. She, too, is grappling with the idea of Amity Pop Warner leaving a hole in her life after all of these years. “You see them every day, then nothing. It’s like walking away from family,” she said.

The Photos treated their athletes like family. In spite of having a busy work schedule and having to travel to Florida the following week, Rich made a last minute decision to travel to the cheerleaders’ National Championships in Orlando in early December. He surprised the girls as they got off the bus at the competition venue.

“The looks on their faces—that made the travel worth it! They were so excited I was there—I had told them I couldn’t go. They’re like family that I’ve watched grow up,” he said. The girls won the National Title later that day, marking the third time in the program’s history that Amity teams took first place at the national competition.

For the football players, the Photos left no stone unturned in finding the best protection. Knowing that concussions are one of the top concerns among parents, Amity purchased Schutt Vengeance helmets, one of the top protective helmets made.

“We were the first youth league in the country to use these helmets. It’s what Eli Manning wears. We wanted parents to know that protection is very important,” Rich said. Pop Warner has

since teamed with the NFL to offer a program called Heads Up Football, intended to advance player safety in football.

“It teaches kids proper ways to tackle and block, without leading with the head,” Rich explains. “In the last two years, Amity Pop Warner has had no concussions.”

Come August 1 when the season begins, the Photos plan to keep busy with their family, while making themselves available for the transition of leadership. “I’m going to miss Amity thoroughly, but we will keep busy,” Rich said.

They’ll take with them nine years of successes and memories, fondly recalling the difference that they made in so many lives, including a first-ever Southern Connecticut Pop Warner Championship win for the 14U football team this past fall. They’ll move on and adjust to their new life, until one day, the random smell of a bacon, egg and cheese sandwich off a griddle stops them in their tracks and takes them back to those early Sunday mornings at the football field.

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NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Amity Regional School District #5 was well represented at the New England League of Middle Schools' 36th Annual Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, and four outstanding teachers presented workshops at the conference. Teachers from Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus, included Dr. Keith Smolinski, whose presentation was titled "Utilizing Music in the Middle School Classroom;"

Mr. Rob Fragione presented "Computer Assisted Assessment For Music," and Mr. Tom Norton presented "My Media Empire-Enabling Students to use Google Apps and Digital Video Production Technology as they apply inquiry in creating their own Media Empire". Ms. Vittoria Fielosh from Amity Middle School, Orange Campus, presented "Professional Development for Parents".

STUDENT NEWS

Achievements

Eastern Student Teresa Marchitto Of Orange Named To Spring 2017 Softball Roster

Willimantic, CT-- The Warriors softball team at Eastern Connecticut State University is amid its spring 2017 season. So far they have a record of 3-11. Among the players on the roster is Teresa Marchitto '20 of Orange, who plays catcher and utility player and majors in Business Administration.

Tara Gioiella Participates In Udance At UD

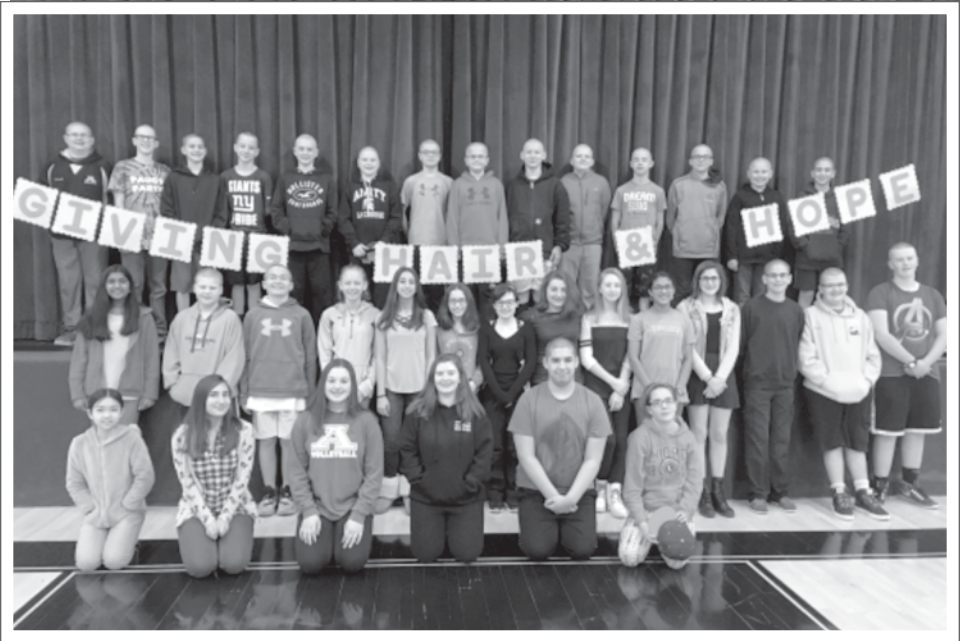
Newark, DE -- Tara Gioiella of Orange, CT, joined the fight against childhood cancer as a Dancer with Udance at the University of Delaware. Udance is the university's largest student-run philanthropy benefiting the Wilmington, Delaware based Andrew McDonough B+

Foundation. In March, the organization celebrated a year's worth of fundraising during its 11th annual twelve-hour dance marathon. Udance is the fifth largest college dance marathon in the nation with over 2,000 student participants. Throughout the academic year, students raised a total of more than \$1.8 million. Funds provide financial assistance to families of children battling pediatric cancer and also fund cutting edge, life-saving research studies.

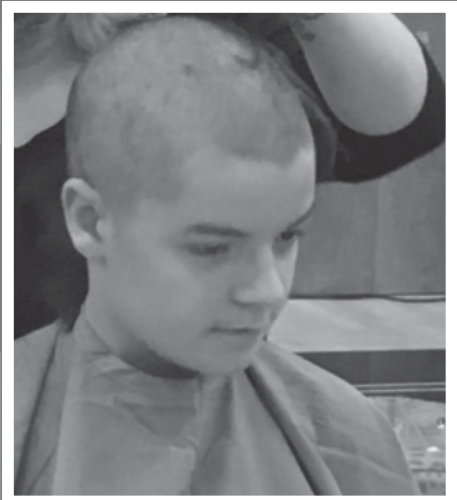
Dean's List

Caroline Torro Named To Florida State University Dean's List

Caroline Torro of Orange, CT was named to the Florida State University Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester. Students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 are considered for Dean's List.



Kneeling on Floor left to right: Jessica Luo, Roxanne Torrioni, Emily Hoddinott, Kaitlyn Moody, Anthony Vega, and Hailey Furmanek; Standing Second Row left to right: Aditi Chalasani, Michael Pickett, Matthew Fitol, Mackenzie Gallagher, Raniem Alkasas, Jessica Ejlli, AnneMarie Driscoll, Alexandra Marinescu, Alexis Kaiser, Keerthi Kongani, Giana Guerra, John Novak, Carter Correia, and Andrew Coscia; Standing Top Row left to right: Ryan Hatrick, Seamus Hennessy, Noah Grauer, Gerald Burns, Patrick Mizzzone, Matthew Carloni, Adrian Fielosh, Marco Bonato, Joseph Nucifora, Henry Colby, Nolan Smith, Joseph Carangelo, Adam Glassman, and Rocco Antonucci. [Photographed by Vittoria Fielosh]



Left: Adrian Fielosh getting his head shaved. Right: Ponytails donated. [Photographed by Vittoria Fielosh]

AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL ORANGE "GIVING HAIR & HOPE"

On April 3rd Amity Middle School in Orange hosted its 9th annual "Giving Hair and Hope" event. This amazing evening not only raises funds for St. Baldrick's Foundation to fight childhood cancer, but also collects ponytails to donate to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, who makes wigs for cancer patients. This year over 100 staff, students, and community members volunteered, "braved the shave," or donated ponytails. Amity's Pop Warner Cheerleaders also performed to help kick off the event.

Leading up to the event staff and students participated in an annual volleyball tournament organized by one of

Amity Middle School's Physical Education teachers, Mike Blumenthal. Students also raised more than \$2,000 with "Money Wars" where teams competed against each other for points by donating change. Seventh grade's Team Y was victorious in this war donating more than half of the proceeds.

Overall, this year's event raised more than \$18,000 for St. Baldrick's and collected a record number of 30 ponytails. This is an amazing event that brings kids together to help kids. To learn more about St. Baldrick's or to make a donation, please visit the St. Baldrick's website: <https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/1788/2017>.

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Dog Park in Orange?

We had a town meeting recently in Orange and it was brought up that we should have a Dog Park. There are many dog owners here and most of us wouldn't mind having the dog license tax raised or doubled to contribute to this. Many other towns have successful dog parks and it's a good place for the community to meet. And with successful signage and fencing, it would be a great success as all the other places we have lived in and visited. It would be a great addition to the town of Orange.

Cynthia Palmer

Family Talk About Drinking

With prom and graduation season around the corner, it's time to talk with our teenagers about making smart choices, including how to deal with peer pressure to drink underage. We can have a big impact on our children's decisions about drinking – in fact studies show parents are still the number one influence on their teenagers' decisions about alcohol. It all starts with conversations and building relationships of trust. To help start – or continue – these important conversations, Dichello Distributors, Inc. would like to remind parents about the Family Talk About Drinking program, a free parent guide designed to encourage open and honest communication between parents and their children. Programs like this one, paired with education and effective law

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Remember, it's our collective responsibility to help prevent underage drinking and parents have one of the most important roles of all.

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Alcohol Awareness Coordinator

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Orange Historical Society Says Thank You

The Orange Historical Society would like to thank the community for supporting its annual fundraiser, Taste of the Past. Town businesses donated money, gift cards and baskets. Area residents joined us in celebrating the life of Harriet Tubman. The money raised will allow the Orange Historical Society to continue its work of preserving our town's heritage and educating our townspeople about Orange's place in local and state history. The Orange Historical Society encourages all residents to consider becoming a member and to take advantage of events at our three buildings, the Stone-Otis House, the Academy, and the Bryan-Andrew House.

Phyllis Sgueglia Gwatkin,

Event Coordinator

Orange Town News

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LOCAL BUSINESS

COLDWELL BANKER EXPANDS PRESENCE IN CT

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a leading residential real estate brokerage company in Connecticut and Westchester County, New York, announced today it has acquired the assets of West Haven Regional, Inc. and Westville Regional, Inc. in New Haven, Connecticut, which until recently conducted business as a Weichert franchisee under the banner of Weichert, Realtors® Regional Properties, and has served homebuyers and sellers in New Haven, Middlesex and eastern Fairfield Counties since 1993.

The company has approximately 90 affiliated sales associates and two offices located at 236 Boston Post Road in Orange, and at 2440 Whitney Ave in Hamden — both of which will operate as Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. This acquisition further builds on Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage’s momentum in Connecticut after acquiring another residential real estate firm in Branford in November 2016.

Westville Regional Properties broker-owner Clement Fucci, along with broker co-owners Thomas Cavaliere and Nicho-

las Mastrangelo, will affiliate with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in a sales capacity.

“This acquisition further expands our market presence in an important Connecticut marketplace and will strengthen our foothold in New Haven and surrounding communities. We are very pleased that this well-respected company has aligned its business with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, and we are very excited to welcome their talented team of sales professionals,” said Joseph Valvano, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Connecticut and Westchester County, New York.

“Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is known for its emphasis on providing exceptional educational opportunities and access to cutting-edge technology and resources that equip real estate sales professionals to succeed. We are confident that our sales associates and ultimately our customers and clients will greatly benefit from this new strategic direction for us,” said Clement Fucci, former broker-owner of Westville Regional Inc.



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HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The First Church of Christ invites all members of the community to join us at 5 Meeting House Lane, Woodbridge for the 62nd annual Strawberry Festival, Friday, June 9, 2017 from 6 – 8 p.m., rain or shine. This annual event offers food hot off the grill and our delicious strawberry shortcake and helps support First Church programming.

We also invite the community to join us for the following weekly services and special events

Sunday Services – 10 a.m. including our Intergenerational Service the first Sunday of each month. Nursery care for small children is available during the Sunday services.

Church School - Sunday at 10 a.m. the second through fifth Sundays during the school year with lessons based on the Lectionary. Our Pre-K class meets the second Sunday of the month.



First Church of Christ

Middle School Youth Group for 5th – 8th graders meets the second Sunday of the month. On May 14th the group will meet from 4-6p.m. in the Parish House.

Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday, 10-11am in the Parish House. We study both Old and New Testament passages based on the Lectionary.

For more information on these events, please contact us at (203) 389-2119 or office@uccw.org.



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd invites the public to visit our Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, May 12th from 1-6 pm and Saturday, May 13th from 9am to noon. Shoppers will find a wide array of men's, women's and children's clothing, along with shoes, handbags, scarves, jewelry, accessories, children's games, puzzles, toys, books, DVDs, housewares, glassware, pictures, linens, etc. "There is something for everyone! Make sure to stop by and peruse our treasures," says Elaine Swirsky, long-standing Chairperson of this fun event. All are welcome to stop by and find a gift for Mother's Day.

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd is located on 680 Racebrook Road, Orange, Connecticut. Sunday service times include Rite II Holy Eucharist without music at 8 a.m. and Rite II Holy Eucharist with music @ 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

For more information about the The Church of the Good Shepherd's many other programs, please call the Parish Office @ (203) 795-6577, email us @ thegoodshepherd@optonline.net, visit our website @ www.thegoodshepherdorangedt.org, and, of course, check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/cg-sorangedtfor frequent postings.

OPERATION ENTEBBE: GREATEST HOSTAGE RESCUE IN HISTORY

While Americans were celebrating the bicentennial on July 4, 1976, about 140 Israeli commandos were undertaking one of the most daring missions in the history of the Israel Defense Forces: Operation Thunderbolt, a counter-terrorist hostage-rescue assignment at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

A week earlier, an Air France plane on its way from Tel Aviv had been hijacked by two members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and two members of the German Revolutionary CZ Cell. The plane was flown to Libya and then to Uganda, where the hijackers and additional terrorists held the Israeli and Jewish passengers hostage at the airport along with the 12-member flight crew.

The Israeli government, after unsuccessful negotiations, decided to send 140 commandos on a 2,500-mile journey to carry out a nighttime rescue operation that freed 106 hostages in 90 minutes. Four hostages were killed as well as all the terrorists. Four Israeli commandos were wounded and one, Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu, was killed.

Sasson "Sassy" Reuven was there and will relate his firsthand account of that legendary operation at an event hosted by Chabad of Orange/Woodbridge. His presentation is sponsored in part by



Chabad of Orange

the Battat Family/Traveland and Dr. John Levy.

Mr. Reuven, who served in the IDF's elite "Red Beret" unit of the Paratroop Brigade, was among the first to jump out of the first Hercules C-130 aircraft that landed in Entebbe. What happened next, the heart of his adventure, is a story he reserves for live audiences. Sassy will share this personal experience from the moment he was called to duty to landing in Uganda and completing the mission behind enemy lines. His story is one of courage and endurance.

This fascinating presentation will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 7:30 pm at Chabad of Orange, 261 Derby Avenue, Orange, CT. Desserts will be served. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and can be purchased at Chabadow.org, then click on events tab. For more information, email info@chabadow.org.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS

Orange Congregational Church, located at 205 Meeting House Lane in the town of Orange, invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services, 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Our 10 a.m. worship service includes Sunday School programming for school age children, as well as a church nursery with a child-care experienced Crib Room Attendant for all birth to Pre-K children whose parents or guardians are attending worship service.

The annual Orange Congregational Church Pilgrim Fellowship Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (rain date May 20) on the Orange Town Green. If you wish to



Orange Congregational Church

rent a space, a space without a table is \$20, or a space with a table is \$25. To sign up, please call Esther in the church office at 203-795-9749. Donations to the PF Tag Sale are also very welcome and can be dropped off to the church after May 7; please call the same number.

"It may be possible to gild pure gold, but who can make his mother more beautiful?" — MAHATMA GANDHI

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

PARTIES JOINTLY SUPPORT CHARTER REVISION PROPOSAL

Orange Democratic Town Chairman, Jody Dietch, and Orange Republican Town Chairman, Nancy Nastri, jointly announced that the Town’s two political parties both support the proposed amendments to the Town’s Charter and are each working to encourage residents to vote at the referendum which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at the High Plains Community Center from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dietch stated that “the proposed amendments are the result of the hard work and collaboration of the Republicans and Democrats that served on the Charter Revision Commission over the last year”. Nastri echoed Dietch’s statement. Nastri said “our current town officials have worked well together to develop the proposed Charter amendments which are for the good of the town and are designed to modernize our local government and update provisions that haven’t been changed in more than 40 years”.

Dietch agreed with Nastri and emphasized that “the proposed changes do not reflect a change to our form of government, but simply reflect changes caused by laws that require some of our town officials to obtain certifications, or that reflect changes in property values, and trends in resident participation”. Nastri added, “for example, our Board of Selectmen is limited to making decisions on purchasing real property that has a value of \$150,000 or less. This amount has not changed since the 1970s, but property values have increased dramatically since that time. The proposed change increases the selectmen’s authority to \$500,000, an amount that better represents modern property values.” Nastri added to this point that “this example demonstrates that the proposed changes are not over-reaching or changing our town meeting form of government. The residents of Orange will continue to have input on

the major decisions that impact our town, like the annual budget, major open space purchases and bond issues, but the proposed changes will allow our elected officials to conduct town business with a modest increase in their discretion.”

In addition, the Charter Revision proposes changes to the terms of office for elected officials, including First Selectman as well as a change to the number needed for a quorum at a town meeting. These are important issues that both Dietch and Nastri strongly encourage residents to educate themselves on and turn out to vote on May 18. Further detail on the Charter Revisions are included in the local Orange newspapers.

Dietch and Nastri both applauded the effort that went into the proposed charter revisions. “It is clear from the bipartisan support on both the Charter Revision Commission and the Board of Selectmen that the parties can come together on issues that are for the good of the town,” they said.

Since the proposed revisions to the charter will be voted on at a special election that will be held on May 18th, the law requires a turnout of at least 15% of the registered voters in order for the vote to count. Nastri and Dietch stated, “this vote provides a rare opportunity for residents to make changes to how our town is governed. Our elected officials and neighbors appointed to serve on the Charter Revision Commission volunteered a lot of their personal time and we hope that all registered voters come out on May 18th to participate in this process”.

The referendum questions can be obtained from the town clerk’s office or the First Selectman’s office. Polls open on May 18th at 6 a.m. and will remain open until 8 p.m. Everyone will vote at the High Plains Community Center and absentee ballots can be obtained from the town clerk.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL



CARBON MONOXIDE: THE SILENT KILLER

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is often called “the silent killer” as it is an invisible, colorless, odorless gas that is created when fuels do not burn completely. CO can result from faulty furnaces or other heating appliances, portable generators, water heaters, clothes dryers, fireplaces, blocked chimneys, or cars that are left running in garages. Each year hundreds of people die from carbon monoxide poisoning. The symptoms from breathing CO include drowsiness, headache, vomiting, loss of consciousness, fatigue and nausea. High levels can cause severe illness or death within minutes. Carbon monoxide is harmful when breathed because it attaches to hemoglobin, the part of the blood that carries oxygen to the brain, heart, and other vital organs. CO displaces the oxygen, thus depriving the body of this much needed element. All too often, people who have mild or moderate problems with carbon monoxide find that they feel sick while they spend time at home, but when going outside, begin to feel much better. Then, shortly after returning home, the symptoms reoccur. People who are most susceptible to the effects of carbon monoxide are infants, the elderly, those who suffer from respiratory or heart disease, are anemic and women who are pregnant. However, no one is immune to the effects of carbon monoxide.


To avoid carbon monoxide poisoning, take these preventative measures. At the beginning of every heating season, be sure to have fuel burning equipment such as oil or gas fired furnaces, fireplaces and wood stoves inspected by certified technicians. Be sure appliances such as water heaters, oven ranges, and clothes dryers are working properly. Have flues and chimneys checked for any buildup of creosote or blockage of the chimney. Be sure to maintain all fuel-fired equipment as described by the manufacturer’s specifications. NEVER leave a car running in an attached garage. The vapors from the vehicle’s exhaust could increase the level of carbon monoxide in a home in a matter of minutes! NEVER use a gas stove to heat a home in the event of a power failure or heating equipment failure. NEVER use charcoal or propane

grills indoors. Not only does this pose an extreme carbon monoxide hazard, it is also a severe fire hazard as well. Think safety first when considering the use of alternative heating, such as space heaters. The space heater should be placed at a minimum of three feet from any combustible object. Make sure that all fuel-fired space heaters are equipped with oxygen depletion sensors. Do not use gasoline-powered equipment in enclosed areas of the home. Such engines create a large amount of carbon monoxide.

Place a carbon monoxide detector on every level of the home. Follow the manufacturer’s recommendation when installing the alarms.

Should you suspect that there is an increased level of carbon monoxide in your home, or you have installed the recommended carbon monoxide alarms in your residence and the alarm sounds, follow these simple steps to help resolve the problem. First and foremost, leave the building! Then, CALL 9-1-1. This important step will allow trained first responders to investigate the possible presence of carbon monoxide. Many times, calls will be made directly to a volunteer firehouse, which will delay the response of emergency personnel. When asked why 9-1-1 was not called, the homeowner often states that he did not think this type of situation was considered an emergency that warranted such a call, when in reality, it does! Get any suspected victim into fresh air immediately. If you can not get the victim out of the house, open all of the windows and doors to allow fresh air into the home. Be sure to turn off any fuel-fired appliances. Those persons who have been exposed to elevated levels of carbon monoxide should be taken to the closest hospital as soon as possible. A simple blood test will determine the amount of carbon monoxide in the bloodstream.

The Fire Marshal’s Office has free CO alarms available for Orange residents. If interested, please contact the Orange Fire Marshal’s Office at (203) 891-4711 or visit the website at www.orangefiremarshal.com for additional information.



Karate Club



**At The Orange Park and Recreation
High Plains Community Center**

The Orange Park and Recreation Karate Club starts soon! This dynamic and energetic program benefits children in a number of ways. They will engage in various Martial Arts techniques and activities, while learning important skills such as discipline, focus, self-control, confidence -- the list goes on! Sign up today!

- Who:** Little dragons- 3-5 yr old Karate kids- 6-12
- When:** Thursday Nights-6 classes: Beginning MAY 11 -June 15 (On-going Program)
- Time:** Little Dragons-5:15-5:45 (30 min) Karate Kids-6:00-6:45 (45 min)
- Price Includes:** Uniform Included for Initial Sign up
- Price:** \$75.00 for Lil dragons \$85.00 Karate Kids
- Registration & Payment:** Please register at the Park and Recreation Department:

High Plains Community Center
525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.
203-891-4790

TOWN DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

THANK YOU FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Holiday Programs for The Orange Community Services takes place every year, and as usual we are so grateful to all the wonderful people who participated, donated food, baskets, gift cards and toys, every year is better than the next. In addition, we received many generous monetary donations to the Community Assistance Fund which supports the Holiday Programs and the Food and Fuel Banks. The Lions Club held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Orange residents; it was a huge success and well attended. Also, the Lions Club for donating food baskets and gift cards. Maplewood of Orange who hosted its annual Festival of Lights Event, a silent auction of beautifully decorated trees; of which the proceeds were donated to the Community Assistance Fund. Artie Dixon a local resident, who has an annual Holiday Party, donated unwrapped toys. We are privileged to have so many businesses, organizations, schools, places of worship, employees and individuals that have been so generous to our programs.

We would like to thank American Seal and Engineering Company, Bobs Furniture, Mr. L Matthies, Dr. and Mrs. Gustave L Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Proestakes., Coldwell Banker, Baybrook Remodeling, Ms Marion Nugent, The Orange Board of Education, The Orange Police Union, the Orange Police Benevolent Association, Town of Orange Highway Department for their very generous monetary donations. Also, the Town of Orange Highway Department For the toy drive as well as Dunkin Donuts for donating fifty turkeys to supplement the Holiday Baskets, The Barrett Family for their generous donation of grocery gift cards.

Thank you to Mrs. Gagel for donating the beautiful handmade children's hats and sweaters, Church of Good Shepherd, Or Shalom, Holy Infant Church and Temple Emmanuel, Congregational Church, Zion Lutheran Church who donated toys. Red Hatters of Orange, Orange Arts Council, ,Orange Healthcare, Home Depot, Consignment Originals, Helping Hands, Mr. Ralph Okenquist, Orangewood Women, Orange Community Women, various Daisy, Brownie, Girl Scout Troops, Cub Scout & Boy Scouts. Also the Orange Republican Women, and the Amity PTO; Amity Middle School, The Goddard School, Peck Place School, Turkey Hill School, Race Brook School, and finally to the all the residents who gave monetary and food donations. We want to thank all who took time out of their busy lives to participate and sponsor a family or resident for our programs or to give a donation. There are so many generous donors it would take pages to list everyone so we apologize if we missed anyone. We want to also apologize for getting this out so late; we missed the publishing deadlines for several editions.

Again, thank you to everyone involved in donating to the Community Assistance Fund and sponsoring the Holiday Programs that provide for Orange residents in need. Your kindness and generosity is so greatly appreciated. As always the response was amazing!

Thank You All So Much!

Joan Cretella,
Director Orange Community Services
Denise Stein,
Outreach/Municipal Agent
Kim Callahan,
Administrative Assistant

ORANGE PARK & RECREATION TENNIS - SPRING 2017

Orange Park & Recreation is offering spring tennis clinics through Fairfield County Tennis for children and adults. Oleta Urda, has been teaching tennis for twenty years. She teaches at Trumbull Indoor Tennis and has taught at local clubs including New Canaan Racquet Club, Stamford Indoor Tennis, and many more. Along with her is John Barbaria, being able to teach a game he is passionate about to everyone who wants to learn and allow them to have fun while improving their skills is something he will always cherish and never take for granted. This is central to John's philosophy as a tennis instructor and coach. **Spring Tennis for Pee Wee, Junior, and Adult Clinics** (5 week sessions) -

Wednesday, May 4 through June 1 (Rain Make up June 8 & 15)

Pee Wees (ages 3 & 4) 3:30 - 4 pm Cost \$65

Beginner/Advanced Beginner Juniors (ages 5 - 7) 4 - 5 pm Cost \$110

Beginner/Advanced Beginner Juniors (ages 8 - 11) 5 - 6 pm Cost \$110

Low Intermediate/Intermediate Juniors (ages 8 - 11) 6 - 7 pm Cost \$110

Co-Ed Adult Clinics - Beginner/Advanced Beginner 7 - 8 pm, Cost \$110

Registration is now being accepted at Orange Recreation Department, 525 Orange Center Road. Program details for spring are available at www.fairfield-countytennis.net or call 203-640-1724.

Reserve your ad space today. Call us at 203-298-4399.

IS YOUR HOME VISIBLY NUMBERED?

If They Can't Find You, They Can't Help You!

Orange CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) urges you to consider the following information seriously.

We all hope we will never have to call 9-1-1 for an emergency, but if and when we do, we're assured help will arrive quickly. With this in mind, ask yourself this very important question. Is my house visibly numbered? Most of you will answer yes, and while you may have a number on your mailbox, there are several guidelines that need to be considered to ensure your home can be located by Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Service personnel quickly and without delay. Precious minutes can be wasted if responding agencies cannot locate your home due to inadequate numbering or in some cases, none at all. Remember, if they can't find you, they can't help you!

Orange CERT offers the following information to assist you in numbering and marking your residence.

Do you know how large the numbers must be? It's recommended to use at least 4 inch high or larger, plain block numbers on a contrasting background.

If you are numbering a curbside mailbox, reflective numbers work best, but make sure it's on a contrasting background, for example: never black numbers on black mailbox, etc. Number BOTH sides of your mailbox so it can be seen in both directions.

When the mailbox is located on the opposite side of the road from the home, the number should be displayed directly on the house or a sign or post at the entrance to the driveway as well as on the mailbox. Place the recommended 4 inch high numbers on the house where readily visible from the road and where view is not blocked by trees or shrubs. Any private signs or posts that display

house numbers should be at a height of at least 3 to 4 feet.

Do not place numbers on utility poles or trees or within the road right of way. Not only is this inconsistent with most local laws, but emergency personnel don't usually look to those areas for the house number.

Other suggestions:

If you have an emergency and need to call 9-1-1, they will take all the relevant information from you, and may

give you some specific instructions. Follow their instructions!

Here are a few general suggestions that might help.

Turn on your porch light or front door light, even in daylight, this will increase visibility and aid rescuers in finding your home.

If it is safe, and an extra pair of hands is available, have someone wait outside to flag down rescuers when they arrive. Just make sure they stand in a safe area and not in the street.

Secure your pets. This will avoid delays in confronting protective or scared dogs, or prevent indoor pets from inadvertently being allowed outside when rescuers enter your home.

Check with your town to make sure you are in compliance with all local laws and recommendations. Orange CERT is constantly preparing and training to assist local police, fire and EMS personnel in the community 24 hours a day, 367 days a year. As dedicated volunteers we also feel it's a good idea to educate the public on safety and preparedness issues. Visible house numbering is just one of the most important areas and hope the preceding information is helpful to all. For information on Orange CERT, please visit our website at www.cert-orange.com.



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PROGRAM

The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2017. The parade honorees have been announced:

- Robert DeFeo - Grand Marshal;
- Peter Sherry - Chief of Staff;
- Donald Jewell, posthumously-Honored Veteran; and
- Paul Tarbox - Keynote Speaker.

Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer. Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center Field. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand with services following at the

Orange Center Cemetery.

The Parade Committee encourages any groups wishing to participate to contact Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall at 203-891-4738 or Kevin Gilbert at 203-795-2417 or 203-795-4647. Applications for participation in the parade are available in the Orange Town Hall- First Selectman's Office or on the town's website at www.orange-ct.gov. The Committee anticipates many marching bands and floats.

The Committee invites the public to join in honoring our nation's veterans.

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, EXERCISES WILL BE HELD IN THE IDGH PLAINS COMMUNITY CENTER AUDITORIUM.

CENTENARIANS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT LUNCHEON

The Board of Directors of the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut will host its annual luncheon in celebration of centenarians in the greater New Haven area on Wednesday, May 3rd. We expect that at least twenty centenarians will be in attendance. The best part of this event is to hear the stories of these men and woman. We are especially delighted with the poetry submitted by one of our centenarians. This is always a special time, and many of our centenarians return year after year.

Around one hundred friends, family members and community representatives will also attend. We are especially delighted that the Commissioner for the State Department on Aging, Elizabeth Ritter, will attend and bring a welcome. The Commission on Woman, Children and Seniors will recognize each centenarian with a certificate.

This event is part of AOASCC’s celebration of Older Americans Month. This year the theme focus on how older adults in our community are redefining aging—through work or family interests, by taking charge of their health and staying independent for as long as possible, and through their community and advocacy efforts. There is no month, or theme, more fitting for our annual celebration of the centenarians in our communities.

The Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut (AOASCC) is a non-profit organization located in New Haven, CT, serving older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers in a 20-town region in the greater New Haven area and lower Naugatuck Valley. Our mission is to empower adults to remain as independent and engaged as possible within their communities through advocacy, information, and services.

TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2017

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

1st	Country Fair Cmte	7:30 pm	HPCC
2nd	Economic Development Comm	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
3rd	Amity Budget Referendum.....	6 am–8pm	HPCC
	Conservation Comm.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
4th	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
8th	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm	HPCC
9th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
10th	OVNA Board of Governors.....	8:30 am	Clark Bldg
	Board of Selectmen.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Memorial Day Cmte.....	6:30 pm	HPCC
	WPCA.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Community Services.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Annual Town Meeting	7:30 pm	HPCC
15th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Health.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy School
16th	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
17th	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
18th	Budget & Charter Revision Referendum .	6 am–8 pm	HPCC
	Case Memorial Library Comm	7:00 pm	Case Mem. Library
	Pension Board	7:00 pm	Town Hall
22nd	Youth Services Advisory Board.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
24th	Park & Recreation Comm	7:30 pm	Town Hall
25th	Memorial Day Cmte.....	6:30 pm	HPCC
	Bond Construction Cmte.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
26th	Emergency Management Cmte.....	8:00 am	Police Station



SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

Kindness Rock Garden

The Orange Arts and Culture Council has partnered with Orange Community Services in creating a Kindness Rock Garden. Join us in painting rocks with inspirational and motivational sayings Friday, April 28 at 1:00pm. Dedication of the Kindness Rock Garden will be June 21—Summer Solstice. So search for a rock you want to paint and bring your favorite quote and join us in creating some positive energy! Let’s make Orange the “Kindness Town Around!”

Hot Lunch

The Orange Senior Center offers a lunch Monday through Thursday, 11:30am – 12:00pm. A \$3.00 donation is suggested for persons 60 years and over. To register, call (203) 891-4765 before 1pm, the day before.

Living Treasure Awards Ceremony (Formerly Pasta Festa)

Join us on Friday, May 5 from 5 to 8 for our annual Living Treasure Award Ceremony (formerly Pasta Festa). We will be at a new location, the beautiful, Birchwoods at Oaklane, 1027 Racebrook Road, Woodbridge. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of this year’s Living Treasure Awards to our deserving recipients. Winners of the raffle will go home with some great prizes donated by individuals and local businesses. Tables of 8 to 10 are available. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time; otherwise we cannot guarantee that you will be sitting together. Please let us know if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 1 at \$30 per person. This year’s recipients are: Elaine Capecelatro, Susan Clark, and Anita Pol.

Peck Place Senior Prom

Peck Place School will once again host a Senior Prom at the Peck Place School on Friday, April 28 from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. There will be a buffet

style lunch and beverages. This is an actual prom with music and dancing, at no charge, just RSVP to (203) 891-4784.

New Club! Cribbage Club

Join us on Mondays as the senior center and Assisted Living Services sponsor Cribbage Club Mondays from 1:00—3:00pm. Mark Halliday of Assisted Living Services will instruct students on how to play cribbage for the first hour. The second hour will be time to play. Call (203) 891-4784 to reserve a seat!

Book Club

The monthly book club will meet on Friday April 28. The next book will be My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout.

iPhne & iPad Classes

Aubry Monahan has agreed to teach iPhone Beginners: May 15 through May 18 from 3-5; iPhone & iPad Intermediate: May 22 through May 25 from 3-5.

2017 Trips

FOLLIES at the Warner Theater - no minimum trip

Sunday, May 7, 2017, Cost: \$98pp. Lunch will be a choice of Veal Parmigiana, Stuffed Sole, or Chicken Marsala at San Marino. After lunch we will head over to the Warner Theatre, to see Follies. The show is about a reunion of past performers of the 1940s “Weismann’s Follies”. Price includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities; full payment due at reservation.

LUNCH WITH MRS. BASKIN - Newport Playhouse no minimum trip

Thursday, May 25, 2017. Despite the fact she has no intentions of buying anything, Mrs. Baskin continuously sets up appointments with sales people solely to have lunch & conversation in today’s play. Cost: \$100pp includes transportation, lunch, show, & driver gratuities; full payment due at reservation.

FREE CAREGIVER LECTURE SERIES

Yale New Haven Hospital is offering a caregiver lecturer series that will provide education, practical tips and information on help and support for caregivers and their loved one. Please join us on the following dates: May 3, Practical Approaches to Challenging Geriatric Behaviors; May 17, Caregiver Support and

Help; May 24, Caring for an Elderly Relative – Legal Considerations. Attend all or one. All lectures 6 – 7 pm, in the Cronin Auditorium (Saint Raphael Campus) or live stream. Parking validated. Registration required. Call (203)-789-3565 or email Passport.ForHealthyLiving@ynhh.org.



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What's the difference between a Living Will and a Do Not Resuscitate Order?

A Living Will:

- Comes into play only if you are in a "persistent vegetative state" or the "final stage of a terminal illness" and are being kept alive by a "mechanical device."
- A Living Will tells the world whether you want to be kept alive in those specific circumstances. The choice is yours.
- A Living Will also authorizes others to communicate your wishes if you are not able to do so.
- A Living Will can be prepared by an attorney, or any other knowledgeable third party.

A Do Not Resuscitate Order:

- Can come into play even if you are not in a "persistent vegetative state," the "final stage of a terminal illness," or being kept alive by a "mechanical device."
- A Do Not Resuscitate Order (commonly called "DNR") means you don't want the application of efforts to resuscitate you using methods such as CPR, chest compression, defibrillation, mouth to mouth or mouth to mask, ventilator or any similar medical procedure.
- A DNR order can only be authorized by a physician. You, or someone authorized to act on your behalf, of course, must approve the DNR order, in writing.

Example 1:

- You are in reasonably good health and have a heart attack at home. You have a Living Will. Some type of resuscitation is required to keep you alive; it will be administered.

Example 2:

- You are in extremely poor health, have lost lots of your mental acuity, and have been in and out of hospitals for many serious medical conditions over the past few years. You have a heart attack at home. You have a Living Will. Some type of resuscitation is required to keep you alive; it will be administered.

Example 3:

- Same facts as example 2 except you also have a DNR order. You will not be resuscitated.

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



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A MOM'S FINANCIAL WISDOM

By Roberta L. Nestor

A few years ago TheBeFrugal.com conducted a Mother's Day Survey to learn more about the affect a mom's financial advice had on their children. The online survey (by The Omnibus Company in 2015) targeted 1000 Moms over the age of 18. It should not come as a surprise that 81% of those surveyed said that their mothers have shared financial wisdom with them, and 85% say that their mom taught them to be frugal.

The number one financial advice given by moms was to live well within their means by realizing the difference between want and need; followed by the importance of being self-sufficient; budgeting for everything and lastly, saving more money than you spend. While these words may seem like common sense, this advice represents the building blocks for a solid financial future.

We can all be more frugal with our hard earned dollars. Being careful or thrifty about money and avoiding being wasteful should be engrained in all of us. Having credit cards and on-line accounts makes it more difficult to distinguish between wants and needs. These things enable us to have immediate gratification. We see a sale on Amazon and it's a great deal, so we buy it. Credit cards used to be considered for emergencies, but we are quickly becoming a cashless society and with the creation of points and incentives, we use our credit cards for just about everything.

On the positive side, the internet has also given us the explosive birth of exceptional bargain shopping. There are dozens of websites and phone apps available to help you save money. "Krazy Koupon Lady", "Passion for Savings", "Hip 2 Save", "Money Saving Mom" and "She Saved Coupons" offer some of the best savings. Before you leave your home to go grocery shopping, you should be checking the store website for specials as well as coupon sites. For example, a 24 oz. L'Oréal Advanced Hair Treatment

costs \$6.99 at Stop & Shop compared to only \$3.97 at Target. It is well worth it to take the time to find the best deals.

How do you save more money than you spend? This is a tough one because in order to save more than you spend, you need to know how much you are actually spending. And the only way to get a real handle on spending is to prepare a budget. Most people have a mental budget, meaning it is not on paper, however, that mental budget is more likely to be comprised of our essential expenses such as mortgage, car payments, utilities, and other essential items. It is the non-essential spending that needs to be itemized. How much do we spend at Starbucks, dining out, clothes shopping or entertainment and on-line purchases? Let's say you are spending \$400 a month on non-essential items, then you should be saving at least \$400 each month.

Back to the survey results: 85% of Americans surveyed say their Mom taught them how to be frugal, by showing them how to shop smarter and take advantage of using coupons and on-line shopping discounts. Celebrate Mom this Mother's Day by making her proud of your frugality!

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



SOME WINES FROM DOWN UNDER FOR MOTHERS DAY!

New Zealand wineries originally set out to serve the small domestic market, operating within a highly regulated economy. But in 1985 the government moved to speed up the removal of barriers against overseas wines, allowing Australian wineries to contest the New Zealand market on an equal footing by 1990.

Spurred into action by their heavy loss of domestic market share, the winemakers launched a sustained export drive. The value of New Zealand's wine exports has skyrocketed from \$NZ18 million in 1990 to over \$NZ1.5 billion in 2015.

New wine companies are mushrooming, from Northland to Central Otago. Thirty years ago, there were fewer than 100 New Zealand wineries; today the ranks have swollen to over 670. The wine industry is forever abuzz with the excitement of new companies, new faces, and new labels.

The Australian wine industry is the world's fourth largest exporter of wine with approximately 750 million litres a year to the international export market with only about 40% of production consumed domestically. The wine industry is a significant contributor to the Australian economy.

There is a A\$2.8 billion domestic market for Australian wines, with Australians consuming over 530 million litres annually with a per capita consumption of about 30 litres – 50% white table wine, 35% red table wine. The Norfolk Islanders are the second biggest per capita wine consumers in the world with 54 litres. Only 16.6% of wine sold domestically is imported.

Wine is produced in every state, with more than 60 designated wine regions totaling approximately 160,000 hectares; however, Australia's wine regions are mainly in the southern, cooler parts of the country, with vineyards located in South Aus-

tralia, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia's Tasmania and Queensland. The wine regions in each of these states produce different wine varieties and styles that take advantage of the particular territory such as: climatic differences, topography and soil types. The major varieties are predominantly Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Merlot, Semillon, Pinot Noir, Riesling, and Sauvignon blanc. Wines are often labeled with the name of their grape variety, which must constitute at least 85 percent of the wine (California is only 75%).

Some of my favorite wines are from these regions and they are great values and generally the quality is exceptional. Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand's Marlborough region is great and one of the best is Oyster Bay. It is so fruity like biting into a fresh grape fruit!! At \$12.99 it is a buy! Oyster Bay makes a great Pino Noir as well! Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon are what built the Australian wine industry. However, its Chardonnay and reislings are super! Some of my favorites include Rosemount Estate Diamond Label Shiraz. At 8 bucks it is a killer. Gumdale Cabernet Sauvignon is great and is a bargain at \$13.00. Lindemin's Bin 65 Limited Edition Chard is great and it is under \$15.00. So get Mom some wine from Down Under this Mother's Day and you will be glad you did!

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College, The Milford Board of Education and Maltose Wine and Beer Seller and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at realestatepro1000@gmail.com.



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MALE AUDITION FOR PRODUCTION OF CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Sacred Heart Academy announces open auditions for male actors for the fall 2017 production of the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. Auditions will be held at the Academy—265 Benham Street in Hamden—on Saturday, May 13 from 12:30 to 4:00 pm. Please prepare a verse and the chorus of a musical theatre song and be ready to learn a dance combination. You may sing something from the

show. Plan to stay the entire time. This audition is open to male actors aged 13-18 enrolled in high school for the fall of 2017. This production will go up at the historic Shubert Theatre the first weekend in November. For more information, contact the Director of the Musical, MaryLee Delaney, at mldelaney@sacredhearthamden.org.



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FREE PAPER SHREDDING & MATTRESS RECYCLING EVENT

The Orange Recycling Committee (ORC) of Orange, CT is preparing for its fifth paper shredding day on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the town's High Plains Community Center (HPCC), and is expanding the event to include mattress recycling. Both services will be provided free of charge to residents of Orange. Residents may bring bags or boxes filled with documents for shredding. Volunteers from the Orange Recycling Committee will deposit them into the shredding truck. The secure, on-site shredding trucks will once again be provided by Affordable Solutions, owned by town resident Joe Johnston. This service is free of charge due to a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Orange. Residents may show their appreciation by donating to the Orange Rotary Scholarship Fund. Rotarians will be on hand to collect donations. New this year, residents may bring mattresses and box springs for recycling. Also taking place on June 3 at HPCC, this free service is made possible through a partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress Program. In addition, members of the Orange Lions Club will pick up mattresses and box springs from the homes of residents who need assistance getting these items to the event. Items must be reasonably clean, and either outside the house or in a garage for easy access. Volunteers will not enter homes. Those interested in this service should contact Ken Lenz at 203 795-3906. The fee for pick-up is \$10 per mattress or box spring; payment is


by cash or check to Orange Lions Charities, and all proceeds are considered a charitable donation. "It's our great pleasure to partner with the Rotary Club of Orange and The Orange Lions Club to provide these valuable services to our community," said Mitch Goldblatt, ORC Chair. "Since our first shredding event 4 years ago, hundreds of residents have disposed of sensitive financial and medical papers in this secure, environmentally-responsible way. We're thrilled to now also facilitate mattress and box spring recycling." Paper Shredding and Mattress Recycling Event - Details: WHEN: June 3, 2017, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., rain or shine WHERE: High Plains Community Center (front parking area), 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT BRING: Tax papers, bills, receipts, statements, and documents that contain personal, financial and/or medical information. No need to remove staples or elastic bands, but clips should be removed for reuse. DO NOT BRING: Newspapers, notebooks, folders, and other papers that can go in the regular residential recycling bins. Mattresses and box springs (pick-up available for Orange residents needing help, as described above). "Purging homes of these items and keeping them out of landfills helps our residents as well as the planet," continued Goldblatt. "This is a fun event that gives volunteers and residents an opportunity to get together and accomplish something meaningful."

JEWISH COALITION FOR LITERACY APPRECIATION EVENT
JCL Event Honors Volunteer Children's Literacy Advocates

The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL), an award-winning program of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, will hold its Volunteer Reading Partner Appreciation Event, Wednesday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden. Deborah Freedman, children's book author, architect, artist and illustrator will be introduced by JCL's team leader and reading partner, Hedda Kopf. Deborah Freedman majored in art history at Yale University and architecture at Harvard Graduate School of Design. This event is open to all interested community members that enjoy reading with children, without charge. Freedman's dynamic program will showcase her books and how to make the most of them when reading with students. With about 175 JCL reading partners, volunteering in seven New Haven Public

Schools, JCL's diverse group spans different faiths, educational backgrounds and experiences. Each volunteer commits one hour a week to read one-on-one with assigned students, sharing the pleasures of reading, learning and conversation, and giving the child the opportunity to express themselves to an interested adult. Volunteers and students enjoy reading and conversation with each other to form nurturing relationships. Educators from JCL's seven partner New Haven Public Schools and other local children's literacy advocates are invited to attend the event to honor JCL reading partners for donating their precious time and for sharing their love of reading and learning with students. For more information about JCL or to get involved, contact Brenda Brenner at bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org or (203)387-2424x308. This event is open to the community at no charge.

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Born in 1887, she became president of the company upon the death of her father in 1927. During her tenure she instituted “forward-looking innovations including free delivery service, a toll-free telephone order department and fully automated billing”. She died in 1968. Beatrice Fox Auerbach was inducted into the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame in 1994. You are invited to hear about this remarkable philanthropist, workplace reformer, and “woman in business”. Please make your reservation in person at the library or call 203.891.2171.

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HOW FAMILIES CAN GO GREEN TOGETHER

Interest in eco-friendly lifestyles has long since spread beyond environmentalists and activists and has become a goal for people from all walks of life. Going green can even be done as a family.

Families have multiple incentives to embrace an eco-friendly lifestyle. Going green can protect the planet for younger members of the family who will have to confront the consequences of today's decisions for decades to come. Going green also can save families money the moment they decide to change their lifestyles, providing a more immediate incentive.

Families interested in making their efforts to be more eco-friendly a team effort can embrace the following strategies.

Wash clothes in cold water. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, heating water accounts for roughly 90 percent of the energy washing machines require to clean clothes. By washing clothes exclusively in cold water, families can drastically reduce the energy their washing machines consume, and clothes will still be clean at the end of each wash cycle.

Wash only in full loads. Whether washing clothes or washing dishes, families who want to go green together can resolve to only run their washing machines or dishwashers when both are full. The EPA notes that only doing full loads of laundry can save more than 3,400 gallons of water each year. When washing dishes, do only

full loads but avoid overcrowding the dishwasher. Overcrowding might mean some dishes are not thoroughly cleaned, which may require running another load or washing them by hand, both of which can be wasteful.

Turn off the faucets when brushing teeth. Another way families can pitch in to conserve energy and save money together is by turning off the faucets when they brush their teeth. Parents of young children can brush their teeth with their youngsters in the morning and at night, explaining to them how brushing without the faucet running can save untold gallons of water every year. This will conserve water and lower the monthly water bill.

Hang energy saving curtains. Energy-saving curtains reduce the amount of heat that passes through windows when the weather outside is cold, keeping more warm air inside and reducing the need to hike up the thermostat. In the summertime, heat from the outside may pass through window glass easily, but it's far more difficult for heat to pass through fabric. By hanging energy-saving curtains together with their children, parents can explain how the curtains are more than just decorative; they are also a helpfully in protecting the planet.

Going green together as a family can help parents save money and provide a valuable teaching opportunity that can benefit youngsters and the planet for years to come.

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Linda Bradford, Cindy Ruggeri, Gail Nixon, and Nancy Mellon, at a luncheon at Maplewood in Orange (L-R). [Photo by Lana Ho]

GARDEN CLUB ACIVITIES AND HAPPENINGS

At a recent meeting of the Orange Garden Club Cindy Ruggeri presented a PowerPoint of a few areas of The Orange Conservation Commission’s town properties and activities. She has been working with some children at the Turkey Hill Preserve. A guide to open spaces is available at Park and Rec. Orange is fortunate to have 9 Passive open spaces along with High Plains Fair Grounds. May 9th, will be the next meeting of

the Orange Garden Club, at the Case Memorial Library, the program at 1 PM presented by Kymrie Zaslow, a Master Judge will dazzle us with “ARTISTRY OF SPRINGTIME”. Saturday May 13, MAY MARKET PLANT SALE and BAKE SALE 8:30-12 Noon. For more information, call Joanne Friedrich 203-795-4266. Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC, NER, and FGCT.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT MAY MEETING

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut presents our membership meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 1:30 pm at Temple Sinai, 41 West Hartford Road, Newington, CT 06111. Bien-nial board elections will be held followed by the “State of the JGS” and “Protect Your Digital Footprint” presentations, both given by President Doris Loeb Nabel. Topics covered will include how

to limit others from knowing too much about us, tracking, browser preferences, cookies, passwords, social media, mobile phones, and more. This program was originally sched-uled for March but was postponed due to inclement weather. This program is free and open to the public. For addi-tional information, please visit www.jgsct.org.

O.V.F.D. AUXILIARY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 18th annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 3rd from 7:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at the Post Road Fire Station, 355 Boston Post Road, Orange. Enjoy scrambled eggs, your choice of bacon or sausage, potato patties and all you can eat “Chip’s” pan-cakes prepared for you by the Orange Volunteer Firefighters. Orange juice, milk, coffee and tea will also be served. Prices are: \$8.00 for Adults, Children ages 6-12: \$6.00. Age 5 and under are free with a paying adult. Save \$1.00 per person by purchasing advance tickets from any auxiliary member or at Knight’s Inc., 286 Boston Post Rad,



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ORANGE LAND TRUST ANNUAL MEETING: COYOTE!

The Orange Land Trust would like to invite you to our Annual Meeting, to be held Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017, High Plains Community Center, Orange Center Road at 7 pm. Following a short business meeting, our program for the evening features a visit from Geoffrey Krukar, wildlife biologist with the CT DEEP Furbearer Program. Is Orange becoming Where the Wild Things Are? This presentation on the return of the coyote to our region will provide an interesting and informative look at what you need to know. We will learn about this and other wildlife that were once thought to inhabit only the rural back country and deep woods, far from populated areas. Geoffrey Krukar, a wildlife biologist

with the CT DEEP Furbearer Program, will be presenting his program on the Eastern Coyote in Connecticut. He will discuss coyote natural history, how they came to be in our state and where they can be found. He will also highlight sources of coyote nuisance and manage-ment options available to towns, includ-ing what measures you can take yourself. This is a predatory animal that re-quires our respect. There are some basic precautions that could be taken to avoid or minimize what could possibly become a dangerous or tragic situation. We are anticipating an informative and educational evening for everyone. Plan to join us. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



JCC'S FREE FAMILY FUN DAY RETURNS

The JCC of Greater New Haven is gearing up for its Annual Family Fun Day featuring Touch-A-Truck on Sunday, June 4th, 2016, from 11am-2pm at 360 Amity Road in Woodbridge. The event is FREE and open to the public. Returning to the 360 Amity Road campus for the first time since a devas-tating fire in December, the organization is thrilled to bring the community back together for a fun-filled day, complete with music, games, activities and more! Hundreds of families attend this popular event that features more than 20 trucks

on display, train rides, pony rides, food, bounce houses, crafts, and vendors. En-trance and parking are free with some fee-based activities. Have a blast and support the community on this extra special day. Vendor spaces and event sponsor-ships are still available. Please contact Eliana Sugarman, elianas@jccnh.org, 203-387-2424 x228. This community event will be held in good weather, and cancelled in case of heavy rain. More information www.jccnh.org



Q: Whatever happened to the TV series **“Doubt”** with **Elliot Gould**? It appeared on CBS several months ago. I watched a few episodes and it just disappeared. --Valerie M., via email

A: CBS pulled the legal/suspense drama -- which also starred **Katherine Heigl, Steven Pasquale** and **Laverne Cox** -- after just two episodes due to low ratings. There are 13 episodes in the can for the series, but as of this writing there has been no word as to if/when CBS will air the remaining 11 episodes.

Q: Is **“Nashville”** off the air permanently now that **Connie Britton’s** character has died? If not, where can it be found? -- Barbara E., Knoxville, Illinois

A: “Nashville” will return to CMT after its hiatus with the back half of season five. And exact midseason premiere date has not yet been announced. Joining the cast are **Rachel Bilson** (**“The O.C.”**) and **Kaitlin Doubleday** (**“Empire”**); however, what roles they will play in the ensemble piece is still a mystery.

While we are all sad about Rayna James’ death, the show has a slew of other talented actors and singers with interesting storylines, and I can’t wait to see how they’ll be resolved. How will Juliette’s new career in gospel music go? And who is the father of Scarlett’s baby, Gunnar or Damien? In more “Nashville” news, CMT also announced that it has been picked up for a 16-episode sixth season.

Q: I have been enthralled by ABC’s **“Time After Time”** and can’t wait to see what will happen next, but I haven’t seen it on the schedule these past few



Elliot Gould [Timothy Kuratek/CBS]

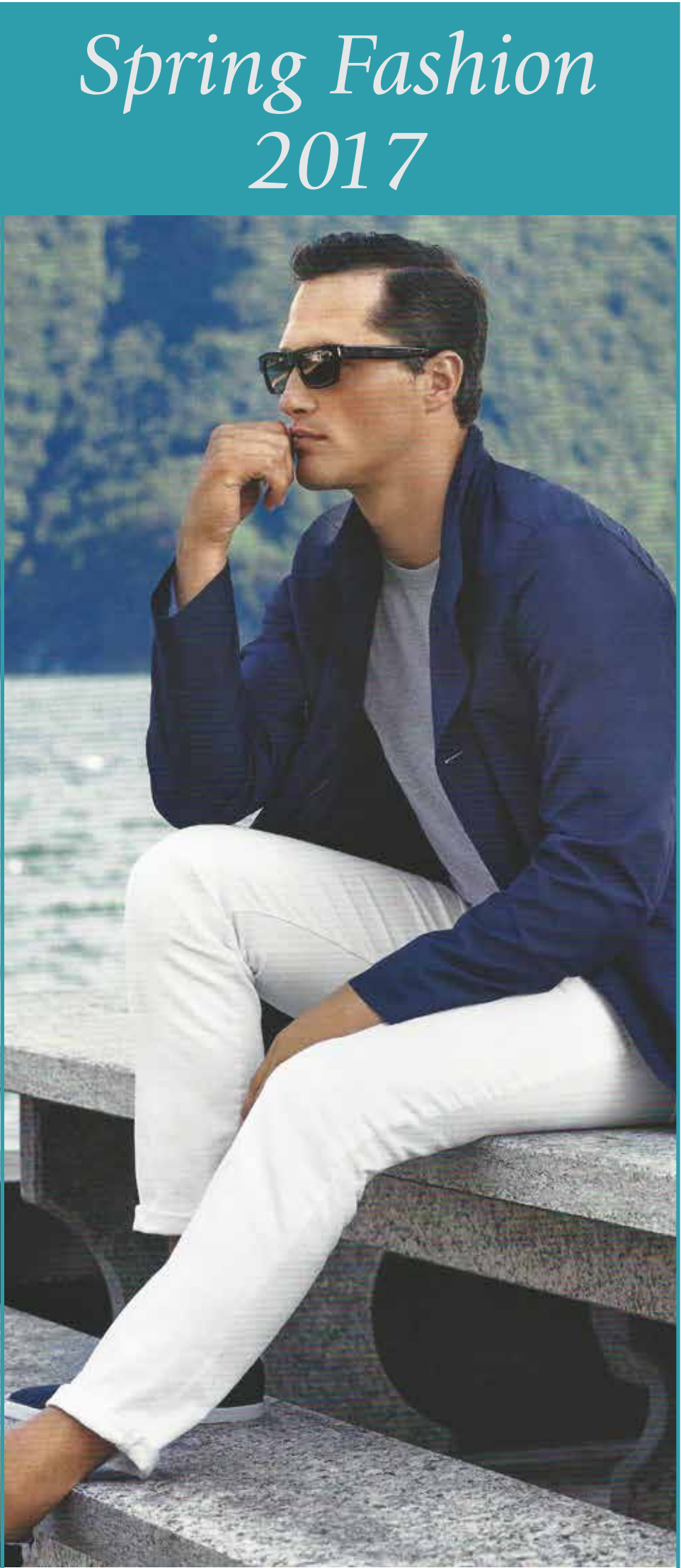
weeks. Will it be back? -- Gina R., via email

A: I also love this show and was heartbroken to read that ABC decided to pull the series (for the dreaded “low ratings”) after only five episodes. So many unanswered questions. Will H.G. Wells (**Fred Stroma**) ever capture Jack the Ripper (**Josh Bowman**)? Will H.G. and Jane (**Genesis Rodriguez**) live happily ever after? Will Griffin (**Will Chase**) and Brooke (**Jennifer Ferrin**) successfully get revenge on Vanessa (**Nicole Ari Parker**)? We’ll just have to imagine our own endings, I suppose.

Q: Will **“The Night Manager”** be back for another season, or is this a one-and-done kind of series? — Lee F. in Georgia

A: Although intended as a one-off series, there has been talk of a possible season two. The BBC (which originally produced and aired the series in the U.K.; AMC is the network for us Americans) told “The Hollywood Reporter”: “The Ink Factory, BBC and AMC are in the early stages of developing a potential second series of ‘The Night Manager,’ but nothing is definite yet, and we have nothing to announce.” Director **Susanne Bier** also confirmed that a script for a possible season two was “slowly being adapted.” So there is a ray of hope in those statements, and you can bet I’ll have my fingers crossed for more of the spy drama.

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ORANGE NATIVE, PAULA LIN CAST IN “NO COSTUME, NO CANDY”

Writer, director, filmmaker and Middletown, CT native Keith Bearden has a dream that Connecticut could be the next Silver Screen city. Raised in Middletown, while he left for bigger places he never forgot where his dreams were hatched.

His new short film, “No Costume, No Candy,” is Bearden’s fifth short feature. It will premier at Madison Arts Cinemas, Boston Post Road, Madison, CT on Saturday April 29, 2017 @ 11 a.m.

It’s a “coming-of-age,” story of two teenage girls on Halloween night who are on the cusp of growing out of the annual trick-or-treat ritual. The movie, about 15 minutes long, was shot over several days last fall in the city, a good deal of it at Indian Hill Cemetery.

Orange native, Paula Lin, was cast in one of the few adult roles in the film and for her, it began with an email from Bearden himself. Paula shares his email: “I am shooting and casting a new short film in CT, and I would like to audition you for one of the roles. You have a great look and voice, so rare and important in casting for film. Would you available to come in on Sep

10 in the afternoon? We are shooting and auditioning in Middletown.”

“What an honorable hoot of an opportunity to work with a globally-acclaimed director like Keith Bearden!”, said Lin. “She’s the best”, said Bearden about Lin. “Vince (Photography Director) and I watched the footage together and he said, Oh my, she is so great! And she is! Paula was born for acting.”

Paula is making headway in passing the “green” stage of her profession. “No Costume? No Candy” is her second short film where she plays the role of “Connie” the funny but scary Christian candy-giving lady. “It is truly remarkable to be cast in one of the very few adult roles



Paula Lin

in the movie, said Lin. Her next short film “Errands” premieres in Boston, MA this summer. “Errands” has a theme about social justice and inequities in life.

The independent film that launched Paula’s penchant for performing in film is the comedy “Mint on Card.”

“I could not imagine back then how much fun hard work can be in acting. It was very

special to be cast as Cheryl Shaw with her scene used in the official promo trailer,” added Lin.

Paula is enjoying her indie short film projects and is waiting to hear positive news back from other directors. Another note-worthy performance includes the role of “Genevieve”, a felon wanted for

murder as depicted in “The Hunt with John Walsh.” She has acted in a music video “I Can’t Lose” by the producer Mark Ronson, creator of “Uptown Funk” as well as regional medical and global educational videos. Lin just completed a principal role in a major, worldwide corporate pitch video filmed in New York City.

Also a voice over talent and narrator, Paula has two audiobooks on the market: “The Power of Intermittent Fasting” and “Home Schooling.”

Besides the exciting, meaningful project possibilities that are appearing more, Paula wants to continue working as an actor-patient at the prestigious Yale University School of Medicine Learning Center. “Education has always been big with my family and friends,” says Paula. “So it’s like a God-send that I get to act and help future generations of doctors learn more about caring, connecting, and communicating effectively with their patients.”

She also hopes to resume volunteering as a reader for CRIS Radio, which serves the needs of the visually-impaired and special needs audiences.

TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR CT BEATLES MUSIC FESTIVAL

Celebrating Sgt. Pepper 50th Anniversary In June

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of "Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band," Connecticut will be the home of the East Coast’s only Beatles Music Festival, the "Fab 4 Music Festival," to be held on June 10th to commemorate the occasion, and tickets are now on sale.

The full-day of Beatle-themed entertainment will "come together" at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford, CT, where there will be two stages of performances, allowing twice the number of artists. Half of the groups will be performing indoors, under the Dome, while the other half will be playing outside on the patio.

The popular New York/New England regional Beatles-themed festival, known in past years as "Danbury Fields Forever," is a family-friendly Music, Foods & Arts Festival featuring the music of The Beatles, their solo material and songs from the sixties. The hours are 1pm until 10pm on June 10th, and, again in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of "Sgt. Pepper" and the year 1967, advance "Ticket to Ride" general admissions are only \$19.67. There are also V.I.P. tickets available. Note that admission will be higher at the door. Advance tickets available at Ticketmaster.

Along with the great entertainment of 20 bands, there will be Beatles and music memorabilia dealers & vendors,

exhibitors, attractions, kid-friendly activities, along with a large variety of food options available. The roster of talent includes The Hofners, Mystery Tour, Penny Lane, The Oh Nos, Number Nine, The Taxmen, Rotary, BeatleHead, The WayBack Machine, Fools On The Hill, Pat Horgan & Thunder Road, Al Ferrante’s Country Gentlemen, Corporation TeeShirt, Dramatic Turn, Tim Palmieri (Beatles A-Z Show), Scott Ringle (formerly of the Blue Meanies), Tim Root (formerly of The Neatles), Eric Herbst (of DizzyFish) and others.

The "Fab 4 Music Festival" on Saturday, June 10, 2017, is presented by Live Nation in association with Liverpool Productions, the same Connecticut Beatles fan club that presented "NYC FAB 50: The Beatles’ 50th Anniversary Celebration" in New York City, and have produced the Connecticut Beatles Conventions since 1978. It also organizes the annual fan vacations to Liverpool and London known as the "Magical History Tour".

The Fab 4 Music Festival is hosted by Charles F. Rosenay!!!, with Ken Michaels of the "Every Little Thing" radio show. With a full day of Fab 4 fun, 20 bands and non-stop music, as The Beatles sang, "It’s Guaranteed to Raise a Smile". For further info, visit www.Fab4MusicFestival.com or call (203) 795-4737.

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CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE
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Further Revised Charter Adopted at November 3, 1992 State Election,
Effective December 3, 1992

Article I.
Incorporation and General Powers

Section 1.1. Incorporation:
All the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of Orange, as heretofore constituted, shall continue to be a body of politic and corporate under the name of the “~~The~~ Town of Orange”, hereinafter called the Town, and as such shall have perpetual succession and shall hold and exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by the Town and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, the additional powers and privileges herein conferred and all powers and privileges conferred upon municipalities under the general laws of the State ofConnecticut.

Section 1.2. Rights and Obligations:
All property, both real and personal, all rights of action and rights of every description and all liens vested or inchoate in the Town as of the effective date of this Charter are continued in the Town, and the Town shall continue to be liable for all debts and obligations of every kind for which the Town shall be liable on said date. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the right of the Town to collect any assessment, charge, debt, or lien. If any contract has been entered into by the Town prior to the effective date of this Charter or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of the Town which contains provisions that the same may be enforced by a commission, board, officer or agency therein named, which is abolished by the provisions of this Charter, such contracts, bonds, or undertakings shall be in no manner impaired but shall continue in full force and effect. The powers conferred and the duties imposed with reference to the same upon any such commission, board, officer or agency shall, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, thereafter be exercised and discharged by the First Selectman.

Section 1.3. General Grant of Powers:
In addition to all powers granted to towns under the ~~constitution~~Constitution and ~~general~~General statutesStatutes of the State of Connecticut, the Town shall have all powers specifically granted by this Charter and all powers fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted and all other powers incident to the management of the property, government and affairs of the Town, including the power to enter into contracts with ~~the~~ United States or any federal agency, the State of Connecticut or any political subdivision thereof for services and the use of facilities, the exercise of which is not expressly forbidden by the Constitution and General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, and to accept grants from such governmental and private agencies. The enumeration of particular powers in this and any other Article of this Charter shall not be construed as limiting this general grant of power but shall be considered as an addition thereto.

Article II
The Town Meeting

Section 2.1. The Town Meeting:
Annual and Special Meetings. An annual Town Meeting shall be held for the consideration of the budget and for the consideration of other town business properly before it. It may be adjourned from time to time. Special Town Meetings for the consideration of items properly before them may be called by the Selectmen and shall be called by them within twenty-one (21) days after receipt of a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors on the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters of the Town, filed with the Town Clerk.

Section 2.2. Notice of Town Meetings:
Notice of each Town Meeting, whether the Annual or a Special Meeting, shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes or any ordinance thereon.

Section 2.3. Quorum:
A quorum, for the purposes of a Town Meeting, shall consist of ~~100~~~~the number of~~ qualified electors or taxpayers ~~present~~.

Section 2.4. Moderator:
Any Town Meeting shall be presided over by the Town Meeting Moderator, or in his absence by a Deputy Town Meeting Moderator, who shall be appointed and have the powers as hereinafter provided.

Section 2.5. Conduct of the Town Meeting:
Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the Town Meetings.

Section 2.6. When Action by Town Meetings Required:
The annual budget, any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes or other borrowing of less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000,~~00~~) except notes in anticipation of taxes to be paid within the fiscal year in which issued, any sale of real estate of the Town or any interest therein and any purchase of real estate or interest therein with a value of ~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)~~five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) or more, shall become effective only after it has been adopted or approved at a Town Meeting by a majority vote of persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings, present and voting at such meeting. The Town Meeting shall not act upon any proposal for the sale or purchase of such real estate or any interest therein, or the issuance of such bonds or notes or other borrowing except upon the recommendation and after approval of the Board of Selectmen.

(a) After the same has been approved by the Board of Selectmen, any resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds or notes of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000,~~00~~) or more, shall be placed on the call of a Town Meeting; and after completion of other business and after reasonable discussion on such appropriation or resolution, ~~the~~ Moderator of such meeting shall adjourn the meeting to reconvene not less than seven (7) nor more than fourteen (14) days thereafter as provided in Section

7.7 of the General Statutes, as amended, and such resolution shall become effective only after it has been submitted to the persons qualified to vote in such meeting for a “yes” or “no” vote on the voting machines. The voting machine ballot labels shall be provided by the Town Clerk. At the closing of the polls the Moderator shall cause the vote to be counted; and any such resolution shall, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon, be deemed to be a vote of the Town Meeting.

(b) 1. The vote on any annual budget recommendation on the call of any Town Meeting shall, if the Selectmen by majority vote so determine and/or if requested at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting by a petition signed by not less than two hundred (200) qualified electors on the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters of the Town filed with the Town Clerk, be submitted to a vote on the voting machines in accordance with Section 2.6 (b) above and, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon, shall be deemed to be a vote of the Town Meeting. In the event that a petition signed by not less than two hundred (200) qualified electors has caused a vote on an annual budget to be taken by a vote on the voting machines and that annual budget recommendation has been defeated by a “no” vote, any subsequent vote on a recommendation for an annual budget for the same fiscal year shall be submitted to a vote on the voting machines in accordance with Section 2.6 (b) above without the necessity for the filing of an additionalpetition.

(c) 2. Any other item or items on the call of any Town Meeting shall, if the Selectmen by majority vote so determine and~~V~~or if requested at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting by a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors on the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters of the Town filed with the Town Clerk, be submitted to a vote on the voting machines in accordance with Section 2.6 (b) above and, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon, shall be deemed to be a vote of the Town Meeting.

(d) In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 5.20 of this Charter, the Town Meeting is empowered and may be required to elect members of the Board of Education, Regional District 5.

Article III Board of Selectmen

Section 3.1. Board of Selectmen:
There shall be a Board of Selectmen consisting of the First Selectman and five Selectmen, all of whom shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 3.2. General Powers and Duties:

Except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, the Board of Selectmen shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by the ~~constitution~~Constitution, General Statutes and Special Acts of the State upon Boards of Selectmen.

The Legislative power of the Town shall be vested in the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Selectmen shall be the legislative body of the Town with residual legislative authority as to all matters except those matters specifically enumerated and vested in the Town Meeting by this Charter.

Subject to the provisions of this Article III, the legislative power of said board shall include but shall not be limited to the following powers: to enact, amend or repeal ordinances not inconsistent with this Charter or the General Statutes of the State; to create or abolish, by ordinance, boards, commissions, departments, agencies and offices; to contract for services and the use of facilities of the United States or of any federal agency, the State of Connecticut or any political subdivision thereof, or by agreement join with any such political subdivision to provide services and facilities, and to fix the charges, if any, to be made for services rendered by the Town or for the execution of powers vested in the Town as provided in Article Iof this Charter.

Section 3.3.
The Board of Selectmen shall meet at least once in each month, unless any such monthly meeting shall be waived by a unanimous vote of all the Selectmen. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen shall meet at the call of the First Selectman or at the call of four (4) members of the Board of Selectmen acting together, at such time and place as is stated in the call to transact such business as shall be before it. A majority of members of the Board of Selectmen shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

Section 3.4. Public Hearing on and Publication of Ordinances:
At least one public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen before any ordinance shall be passed. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance by publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town and by posting a notice in a public place. The enactment of an ordinance shall require the vote of a majority of the entire Board of Selectmen. On the advice of Town Counsel, minor or perfecting amendments may be made in a proposedordinancewithoutfurtherpublichearing.Everyordinance,afterpassage,shallbefiled with the Town Clerk, and recorded, compiled and ~~published by him as hereinafter set forth~~~~prop-~~erly indexed. Within ten days after passage, ~~notice of the passage of the ordinance~~all ordinances shall be published once ~~in their entirety~~in a newspaper having circulation within the Town. Every ordinance, unless it shall specify a later date, shall become effective on the twenty- first (21st) day after such publication ~~of the notice of passage~~, except as otherwise provided in Section 3.5herein.

Section 3.5. Petition of Overrule of Action of Selectmen:
All ordinances, except emergency ordinances adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.7 herein, shall be subject to overrule by referendum as follows: If within twenty (20) days after the publication of any such ordinance, a petition is filed conforming to the requirements of Section 7-9 of the General Statutes, as amended, and signed by not less than 5% of the electors of the Town, as determined from the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters as filed with the Town Clerk, requesting reference of the ordinance to a referendum, the effective date of such ordinance shall be suspended and the Selectmen shall fix the time and place of such referendum which shall be within forty-five (45) days after the filling of the petition, and notice thereof shall be given in the manner provided by law for the calling of a referendum. Said enactment shall take effect unless a majority of those voting in the referendum shall have voted to overrule said enactment, provided however, that if the referendum is held at other than a regular election, said majority to overrule must equal at least 15% of those entitled to vote. No steps to enforce said enactment shall be taken until the time for filing said petition has passed, or, if such a petition has been filed until after the referendum has been held and said enactment has beenupheld.

Section 3.6. Petition for Enactment of Ordinances:
(a) Subject to the provisions of Article II, Section 2.6, not less than 5% of the electors of the Town, as determined from the latest official lists of the Registrars of Voters, may at any time petition over their personal signatures for the enactment of any proposed lawful ordinance by filing such petition, including the complete text of such ordinance, with the Town Clerk. At least one public hearing shall be held by the Selectmen on the proposed ordinance, notice of which shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance by publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town and by posting a notice in a public place. The Selectmen shall call a referendum, to be held after the hearing and in any event not later ~~that than~~ forty-five (45) days from the date of the filing of the petition, unless prior to such referendum such ordinance shall be enacted by the Selectmen. The call for such referendum shall state the proposed ordinance in full and shall provide for a “yes” or “no” vote as to its enactment. If a majority of the persons voting at such referendum shall vote “yes”, then such ordinance shall take effect on the tenth day thereafter without further action of the Selectmen, provided however, that if the referendum is held at other than a regular election, said majority shall equal at least 15% of those entitled to vote.

(b) Any such proposed ordinance shall be examined by the Town Counsel before being submittedtothereferendum.TheTownCounselisauthorizedtocorrecttheformof such ordinance for the purpose of avoiding repetitions, illegalities and unconstitutional provisions, and to assure accuracy in its text and references and clearness and preciseness in its phraseology, but may not materially change its meaning andeffect.

Section 3.7. Emergency Ordinances:
An ordinance stated to be a public emergency measure and stating the facts constituting such public emergency may be passed by the Board of Selectmen without public hearing or notice and shall become effective immediately upon publication as required in Section 3.4 of this Article. Every such emergency ordinance including any amendments thereto, shall automatically stand repealed at the termination of the sixty-first (61st) day following the effective date of said ordinance.

Section 3.8. Review of Appointments:
The Board of Selectmen shall review all appointments made by the First Selectman to appointive office or boards, commissions or agencies, or to fill vacancies on elected or appointive boards, commissions, agencies and offices, in accordance with the provisions of Article IVof this Charter. Such appointments shall automatically become effective unless disapproved by resolution of the Board of Selectmen within ten (10) days after presentation by the First Selectman.

Section 3.9.
The Board of Selectmen may require such information from, or joint meetings with, any Town officers or agencies as it may find necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities placed uponit.

Section 3.10. Secretary-Clerk to the Board:
The Board of Selectmen may, by a majority vote, appoint an individual as Secretary-Clerk to the Board to serve at its pleasure. He shall be paid a salary to be fixed by the Board within the amount budgeted therefor. He shall keep the records of the Board of Selectmen, shall attend all meetings of the Board and of such other boards and commissions of the Town as he may be directed so to do by the Board. He shall assist the First Selectman in carrying out his executive governmental functions in such manner as the First Selectman shall direct.

Section 3.11. Annual Audit:
The Board of Selectmen shall annually designate an independent certified public accountant or firm of independent certified public accountants to audit the books and accounts of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Chapter III (one hundred eleven) of the General Statutes, as amended.

Article IV
The First Selectman

Section 4.1. First Selectman:
The First Selectman shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Selectmen but this office shall not deprive him of his vote on any question. The First Selectman shall be recognized as the official head of the Town for all ceremonial purposes, for military purposes and for the purpose of receiving civil process.

Section 4.2. General Powers and Duties:
The First Selectman shall be the Chief Executive Officer and the agent of the Town, and except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, any power given or duty imposed by the General Statutes on the Chief Executive of any town shall be vested in and exercised by him. In addition to the powers and duties prescribed by the General Statutes, he shall administer all

the offices and agencies in charge of persons appointed by him and shall supervise and direct the same. He shall be responsible for all purchasing done in the name of the Town, except for purchases of the Board of Education. The First Selectman shall cause to be kept full and complete records of the doings of his office, and it shall be his duty to make periodic reports to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, to keep or cause to be kept complete books of account showing separately an account of each item of appropriation made each year and all disbursements made which are chargeable against each such appropriation so that at all times there may be available in the office of the Selectman the continuing current status of all appropriations and disbursements charged thereto, to cause to be kept such other books of account as municipalities are required by statute to keep, and to exercise such other powers and duties as may be imposed upon him by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting. Neither the Town Meeting nor the Board of Selectmen shall diminish by ordinance, vote or otherwise, the powers and duties of the First Selectman except those powers and duties imposed on him by direction of the Selectmen under the provisions of this ~~charter~~Charter. The First Selectman shall be an ex officio member of all Boards and Commissions with vote only on the Board of Selectmen, but he shall not attend executive sessions of ~~boards~~Boards and ~~commissions~~Commissions in circumstances where his attendance would be unlawful.

Section 4.3. Succession to Office:

(a) During the absence or disability of the First Selectman, the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen shall choose one of their members of the same political party as that of the First Selectman to be Acting First Selectman who shall carry out all of the duties of the First Selectman.

(b) In the case of the death or other removal from office of the First Selectman, the remaining members of the Board of Selectmen shall within thirty (30) days by resolution appoint one of their members of the same party to fill the vacancy.

Section 4.4. Appointments:

The First Selectman shall appoint all appointive officers and shall fill by appointment all vacancies on appointed or elective boards, commissions, agencies, and offices except as other procedures are specifically provided in this Charter or amendments, and/or are made mandatory by ~~general~~General statutesStatutes. All such appointments shall be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and shall become effective unless disapproved by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of Article III of this Charter.

In exercising the power herein conferred to fill vacancies with respect to elective offices or membership upon elective boards or commissions, the First Selectman shall make an interim appointment for the unexpired portion of the term, or until the next biennial town election, whichever shall be sooner; provided that when the persons vacating the office shall have been elected as a member of a political party, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a member of the same political party.

Article V

Elected Boards and Commissions Section 5.1. Town Plan and Zoning Commission:

There shall be a Town Plan and Zoning Commission consisting of five members who shall be electors of the Town. Said Commission shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations of a zoning commission established under Chapter 124 of the General Statutes and of a planning commission established under Chapter 126 of the General Statutes as either of said chapters is presently or may hereafter be amended, both of which chapters the Town hereby adopts.

Section 5.2.

The members of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission, on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter, shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been elected. Section I of Special Act 115 of the 1969 General Assembly shall be given effect with respect to the expiration of terms to the extent that it is not inconsistent with this Section 5.2.

~~There shall be two members elected at the municipal election of 2017, both of whom shall be elected for a term of four years. There shall be elected at the municipal election of 2019, three members, including the deferred term. The two members elected with terms commencing in November of 2019 shall be elected for a term of four years. The one member elected to the deferred term commencing in November 2020 shall be elected for a term of three years.~~

~~Thereafter, at each biennial election, there shall be elected two members and then three members for terms of four years to succeed those members whose terms expire. Beginning with the biennial election held in November 2023, there shall no longer be a deferred term. There shall be elected at the municipal election of 1971 three members for a term of four years, the term of one of whom shall commence in 1972. At the municipal election in 1973 two members shall be elected to serve for a term of four years.~~

~~Alternately thereafter, at each biennial election, there shall be elected three members and then two for terms of four years to succeed those members whose terms expire.~~

Section 5.3.

Said Commission may appoint a zoning enforcement officer with such compensation as may be fixed by it within the amount budgeted therefor.

Section 5.4.

Alternates to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of Section 8-1b of the General Statutes.

Section 5.10. Board of Education:

There shall be a Board of Education consisting of ten members. Except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, the Board of Education shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in the General Statutes with respect to boards of education as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 5.11.

The members of the Board of Education in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they or the persons they are succeeding in office have been elected. There shall be four members elected at the municipal election of 1971, two of whom shall be elected for a term of two years and two of whom shall be elected for a term of four years. One of the two members elected in 1971 for four two year terms shall be a minority party member and one of the two members elected in 1971 for four year terms shall be a minority party member. Thereafter at each biennial election there shall be elected five members who shall hold office for a term of four years to succeed those whose terms expire.

Section 5.12.

The Board of Education shall, to the fullest extent reasonable, make available to the Park and Recreation Commission property owned by the Town for current or future educational purposes, but not currently used for such purposes, in order to provide the maximum park and recreational facilities for the townspeople, consistent with the budget of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Section 5.20. Board of Education, Regional District 5:

So long as the Town is a member of Regional School District 5, members representing the Town shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Statutes.

The elected representatives of the Town on said Board at the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members of said Board for the terms for which they were elected.

Section 5.30. Board of Finance:

There shall be a Board of Finance consisting of six members. Said Board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to boards of finance as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 5.31.

Those members of the Board of Finance in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members thereof for the respective terms for which they shall have been elected.

There shall be elected at the municipal election of 1971, two members, one of whom shall be elected for a term of four years and one of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter at each biennial election three members shall be elected for a term of four years to succeed those whose terms expire.

Section 5.40. Other Elected Boards:

There shall be such other elected boards as may be required by General Statutes or applicable Special Acts enacted after the Effective Date of this Charter or as may be created by appropriate amendment of this Charter, such Boards to consist of such numbers of members and to be elected in the manner prescribed in the General ~~statutes~~Statutes, or in the applicable Special Act requiring their creation or in the amendment to this Charter creating such Board. In the absence of a specification of number, any such Board shall consist of five members. In the absence of a specified method of election, such Board shall be elected at the Town Election next after its creation in such manner that three members are elected for a four year term and two members are elected for a two year term. Alternately thereafter at each biennial election there shall be elected three members and then two members for terms of four years to succeed those members whose terms expire.

Section 5.50. Use of Committees by Boards or Commissions:

While all official action of any board or commission must be taken by the requisite vote of such board or commission, one or more committees may be appointed by any board or commission under the chairmanship of one of its members to study and make recommendations with respect to such of the duties of such board or commission as may be assigned to any such committee.

Article VI

Appointed Boards and Commissions Section 6.1. Board of Zoning Appeals:

There shall be a Board of Zoning Appeals consisting of five regular members and three alternate members. Said Board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations of a Board of Zoning Appeals established under Chapter 124 of the General Statutes as said chapter is presently or may hereafter be amended and such powers, duties and responsibilities and subject to such restrictions and limitations as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Orange Zoning Ordinance.

Section 6.10 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

(formerly Board of Tax Review)

There shall be a Board of Tax Review consisting of five members. Said Board shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to boards of tax review as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 6.1.1.

Those members of the Board of Tax Review in office on the day following the adoption of the Charter Amendment of 1992 shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. Upon the effective date of said Charter Amendment, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, one member to serve a term which shall expire on December 2, 1993 and one member who shall serve a term to expire on December 7, 1995. As each term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each such vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.2.

Those members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and alternates in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members thereof for the respective terms for which they shall have been elected. As each such term expires the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each such vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.20. Board of Police Commissioners:

There shall be a Board of Police Commissioners consisting of five members. The Board of Police Commissioners shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to boards of police commissioners as the same may, from time to time, be amended.

Section 6.21.

Those members of the Board of Police Commissioners in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been elected. Thereafter, as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each such vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.30. Safety Commission:

There shall be a Safety Commission consisting of the Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Schools, the Building Inspector, the Town Director of Civil Defense, the Fire Marshal and such other additional members, not in excess of five such additional members, representative of Town agencies, as the First Selectman shall, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, from time to time, appoint.

Section 6.31.

It shall be the duty of the Safety Commission to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the adoption of ordinances or the taking of other appropriate Town action to assure the continued safety of the townspeople.

Section 6.32.

It shall be the duty of the Safety Commission to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the elimination of hazards to safety as the same may exist in the Town. The Board of Selectmen is empowered to negotiate with the owner of any such hazard for its elimination. Failing the successful completion of any such negotiation, the Board of Selectmen shall take such action as it, with the advice of Town Counsel, deems appropriate to eliminate such hazard.

Section 6.40. ~~Economic Development Commission~~Development and Industrial Commission:

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There shall be an ~~Economic Development~~Development and Industrial Commission consisting of five members. Such Commission organized under the provisions of Section 7-136 of the General Statutes heretofore and herein adopted by the Town shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to development and industrial commissions as the same may, from time to time, be amended. In addition to such powers, duties and responsibilities, said Commission shall:

- (1) Make such recommendations, from time to time, as it deems appropriate to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission with respect to possible amendments to the Comprehensive Town Plan or to the zoning regulations as they affect industrial development.
- (2) Confer with similar commissions of abutting towns in order to make recommendations with respect to the development of adequate roads, utility services and industrial sewage disposal in a manner consistent with that of other towns.
- (3) Foster and promote orderly commercial and industrial development in the Town and work with other Town agencies toward such ends.

Section 6.41.

Those members of the ~~Development and Industrial commission~~Economic Development Commission in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue to be members thereof for the respective terms for which they were appointed. As each such term expires the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.50. Park and Recreation Commission

There shall be a Park and Recreation ~~commission~~Commission consisting of nine members. Said Commission shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to municipal park commissions, as said statutes have heretofore been or may hereafter be amended. In addition to such powers, duties and responsibilities, said Commission shall:

- (1) Have jurisdiction over and have the responsibility for maintaining such properties as are assigned to its jurisdiction by ordinance.
- (2) Have such jurisdiction over and responsibility for the maintenance of properties temporarily transferred to its jurisdiction by the Board of Education or other boards of the Town as shall be provided by arrangements with such other boards.
- (3) Provide a program of recreational activity and engage such personnel in the furtherance thereof within the limitations of the Commission's budget.

Section 6.51.

Those members of the Park and Recreation Commission in office on the day following the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. The First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, four additional members for a term of four years. Thereafter as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy for a term of two years.

Section 6.60. Conservation Commission:

There shall be a Conservation Commission consisting of seven members for the development and conservation of natural resources, including water resources, within the territorial limits of theTown.

Said Commission shall have all the powers, possess all of the rights and may engage in any of the activities enumerated in Section 7-131 (a) of the General Statutes.

Section 6.61.

Those members of the Conservation Commission in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. Thereafter as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy so created for a term of four years.

Section 6.70. Sewer Commission:

There shall be a Sewer Commission consisting of five members. Said Commission shall have the powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to the restrictions and limitations specified in the General Statutes with respect to sewer authorities or commissions as said statutes have heretofore been or may hereafter be amended.

Section 6.71.

Those members of the Sewer Commission in office on the day following the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue as such members for the respective terms for which they have been appointed. Thereafter as each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy so created for a term of four years.

Section 6.80. Board of Ethics:

There shall be a Board of Ethics consisting of five members, no more than a bare majority of whom may be members of the same political party. They shall act on matters concerning ethical standards for public service, including conflict of interest, with such powers, duties and responsibilities as shall be determined by ordinance to be enacted by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 6.81.

Initially three members of said Board shall be appointed for a term of two years, no more than two of whom shall be from the same political party and two members of said Board shall be appointed for a term of four years, no more than one of whom shall be from the same political party. As each such term expires, the First Selectman shall appoint, subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen, a member for each vacancy thus created for a term of four years.

Section 6.82.

All actions of said Board pursuant to the legal authority with which it is empowered shall be effective only upon the vote of at least one more than a bare majority, which number shall also constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6.90. Other Appointed Boards:

There shall be such other appointed boards as may be required by General Statutes or applicable Special Acts enacted after the effective date of this Charter or as may be created by appropriate amendment of this Charter or by appropriate action of the Board of Selectmen, such Boards to consist of such number of members and to be appointed in the manner prescribed in the General Statutes or in the applicable Special Act requiring their creation or in the amendment to theCharter or the action of the Legislative Authority creating such Board. In the absence of a specification of such number, any such Board shall consist of five members. In the absence of a specified method of appointment, any such Board shall be appointed by the First Selectman except as otherwise prescribed by the General Statutes or applicable Special Acts enacted after the Effective Date of this Charter or by appropriate amendments of this Charter, for terms of four years established and maintained at staggered biennial intervals wherever possible.

Article VII
Coordination of Activities of Town Agencies

Section 7.1.

It shall be the duty of the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen to provide leadership in the formulation of plans to assure continued progress in the development of the Town.

Section 7.2.

Each Town agent, board and commission shall file with the First Selectman, not later than August 1st in each year, a report briefly stating its activities during the fiscal year just completed and submitting recommendations for appropriate action on matters within the province of such agency. Such reports, or an appropriate digest thereof, shall be presented in the Annual Report of the Town to the Townspeople.

Article VIII Elected Officers

Section 8.1.

There shall be the following officers of the Town who, except as otherwise specifically provided by this Charter, shall be elected as specified in the General Statutes:

- (a) FirstSelectman;
 - (b) Five otherSelectmen;
 - (c) TownClerk;
 - (d) Collector ofTaxes;
 - (e) Registrar ofVoters
 - (f) Seven Constables or such lesser number as the Town, by ordinance, may provide;
 - (g) Such numbers of Justices of the Peace as equal one-third the number of jurors to which the Town is entitled or such lesser number as the Town, by ordinance, may provide;
- Such other elected officers as may be required by General Statutes or applicable Special Acts or ordinances enacted after the effective date of this Charter.

Section 8.2.

~~Commencing with the regular Town election of November 2017, and at each regular Town election quadrennially thereafter, T~~he electors shall elect the Town ~~officers-Officers~~ described in Section 8.1 (a), ~~(b), (c), (d) and (f) through 8.1 (g), except, Commencing with the regular State Election, and at each regular State election quadrennially thereafter, J~~ustices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters shall be elected. ~~biennially at each Town Election.~~ Town ~~officersOfficers~~, elected pursuant to Section 8.1 (h), shall be elected ~~biennially-quadrennially~~ at each Town Election unless otherwise provided in the General Statutes or Special Act creating the office. ~~Justices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters shall be elected biennially in even numbered years at StateElections.~~

Section 8.3.

The selectmen described in Sections 8.1 (a) and 8.1 (b) shall constitute the Board of Selectmen and the votes cast for the unsuccessful candidate for First Selectman shall be counted as votes cast for him as a member of said Board, provided no elector may be a candidate for both the office of First Selectman and that of Selectman and provided if an elector receives write-in votes for both office of First Selectman and that of Selectman, the Moderator may count either the votes which were written in for him for the office of First Selectman or those which were written in for him for the office of Selectman, whichever is more advantageous to such elector but not both.

Section 8.4.

If this Charter be adopted at a Town Election, the Town officers elected during such Town Election shall hold office for the terms for which they were elected and the Justices of the Peace and Registrars of Voters in office on the date this Charter is adopted shall continue to hold such offices for the respective terms to which they shall have been elected. If this Charter be adopted at a State or Special Election, the Town officers holding the respective offices at the date of the adoption of this Charter shall continue to hold such offices for the respective terms to which they

shall have beenelected.

Section 8.5.

In addition to the Town officers prescribed in Section 8.1 (h), the Town shall participate in the election of a Judge of Probate for the Probate District which includes the Town, such election to be held in the manner prescribed by law for the election of such Judge of Probate. In the event that the Town becomes part of a Probate District different from the Probate District of which it is a part on the date of the adoption of this Charter, the Town shall participate in the election of Judge of Probate for such new district in the manner prescribed in the Special Act creating such newdistrict.

Section 8.6.

No person who is not an elector of the Town may be an elected officer or member of an elected Town board or commission.

Section 8.7.

Elected Town officers shall have such assistants as are approved by the Board of Selectmen, provided that the compensation of any such assistants by the Town shall only be within the budgetary limits prescribed by the Board of Finance for such assistants. In the case of the Assistant Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector, an appropriate oath for the faithful performance of his or her duty shall be administered and a record of the administration of such oath included in the records of the TownClerk.

Section 8.8. Compensation:

- (a) The compensation, if any, of an elected or appointed Town officer, or of a member of an elected or appointed Town board or commission, shall be established by the Board of Finance through the regular budget procedures subject, in the case of the Board of TaxReview,to the provisions of Section 12-121 of the General Statutes, Revision of 1958. Said elected or appointed officers and said members, except the Constables and Justices of the Peace, shall be compensated, if at all, only on a salaried basis.
- (b) The necessary expenses of an elected or appointed Town ~~officerOfficer~~, or of a member of an elected or appointed Town ~~board-Board~~ or ~~commissionCommission~~, actually incurred in the promotion of his duties, shall be paid by the Town, within the limits prescribed in the budget by the Board of Finance upon the requisition of such officer or the Chairman of such board in writing, upon the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Section 8.9. Duties

Elected Town officers shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are prescribed in the General Statutes, in appropriate ~~special~~ Special acts-Acts or in this Charter with respect to the offices held.

Article IX Appointed Officers

Section 9.1.

There shall be the following appointed officers of the Town:

- (a) Assessor;
- (b) BuildingInspector;
- (c) ~~Director of Civil Defense; Emergency Management Director;~~
- (d) Director - Public Works Department;
- (e) FireMarshal;
- (f) ~~Fire Warden and such number of Deputy Fire Wardens as the Legislative authority may from time to time authorize; Finance Director;~~
- (g) Director - HealthDepartment;
- (h) TownCounsel;
- (i) Town MeetingModerator;
- (j) Town Meeting Deputy Moderators;
- (k) Town Treasurer who shall be Agent of Town Deposit Fund; and,
- (l) Such other appointed Town officers whose office is created by an amendment to the Charter or by appropriate action of the Legislative Authority.

Section 9.2.

Such of the appointed officers listed in Section 9.1 as hold any of the said offices on the date of the adoption of the Charter shall continue to hold said offices for the period for which they shall have been elected orappointed.

Section 9.3.

Appointed Town officers shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are prescribed with respect to such offices, in the General Statutes, in appropriate Special Acts, in this Charter, in the ordinances or other action of the Legislative Authority or in appropriate directions, from time to time, from the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen and the respective supervisors of such officers.

Section 9.4.

In the performance of their duties, appointed Town officers may engage such assistants as are approved by the Board of Selectmen and by the supervisor of any such appointed Town officer, provided that the compensation of any such assistant to be paid by the Town shall be within the budgetary limits prescribed by the Board of Finance.

Section 9.5. Appointment:

All appointed officers of the Town shall be appointed by the First Selectman subject to the disapproval of the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of Article IV, Section 1.4 of thisCharter.

Section 9.6. Term of Office:

Except as otherwise specifically provided, all appointive officers shall hold office for a term of two years and shall take office 30 days after the biennial Town Election in the year in which their termsexpire.

Section 9.10. Director - Department of Health:

In addition to other duties prescribed by law, the Director shall supervise the activities of the Sanitation Inspector, the Superintendent of the Town Dump and, with the cooperation of the Orange Public Health Nursing Service, the activities of the Town Nurses. The Health Director shall further supervise the periodic inspection of all establishments in the Town which provide food, drinks or lodging on a commercial basis and all trailer parks.

Section 9.20. Director - Department of Public Works:

There shall be a Department of Public Works which through its Director shall have supervision and control of the maintenance of all Town owned structures, except such structures as are under the Park and Recreation commission, and the planning, surveying, constructing and reconstructing, altering, paving, repairing, maintaining, cleaning, lighting, inspecting, and to the extent applicable, the operation of highways, sidewalks and curbs, sewers, disposal facilities, public and private drains, Town buildings and other public improvements, the preservation, care, removal of trees within the highways and public places, all engineering work of the Town, and the collection and disposal of garbage, rubbish and ashes, to the extent that the Board of Selectmen shall determine that these functions and activities are within the responsibilities of the Town and this Department. The Director and the Department shall also undertake such additional responsibilities and projects as may, from time to time, be ~~reasonable~~ reasonably prescribed by the Board of Selectmen. The efforts of the Department shall be coordinated by the Director with those of the Town Plan and Zoning Commission under such rules and regulations as may be adopted with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Any provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Public Works Department shall have the responsibility for construction and maintenance of parks and grounds used for park and recreation purposes belonging to the Town and of buildings, structures, apparatus and equipment used in connection therewith, to the extent and for the period requested by the Park and Recreation Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Any provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Public Works Department may maintain and care for school buildings and grounds, but only if and to the extent and for the period requested by the Board of Education and approved by the Board of Selectmen, and the cost of such services shall be charged against the Board of Education appropriation. The Director

- Department of Public Works may appoint and may remove with the approval of the First Selectman and subject to the provisions of this Charter and such rules and regulations as shall have been adopted for the operation of his Department, a Supervisor of Roads, a Town Engineer, a

Supervisor of the Town Dump, a Tree Warden and such deputies, assistants, and employees as he may deem necessary and shall prescribe their duties provided such personnel shall be within the budgetary limits fixed by the Board of Finance for such Department.

Nothing contained herein shall preclude the filling of two or more of the above positions by the same person, including the Director of the Department of Public Works, provided such joint appointments shall have been approved by the First Selectman.

Section 9.30. Town Counsel:

The Town Counsel shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until his successor has qualified. In addition to any other duties properly prescribed, the Town Counsel shall:

- (a) Review in advance of all Town Meetings the matters to be presented ~~as-at~~ such meetings and consult with the Town Meeting Moderator and the Board of Selectmen, as necessary, to assure the orderly disposition of the business of the meeting.
- (b) Prepare all ordinances proposed by any Town officer, board or commission, at the request of the FirstSelectman.
- (c) Review all ordinances to be acted upon and, if time and the proponents thereof permit, redraft the same, if necessary, in appropriate ordinance language.
- (d) Be the legal advisor to all Town officers, boards, commissions or agencies in all matters affecting the Town and attend all Town Meetings, and the Annual Budget Hearing, and, at the request of the First Selectman, attend periodic meetings of the Board of Selectmen and such other meetings or hearings as may be reasonably required.
- (e) Give opinions on such matters as are submitted to him for opinion by the First Selectman or, with the approval of the First Selectman, by any other Town Officers or by the Chairman of any other Town Board or Commission.

Section 9.40. Town Meeting Moderator and Deputy Town Meeting Moderators:

There shall be a Town Meeting Moderator and Deputy Town Meeting Moderators, each to serve for a term of two years or until their successors have qualified. It shall be the duty of the Town Meeting Moderator, or in the event of his absence or inability to act, a Deputy Town Meeting Moderator, to preside over all Town Meetings. They shall consult, in advance of each Town Meeting with Town Counsel, the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen or such other persons as they deem appropriate to facilitate the orderly disposition of the business of the Meeting.

Section 9.50. Town Assessor:

There shall be a Town Assessor who shall have such powers, duties, responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers.

Section 9.60. Town Treasurer:

There shall be a Town Treasurer who shall serve for a term of two years. He shall have such powers, duties, responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers. The Town Treasurer shall, in addition, be the Agent of the Town DepositFund.

Section 9.70. Town Building Inspector:

There shall be a Town Building Inspector who shall have such powers, duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for suchofficers.

Section 9.80. Fire Marshal:

There shall be a Fire Marshal and Fire Wardens of the Town who shall have such powers and duties and responsibilities and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as are by law prescribed for such officers.

Article XDefinitions and General

Section 10.1. Definitions:

Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, the following terms, when used in this Charter, shall have the following meanings:

- (a) “Annual Election” means, in the odd-numbered years, the Town Election and means, in the even-numbered years, the State Election as defined in the General Statutes.
- (b) “Board” means any board, commission or agency of the Town.
- (c) “Charter” means this Charter, as the same may be supplemented or amended from time totime.
- (d) “Commission” means any board, commission or agency of the Town.
- (e) “Fiscal Year” means the period from July 1st in one year through June 30th in the next year or such different period as the Town, by appropriate action, may, from time to time,determine.
- (f) “General Statutes” means the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, and any reference thereto, or to any provision or provisions thereof, shall mean and include any supplements or amendments thereto.
- (g) “Home Rule Law” means Chapter 99 of the General Statutes;
- (h) “Legislative Body” means a combination of the Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen as defined in Section 7-193 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Town Meeting possessing the legislative authority only to the extent specifically set ~~fourth~~forth in thisCharter.
- (i) “Meeting” of any body includes any adjourned session thereof.
- (j) “Municipal Election” means Town Election.
- (k) “Special Act” means a Special Act enacted by the General Assembly of Connecticut.
- (l) “Term” of the Town Clerk and Justices of the Peace shall commence on the First Monday of January following their respective elections. The term of the Registrar of Voters shall commence on the Wednesday following the first Monday of January following his election. Unless otherwise provided by General Statutes, this Charter or in the ordinance hereafter adopted creating an office or board, the term of elected officers and agents and the members of all elected boards and commissions shall commence on the tenth day following the date of their respective election~~on~~; the term of appointed officers and agents and of members of appointed boards and commissions shall commence on the date prescribed by the appointing authority.
- (m)”Town” means the Town of Orange.
- (n) “Town Election” means the election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.
- (o) “Town Meeting” means, when used in this Charter, the Annual or a Special Meeting of the electors of the Town for the purpose specifically set forth in this Charter. “Town Meeting” as used in the Connecticut General Statutes shall be deemed to refer to the legislative body of the Town and shall be construed to mean the Board of Selectmen except in relation to the purposes or powers of the Town Meeting as set forth in thisCharter.
- (p) The masculine pronoun, wherever used shall include the feminine pronoun.

Section 10.2. Conduct of Meetings:

Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings of all boards and commissions.

Section 10.3. Minority Representation:

The maximum number~~s~~ of members of all boards, commissions, committees or similar bodies who may be members of the same political party shall be as provided in the General Statutes, except for the membership of the Board of Ethics which shall be as provided for in Article VI, Section 6.80 of thisCharter.

Section 10.4. Computation of Time:

In computing the period of time of any notice under this Charter, the day on which the notice is given and any Sunday and any legal holiday shall be included, but the day on which the matter is to occur shall be excluded. The same principle shall govern other computations of time for purposeshereof.

Section 10.5. Terms of Office:

All elected and appointed officers and members of boards~~s~~ and commissions shall hold office until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

Except as otherwise specifically required by the General Statutes, applicable Special Acts or by the provisions of this Charter, the terms of appointment to appointive boards and commissions shall, wherever possible, be established and maintained at staggered biennial intervals.

Section 10.6. Oaths of Office:

All elected and appointed officers and members of boards, agencies or commissions of the Town shall swear or affirm the faithful performance of their duties, a record of the administration of

which oaths shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Oaths may be administered by all persons so authorized by Section 1-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The form of such oaths shall be as follows:

You solemnly swear that you will faithfully discharge, according to law, your duties as to the best of your ability; so help you God.

Section 10.7. Amendment:

This Charter may be amended in the manner prescribed by the General Statutes.

Section 10.8 Rules of Construction and Saving Clause:

(a) This Charter is intended to avail, make use of and exercise the full home rule powers of the Town under the Home Rule Law, and any other statute now in affect or hereafter enacted and any other home rule powers thereof under the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, under the common law, or otherwise.

(b) Nothing herein contained shall be construed as intended to conflict with, or be inconsistent with, any general statute of the State of Connecticut expressing any substantial public policy of the State. It shall be construed as an assertion of the Town’s full power and authority to prescribe its organic law for the administration of its localaffairs.

(c) If any provision of this Charter shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of this Charter nor the context in which such provision so held invalid may appear, except to the extent that an entire section may be inseparably connected in meaning and effect with the provision to which such holding shall directly apply.

(d) All ordinances, resolutions and legislative actions~~s~~ of the Town in effect as of the effective date of this Charter shall continue in full force and effect except to the extent they may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter.

Article XI

Effective Date of Charter and Transition Section 11.1 (a). Effective Date:

This Charter shall take effect on the ~~tenth day following the date of the municipal election of November, 1971, that is November 12, 1971, except that the provisions of Article V concerning Elected Boards and Article VIII concerning Elected Officers shall become effective with respect to the municipal election of November, 1971;first day of July, 2017.~~

Section 11.1 (b). Effective Date of Charter Revision:

Any provisions contained in the Charter Amendment of 1992 shall take effect the thirtieth day following the date of the State Election of November 3, 1992, that is on December 3, 1992.

Section 11.2. Special Acts:

- The following special acts applicable to the Town remain unaffected by this Charter:
- (a) Resolution of the Assembly incorporating the Town of Woodbridge, Records of the State of Connecticut, Volume 5, Page 304.
 - (b) Special Act passed October, 1804, I Special Acts 550, incorporating the Society of North Milford.
 - (c) Resolution of the Assemble, May, 1822, incorporating the Town of Orange, II Special Acts1173.
 - (d) Special Act passed May, 1836, II Special Acts 1174, amending the Resolution of May, 1822 with respect to the location of Town Meetings.
 - (e) Special Act approved April 3, 1884, IX Special Acts 1020, relative to the division line between Derby andOrange.
 - (f) Special Act approved June 24, 1921, XVIII Special Acts 1067, dividing the Town of Orange and creating the Town of West Haven.
 - (g) Special Act approved April 26, 1933, XXI Special Acts 884, relative to the licensing of certain concessions by the Selectmen.
 - (h) Special Act approved May 28, 1935, XXII Special Acts 202, relative to the use of highways in theTown.
 - (i) Special Act approved June 29, 1951, XXVI Special Acts 146, relative to the division between Derby andOrange.
 - (j) Special Act approved May 7, 1953, XXVI Special Acts 771, validating certain action in establishing Regional School District Number 5.

Section 11.3.

The following Special Acts are no longer applicable:

- (a) Special Act passed May 1823, II Special Acts 1174, relative to the support of the poor formerly residing in New Haven.
- (b) Special Act passed in 1848, IV Special Acts 1256, relative to the division line between New Haven and Orange.
- (c) Special Act approved March 31, 1887, X Special Acts 578, relative to the division line between New Haven and Orange.
- (d) Special Act approved August 1, 1911 XVI Special Acts 386, relative to bond issues by school districts now part of West Haven.
- (e) Special Act approved March 24, 1915, XVII Special Acts, 58, relative to rules and regulations now pertinent to West Haven.
- (f) Special Act approved May 10, 1917, XVII Special Acts, 995, relative to the terms of certain Town officers now pertinent to West Haven.
- (g) Special Act approved May 21, 1925, XIX Special Acts, 778, relative to the issuance of bonds by Center School District.
- (h) Special Act approved June 18, 1929, XX Special Acts 983, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to establish building lines and conferring other powers on said board.
- (i) Special Act approved June 18, 1929, XX Special Acts 989; Special Act approved April 4, 1935, XXII Special Acts 74; Special Act approved June 20, 1939, XXIII Special Acts 635; Special Act approved June 24, 1941, XXIII Special Acts 1107; Special Act approved July 9, 1947, XXV Special Acts 606; Special Act approved June 7, 1957, XXVIII Special Acts 780; all relative to the Town Court of Orange.

- (j) Special Act approved April 5, 1933, XXI Special Acts 800, relative to the admission ofelectors.
 - (k) Special Act approved May 1, 1943, XXIV Special Acts 134, and Special Act approved July 22, 1945, XXIV Special Acts 652, relative to the Town Plan and ZoningCommission.
 - (l) Special Act approved June 14, 1961, XXX Special Acts 154, relative to the establishment of a funded pension and retirement plan.
 - (m) Special Act approved May 22, 1969, XXXIV Special Acts 100, concerning the terms of certain elective offices, except to the extent set forth in Section 5.2 of this Charter.
- (Note) Special acts which are now effective as stated in Charter Section 11.2 subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (e), and (i) are not here published in full as the only provisions thereof now effective deal with boundaries of present Town of Orange. The act referred to in sub- paragraph (d) is not here published in full as it merely repeals a section of a former act relative to location of town meetings. The act referred to in sub-paragraph (j) is not here published in full as it merely validates certain procedural acts of the Town.
- Parts of the present boundaries of the present Town of Orange date back to Colonial days and were established pursuant to acts of the Colonial court. Other parts were created by the following acts of thelegislature:
- (1) Act Incorporating the Town of Woodbridge. (January Session, General Assembly 1784), Records of State of Connecticut, Volume V, Pages 304-305.
 - (2) Act Incorporating The Society of North Milford (October 1804), Special Acts, Volume 1, page550.
 - (3) Act incorporating original Town of Orange (May 1822), Special Acts, Volume 1 Page 1173.
 - (4) Act Changing Boundary Line between Town of Derby and Orange. (April 3, 1984), Special Acts, Volume 9, page 1020.
 - (5) See also Judgment of Superior Court dated October 1, 1924 in action entitled, “Town of West Haven vs. Town of Orange” recorded in Orange Land Records, Volume 141, pages 266-270.
 - (6) Act relative to division line between Derby and Orange, June 29, 1951, Special Acts, Volume XXVI, page146.

IMPORTANT VOTE

MAY 18

Town Budget and Charter Revision

Have your voice heard on critically important issues affecting the future of the Town of Orange, the **Town budget** and proposed changes to the **Town Charter**.

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Referendum Questions

1. Shall the Charter be amended to increase the terms of the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters and Constables from a two year term to a four year term?
2. Shall the Charter be amended to change the term of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission deferred position so that beginning with the 2023 biennial election, three members shall have concurrent four year terms?
3. Shall the Charter be amended to modify the definition of "quorum of qualified electors or taxpayers at a town meeting" from "100" to "those present"?
4. Shall the Charter be amended to modify the need for town meeting action for the purchase and sale of real estate of the Town or any interest therein for properties or interests with a value of \$500,000 or greater?
5. Shall the Charter be amended to delete the requirement that all ordinances be published in their entirety following passage and only require a publication of a notice of passage?
6. Shall the Charter be amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors, to delete the outdated reference to the Fire Warden and such number of Fire Wardens as the Legislative authority may from time to time authorize, add the position of Finance Director to the list of Appointed Officers and to change the reference of the Director of Civil Defense to Emergency Management Director as well as the reference to the Development and Industrial Commission to the Economic Development Commission?

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SOME POTENTIAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF PADDLEBOARDING

Paddleboarding, which involves participants standing on a paddleboard or surfboard and using their arms to paddle through the ocean, is an increasingly popular recreational activity.

Often seen as a relaxing way to spend a peaceful day on the water, paddleboarding might provide some hidden health benefits. The following are just a few potential health benefits of paddleboarding.

Stress reduction: According to the American Psychological Association, in 2015 a greater percentage of adults reported feeling extreme levels of stress than in 2014. Many paddleboarding enthusiasts acknowledge the soothing qualities of paddleboarding, and a 2016 study published in the academic journal Health & Place found that increased views of blue space, including oceans, can be linked to lower levels of psychological distress.

Exercise: While it might not be high-intensity exercise, paddleboarding is exercise and can provide an avenue for otherwise sedentary men, women and children to begin increasing their levels of physical activity. Muscles in legs get a workout when paddleboarding, as these muscles are tasked with holding the body steady. In the meantime, core abdominal muscles also get a workout as they work to maintain the body's balance. And of course, muscles in the arms, back and shoulders are needed for paddling. While paddleboarding may not qualify as vigorous a cardiovascular or strength-training exercise, it does

provide a low-impact way for participants to engage muscles throughout their bodies.

Balance: Paddleboarding can be a relaxing activity, but those paddleboarders who are most relaxed are the ones with great balance. Fortunately, paddleboarding can help men, women and children improve their balance because it requires a stable core and strong legs. While novice paddleboarders might struggle to stay upright at first, in time they're likely to notice their balance is improving.

Vitamin D: Human skin produces vitamin D in response to sunlight, which paddle boarders get plenty of. Vitamin D serves a host of functions in the body that can promote short- and long-term health. Vitamin D facilitates normal immune system function, which can help paddleboarders fight off disease and infection. Vitamin D deficiency has been linked to a host ailments, including diabetes, as inadequate amounts of vitamin D can cause insulin resistance. In addition, in 2014, researchers at the University of Georgia, the University of Pittsburgh and the Queensland University of Technology in Australia uncovered a link between vitamin D deficiency, seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, and a lack of sunlight. A type of depression related to changes in season, SAD affects millions of people across the globe.

Paddleboarding enthusiasts may not know, but this increasingly beloved activity may be greatly benefitting their overall health.

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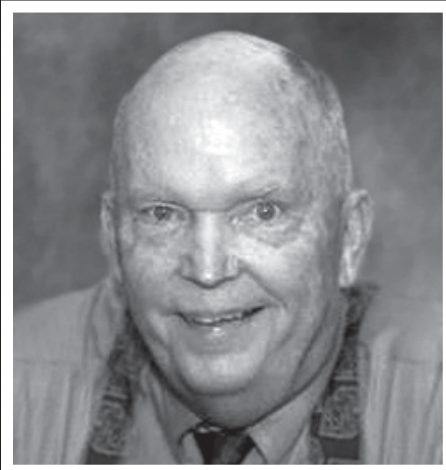
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DEATH NOTICES



David F. Waters

David F. Waters, age 76 of Rehoboth Beach, DE departed this life at home on Monday, April 3, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born Friday, October 4, 1940 in Dayton, OH, son of the late Robert Waters and Doris Garwood Waters.

Mr. Waters graduated Fitchburg State College (University) Fitchburg, MA with a Bachelor's degree in Education. He began his career as an Auto Shop teacher and basketball coach in Fairfield, CT. Dave then moved on to District Manager for Buick Motor Division in the New York area where he worked for 17 years. Following his time in NY, he then moved to the Mid

Atlantic area to pursue a business opportunity in automobile restyling. After finishing his career in the automotive industries, Dave returned to his true love of teaching as a substitute teacher. When ill health struck in 2016, Dave retired from substitute teaching at Sussex Technical School.

Dave lived life to the fullest. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed all outdoor sports, but his passions were hunting and sporting clay shooting where he earned numerous championship titles. He was a longtime member and volunteer of Ducks Unlimited where he had served at state and local levels. He also started the youth Ducks Unlimited Chapter at Sussex Technical School. He loved working with youth and will be remembered for his teaching and nurturing. Dave cherished time with his family and was very proud of his children and grandchildren.

Dave was a member of Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth. He was an active volunteer there with fundraisers, Men's Club, International Student Program and wherever help was needed. He always had a love of music and played the trumpet as a young man. He recently began playing again with the Rehoboth Beach Concert

Band.

Dave was known as one of the "good guys". Always kind, always fun, and always willing to help.

In addition to his parents, Dave is preceded in death by his brothers, Bruce and Joseph Waters, and a grandson Michael David Waters. He is survived by his wife, Jean Marnett Waters; his 4 children: Lynne Waters Beliveau (David) of Ashburn, VA, Sharon Waters Tudino (Frank) of Orange, CT, Keith Waters (Danell) of Village of Lake-wood, IL and Jennifer Waters Bronson (William) of Orange, CT. He is also survived by 2 step sons Michael Toni of N. Avoca, TX and Robert Toni of Providence, RI. Dave had 9 grandsons, 2 granddaughters and 1 great grandson who all brought great joy to his life.

Memorial services were held April 15 at Epworth United Methodist Church, Rehoboth Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of David Waters to Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach or Eastern Sussex Ducks Unlimited, P.O. Box 18, Harbeson, DE 19951.

Jennie Krasowski

Jennie Krasowski, age 103, entered into rest on Friday, April 7, 2017, at Hewitt Health and Rehab in Shelton. She was the devoted wife of the late Walter J. Krasowski. Jennie was born in Orange on June 16, 1913, daughter of Sophie (Panek) Lesniak, and lived in Orange most of her life before moving to Shelton a few years ago.

She was a loving wife and mother and devoted herself to her family. She is the beloved mother of Eugene Krasowski and his wife Judith and Robert Krasowski. She is also survived by five cherished grandchildren, David, Thomas, James, Jenna, and Brian Krasowski, three great-grandchildren, Kayla, Rebecca, and David Krasowski,

her great-great granddaughter Ayva Krasowski, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a son, Ronald Krasowski, a granddaughter Debra Krasowski, three brothers, John, Richard, and Walter Lesniak, and three sisters, Helen Burnaka, Anna Osieicki, and Mary Bukowski.

Arrangements were in capable hands of the Riverview Funeral Home, 390 River Road, Shelton. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Church in Derby burial followed at Mt. St. Peters Cemetery in Derby.

Frances Spraker

Frances Spraker, age 92, of Milford passed away on Sunday, April 9, 2017 in her home. She was born on August 8, 1924 in Long Island to the late Francis and Bertha DeChant Swift. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great, great grandmother, she devoted over 20 years to volunteering at the Blake Hospital in Bradenton, FL. Mrs. Spraker is survived by her dedicated children Carol DeLuca of Phoenix, AZ, Judith Saja of Milford, Janet Adams of Woodstock, NH, John Kuchma and Jean Kovacs both of Milford, nine grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one great, great grandchild along with several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her husbands, Joseph Kuchma and Frank Spraker. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 12, 2017 in St. Ann's Church, Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. Interment followed in Kings Highway Cemetery. All services were handled by the Smith Funeral Home, 135 N Broad St., Milford, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her name to Vitas Health Care, 488 Main Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851. To leave condolences, please www.george-jsmithandson.com.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDING SECTION OF CODE

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange that in accordance with Section 3.4 of the Charter of the Town of Orange, the Board of Selectmen of said Town will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting room of the Orange Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT to consider **amending the code of the Town of Orange - Chapter 350. TAXATION - Article VIII Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans, Sections 350-29 - 350-33** to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII: Additional Property Tax Exemption for Veterans

Section 350-29 Additional exemption authorized: amount.

Any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with subdivision 19 of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut Statutes shall be entitled to an additional exemption applicable to the assessed value of property, up to the greater of the amount of \$20,000.00 or ten percent of the assessed value of the veteran’s property, provided such veteran’s qualifying income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount as provided under Section 12-811 of the General Statutes, as amended from time to time.

Section 350-30 Additional exemption authorized; amount.

Any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with Subdivision (20) of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut Statutes shall be entitled to an additional exemption applicable to the assessed value of the eligible veteran’s property in the amount of \$3,000, provided such veteran’s qualifying income does not exceed the applicable maximum amount, as provided under Section 12-811 of the General Statutes, as amended from time to time.

Section 350-31 Exemption for surviving spouse.

Any veteran’s surviving spouse entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with subdivision 22 of Section 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be entitled to an addition exemption applicable to the assessed value of property, up to the greater of the amount of \$20,000.00 or ten percent of the assessed value of the veteran’s property, provided such surviving spouse’s qualifying income does not exceed the maximum amount applicable to an unmarried person as provided under Section 12-811 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 350-32 Application required.

Any veteran or veteran’s spouse seeking an exemption pursuant to this article shall file an application with the Assessor as provided under Section 12-81f of the Connecticut General Statutes, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 350-33 Effective date.

The exemptions provided for in this article shall be applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2016, except that the exemption provided for in Section 350-30 and the increased exemptions provided for in sections 350-29 and 350-31 shall be applicable to assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2017.

Notice of Public Hearing on the amendment of Chapter 350, Taxation, Article VIII, Section 350-29- Section 350-33 dated at Orange, CT this, 1 day of April, 2017.

TOWN OF ORANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BY: James M. Zeoli, First Selectman
ATTEST: Patrick B. O’Sullivan, Town Clerk

TOWN OF ORANGE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDING SECTION OF CODE

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Section 223-7 Basis for establishing the areas of special flood hazard.

The areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for New Haven County, Connecticut, dated May 16, 2017, and accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM), dated May 16, 2017 (Panels - 09009C0408J, 09009C0409J, 09009C0414J, 09009C0416J, 09009C0417J, 09009C0418J), July 8, 2013 (Panels-09009C0532J, 09009C0551J), and December 17, 2010 (Panels-09009C0412H, 09009C0419H, 09009C0428H, 09009C0436H, 09009C0438H), and other supporting data applicable to the Town of Orange and any subsequent revisions thereto, adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this chapter. Since mapping is legally adopted by reference into this chapter it must take precedence when more restrictive until such time as a map amendment or map revision is obtained from FEMA. The area of special flood hazard includes any area shown on the FIRM as Zones A and AE, including areas designated as a floodway on a FIRM. Areas of special flood hazard are determined utilizing the base flood elevations (BFE) provided on the flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for a community. BFEs provided on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) are only approximate (rounded up or down) and should be verified with the BFEs published in the FIS for a specific location. The FIS and FIRM are on file with the Town Clerk.

Notice of Public Hearing on the amendment of Chapter 223, Flood Damage Prevention, Article III, Section 223-7 dated at Orange, CT this 28th day of April, 2017.

TOWN OF ORANGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BY: James M. Zeoli, First Selectman
ATTEST: Patrick B. O’Sullivan, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

Pursuant to Section 2.6(c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Town of Orange who are qualified to vote in Town Meetings, that a referendum will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

BUDGET QUESTION:

1. SHALL THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,067,648 BE ADOPTED? YES NO

CHARTER REVISION QUESTIONS:

1. SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO INCREASE THE TERMS OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TAX COLLECTOR, TOWN CLERK, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AND CONSTABLES FROM A TWO YEAR TERM TO A FOUR YEAR TERM?
2. SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE TERM OF THE TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION DEFERRED POSITION SO THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2023 BIENNIAL ELECTION, THREE MEMBERS SHALL HAVE CONCURRENT FOUR YEAR TERMS?
3. SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF “QUORUM OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS OR TAXPAYERS AT A TOWN MEETING” FROM “100” TO “THOSE PRESENT”?
4. SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO MODIFY THE NEED FOR TOWN MEETING ACTION FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL ESTATE OF THE TOWN OR ANY INTEREST THEREIN FOR PROPERTIES OR INTERESTS WITH A VALUE O \$500,000 OR GREATER?
5. SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL ORDINANCES BE PUBLISHED IN THEIR ENTIRETY FOLLOWING PASSAGE AND ONLY REQUIRE A PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF PASSAGE?
6. SHALL THE CHARTER BE AMENDED TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS, TO DELETE THE OUTDATED REFERENCE TO THE FIRE WARDEN AND SUCH NUMBER OF FIRE WARDENS AS THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY MAY FROM TIME TO TIME AUTHORIZE, ADD THE POSITION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR TO THE LIST OF APPOINTED OFFICERS AND TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AS WELL AS THE REFERENCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION?

Voters approving the questions shall vote “YES.” Those voters opposing the question shall vote “NO.”

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.)

Voters will cast their votes at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT

Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Office of the Town Clerk. Copies of the Proposed Budget are available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.6(c) of the Town of Orange Charter and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of Town officers.

Dated at Orange, CT this 28th day of April 2017.

Patrick B. O’Sullivan, Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ORANGE
NOTICE OF TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT for the purpose of taking action at that time upon the following matters:

1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax liens or by deed in lieu offoreclosure of tax liens.
2. To determine in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the installment due dates for all property tax including the property tax on motor vehicles.
3. To consider action on the sale of town property located on Indian River Road adjacent to 273 Indian River Road, Orange, CT. The sale was voted by the Board of Selectmen on April 5, 2017 at the request of Michael Lipsett (Indian River Development, LLC) through his counsel, Charles J. Willinger, Jr., Esq. The legal description of the land to be acquired and the maps are available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk.
4. To receive, discuss and act on the report of the budget prepared by the Board of Finance and to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 28th day of April 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF ORANGE
Attest: Patrick B. O’Sullivan, II, Town Clerk

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. **The Boss Baby (PG)**
animated
- 2. **Beauty and the Beast (PG)**
Emma Watson, Dan Stevens
- 3. **Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG)**
animated
- 4. **Going in Style (PG-13)**
Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine
- 5. **Ghost in the Shell (PG-13)**
Scarlett Johansson, Pilou Asbaek
- 6. **Power Rangers (PG-13)**
Dacre Montgomery, Naomi Scott
- 7. **Kong: Skull Island (PG-13)**
Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson
- 8. **Logan (R)**
Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart
- 9. **Get Out (R)**
Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams
- 10. **The Case for Christ (PG)**
Mike Vogel, Erika Christensen

TOP 10 VOD

- 1. **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13)**
Eddie Redmayne
- 2. **Patriots Day (R)**
Mark Wahlberg
- 3. **Sing (PG)**
animated
- 4. **Why Him? (R)**
Zoey Deutch
- 5. **Moana (PG)**
animated
- 6. **Passengers (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence
- 7. **Fences (PG-13)**
Denzel Washington
- 8. **Assassin's Creed (PG-13)**
Michael Fassbender
- 9. **Silence (R)**
Andrew Garfield
- 10. **Live by Night (R)**
Ben Affleck

- 1. Which girl group recorded the 1950s-era "Hearts of Stone"?
- 2. What's that weird sound at the beginning of the Safari's "Wipe Out"?
- 3. Name the 1957 song that was used in "The X-Files" season four "Home" episode.
- 4. What was the title of the Edgar Winter Group's 1974 album?
- 5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Ocean's apart day after day, And I slowly go insane, I hear your voice on the line, But it doesn't stop the pain."



1. The Fontaine Sisters, of New Jersey. The trio retired in 1961, not wanting to be part of the rock 'n' roll scene. 2. The sound of a surfboard breaking, which is where the song got its name. To "wipe out" is to fall off the surfboard. 3. "Wonderful! Wonderful!" by Richard Marx, in 1989. He wrote the song to his wife while she was on location in South Africa. The song climbed the charts around the world, hitting No. 1 in Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and the U.S.

SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

- 1. In 2016, Colorado's Trevor Story became the fifth major-league player since 1900 to homer in each of his team's first four games. Name two of the other four to do it.
- 2. Which Cy Young Award winner had the highest ERA?
- 3. Since the 2000 college football season, how many Heisman Trophy winners have been running backs?
- 4. How many times has Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul led the NBA in assists per game for a season?
- 5. When was the last time before 2016 that the Montreal Canadiens tallied 10 goals in a game?
- 6. Wayne Taylor Racing captured the Rolex 24 at Daytona in 2017. When was the last time the team won the race?
- 7. Who was the last British female tennis player before Johanna Konta in 2016 to reach the top 10 in the rankings?

1. Chris Davis (2013), Nelson Cruz (2011), Mark McGwire (1998) and Willie Mays (1971). 2. Lamar Hoyt of the Chicago White Sox had a 3.66 ERA in 1983. 3. Three -- Reggie Bush of Southern Cal (2005) -- later vacated). Mark Ingram of Alabama (2009) and Derrick Henry of Alabama (2015). 4. Four times -- the 2007-08, 2008-09, 2013-14 and 2014-15 seasons. 5. It was 1990, versus Pittsburgh. 6. It was 2005, when the team was known as Sun Trust Racing. 7. Jo Durie, in 1984.



Dennis Quaid in "A Dog's Purpose" [Universal]

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column are available in stores the week of May 1, 2017.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"A Dog's Purpose" (PG) -- A beloved and thoughtful canine narrates his thoughts on the world as he passes away, only to be reincarnated as different dogs, meeting the needs of new owners. "Bailey" (voiced by Josh Gad) begins as a precocious golden retriever watching a boy named Ethan (Bryce Gheisar, then AJ Apa and Dennis Quaid much later) grow up in small-town Norman Rockwell-isota. After Bailey dies, the dog-narrator continues a cycle of rebirth and wakes up as "Ellie," a German shepherd police dog, among others.

This syrupy tearjerker isn't content with the emotional button-pushing of killing off a dog, but has to do it multiple times in one sitting. The dog's perpetu-

ally earnest and childlike narration tries to lay down as much cutesy humor into every scene before the next dramatic pivot or hand-tossed tear-grenade.

"The Comedian" (R) -- Robert Di Niro stars as a foul-mouthed comic who gets a second chance at stardom while finding new romance with a fellow abrasive person played by Leslie Mann. Jackie (Di Niro) is a rude standup whose edgy material and biting insults don't match the old sitcom role most people know him from. Punching out a heckler gets him jail time and community-service hours, where he finds Harmony (Mann), a much younger dyspeptic serving her own sentence.

With an all-star cast of comedians and generally funny actors cycling in, the movie just seems to be spinning its wheels without getting anywhere. Subplots bubble up to the surface, but it's just new venues for Jackie to heap more mockery, punched up by insult comedian Jeffrey Ross.

"Gold" (R) -- This based-on-a-true-story film chronicles the turbulent story of a prospector who made a wild bet on finding a goldmine and got in over his head. Kenny Wells (Matthew McConaughey with a bald spot, extra pounds and unsettling enthusiasm in his eyes), desperate in a depressed economy, has a dream about finding a hidden mother-lode of gold in Indonesia. With help from a geologist (Edgar Ramirez), a turbulent series of ups and downs sees Kenny go from the mud-covered jungle to the top of Wall Street, and eventually into a literal tiger's den. The movie strives for the mad energy of "The Wolf of Wall Street," but just can't hit the right note.

Sudoku answers on page 34

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

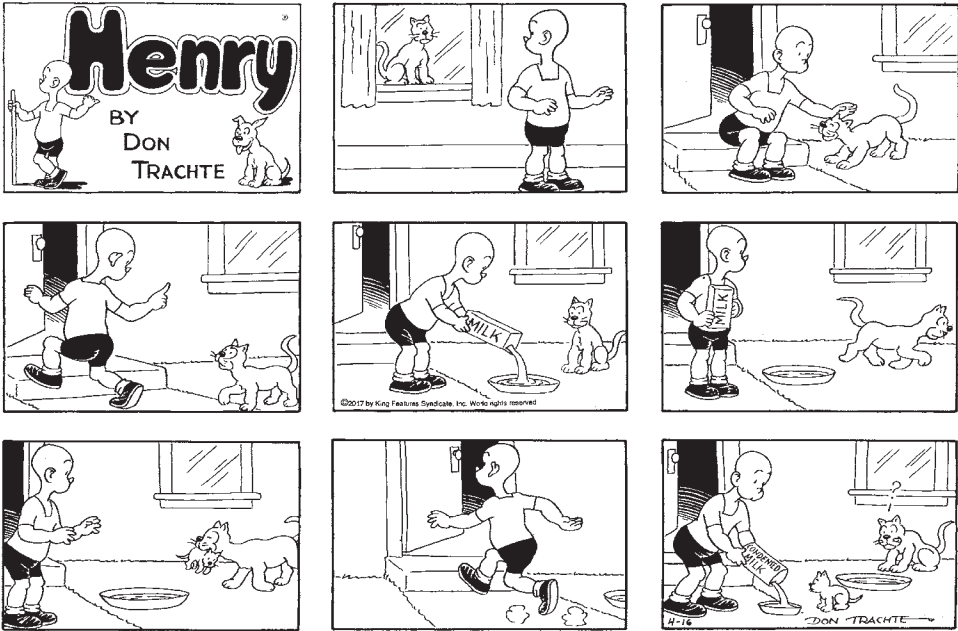
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COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

Will Dwayne Johnson and Vin Diesel's ongoing feud derail the "Fast & Furious" franchise? The bad blood began when "The Rock" complained, on social media, about Diesel's unprofessional habit of constantly being late for shooting. Considering that Diesel has been with the franchise from day one and is now one of the producers, he wields a lot of power.

But Johnson's star power has boosted the franchise. "Furious 4" (before Johnson) cost \$85 million and grossed \$363 million. He joined in "5," and it cost \$125 million and grossed \$626 million. "Furious 6" cost \$160 million and grossed \$789 million. "Furious 7" crashed the stratosphere at a cost of \$190 and a gross of \$1.516 billion.

Naturally, Universal Studios doesn't want to endanger its grosses, and has kept Dwayne and Vin apart while doing promotion for the just released "The Fate of the Furious." Johnson has "Baywatch" (May 26), "Jumanji" (Dec. 22), "Rampage" (April 2018) and "Fighting With My Family (2018)" awaiting release; while Diesel has "Guardians of the Galaxy 2" (out May 5), "Avengers: Infinity War" (May 4, 2018) and the untitled "Avengers" sequel (May 3, 2019).



Dwayne Johnson [Depositphotos]

star-studded judging panel. Our bet is that NBC will win!

Tom Hanks is never idle. His last film, "Inferno" (released in October), cost \$75 million and grossed \$220 million). He'll next be seen in "The Circle," with Emma Watson and the late Bill Paxton (out April 28), and he's also producing "Felt," with Liam Neeson, Diane Ladd and Tony Goldwyn.

Meanwhile, Nicole Kidman, wife of Keith Urban, currently has the HBO mini-series "Big Little Lies" and stars in Sofia Coppola's film "The Beguiled," with Colin Farrell, Kirsten Dunst and Elle Fanning. Awaiting release she has "How To Talk to Girls at Parties," with Elle Fanning; "Killing of a Sacred Deer," with Colin Farrell; and "Untouchable," with Bryan Cranston and Kevin Hart. Viewers of "Big Little Lies" were shocked during a scene between Nicole and Alexander Skarsgard ("The Legend of Tarzan") in which he damages his penis and they actually saw it, not once but twice. Viewers responded by saying that it was a "big" breakthrough in TV viewing!



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By Ginny Reinhard



Do We Know What They Mean?

I find, in teaching music to elementary children, I slide into sayings that they have no clue about. They look at me like I just fell off a distant planet and maybe I have. Sometimes I feel like my mother, but then who could argue with that? Our mothers taught us about life and how to

live it. I spent three classes with fifth graders today, treating them to 50s Day, in my music class. Hmm. The 50s, for me, were some of the most memorable years of my childhood, even

sitting, in the basement of my elementary school for a "lockdown" drill. They didn't call them that during the Korean War, but living in Stratford with all of the factories putting out wartime equipment, we needed to drill for a potential air strike. I still have my dog tag with my blood type and address, which the children today found mildly interesting.

I loved hearing my collection of 45s, but since the kids couldn't understand the words, I was more involved than they were. Although I seem to have become more conservative in my "old" age, I realize that listening to Jerry Lee Lewis, Paul Anka, The Crickets, Buddy Holly, Guy Mitchell, Chuck Berry, the Everly Brothers and the like was an everyday activity after school, on Saturday while dusting the furniture and listening to "our" music, whenever. All of it was upbeat and LOUD. I just broke up laughing at Mr. Custer, a most irreverent song about the 7th Cavalry but then, we were kids and not worldly about those things. I think my Mom drew the line at the "One-eyed, one-horned, flying purple people eater" or maybe I just didn't like it.

That life I spoke of has given us some very strange customs and one which I carry around with me is a childhood memory, but I would

never buy one now. A rabbit's foot. I catch mice in a Hava-Heart cage and let them go in the woods and I BOUGHT a rabbit's foot? What was I thinking? There is a difference between a hare and a rabbit and tradition holds that it is

the hare that brings one luck. Certainly not to the hare. The foot of the hare had magical powers pre 600 BC but the Europeans confused the rabbit with its larger relative and the feet were prized as potent good luck charms. Now don't get me wrong. I keep the rabbit's foot

from my childhood on a set of keys, I don't use them but short of burying the rabbit's foot, I keep it in the car....no I'm not superstitious. I walk under ladders and I don't own a horseshoe... I don't have

a horse and I haven't

pulled a wishbone apart in years.

The custom of tugging at the ends of a dried up clavicle of a chicken or turkey never appealed to me somehow but the custom is, are you ready for this? 2,400 years old originating with the Etruscans, the ancient people who occupied the area of the Italian peninsula between the Tiber and Arno rivers. Don't stop reading now but you might get out your old high school maps and look for those rivers. The hen and cock were known to be soothsayers because the hen foretold of her laying an egg with a squawk and the cock crowing, heralding the dawn of a new day. So, wouldn't you have thought the same?

In these ancient times, the hen, seen as an oracle, was given a circle, traced in the ground which was divided into twenty parts, representing the letters of the Etruscan alphabet. Grains of corn were placed in each sector and a sacred hen was set in the center of the circle. Are you

ready? Her pecking at the corn generated a sequence of letters which the high priest interpreted as answers to specific questions. Kind of a living Ouija board. After the death of one of these

sacred hens, her collarbone was dried in the sun and picking up the bone continued the powers. The term "lucky break" came from the breaking of the bone which came about with two people wishing on a bone and holding the larger part.

Now, if I tell you that the next time you want to "knock" wood, you better find something made of oak because this is the origin of that one. The cult surrounding the oak tree sprang up from the North American Indians around 2000 BC and later among the Greeks. Both cultures saw that lightning struck oak trees frequently making the assumption that it was the dwelling place of the sky god for the Native Americans and the god

of lightning for the Greeks. The North Americans thought that boasting about a future endeavor, personal accomplishment or battle would bring bad luck. A boast could be neutralized by knocking at the base of an oak tree which would give them forgiveness for the boastful act.

Others held to this knocking of wood as with the Egyptians favoring the sycamore and the Germanic tribes, the ash. For the Dutch, the variety was unimportant but it had to be unvarnished, unpainted, uncarved thus in every way, unadorned. So the next time you need to knock wood, find a stick on the ground.

Since this is allergy season, one finds it necessary to tell someone "God bless you" upon a sneeze or for the early generation, gesundheit. Of course, my kids in music look at me with that incredulous look of "what?" I then have to go to the generic saying that they all know but have no clue why it is said. The sneeze, in ancient times, was considered a sign of great, personal danger, in 6th century Italy. For centuries, man believed that the essence of life, the soul, lived in the head and that a sneeze could expel a vital force. Some sneezes are very forceful. A sneeze,

held back was a sign of good luck but with the teachings of Aristotle and

Hippocrates, the sneeze was merely a reaction, in the head, by some foreign substance. During the reign of Pope Gregory the Great, the term God Bless You was neces-

sary to offset a pestilence that raged through Italy putting the ill in the grace of God.

For many of us, Friday is the beginning the weekend and no need to go to work. Of course, many of us work 7 days a week but Friday is a good day, right? Wrong. Not if it's Friday the 13th. A focus on historical bad Fridays is one way to make a plea for its origin BUT there is another. In Norse mythology, Friday is named for Frigga, the free-spirited goddess of love and fertility. When the Norse and Germanic tribes converted to Christianity, Frigga was banished to a mountaintop and labeled a witch. It was believed that every Friday, the spiteful goddess convened a meeting with eleven other witches, plus the devil, a gathering of thirteen, plotting ill turns of fate for the following week. For many centuries in Scandinavia, Friday was known as "Witches' Sabbath."

Now this last one is my all-time favorite. Spilling salt and throwing it over one's shoulder. Salt was man's first food seasoning and spilling it, as precious as it was, would no doubt cause a person to fear back luck. The practice of throwing it over the shoulder was practiced by the Sumerians, Egyptians, Assyrians and later the Greeks. It was believed that the devil lurked behind the left shoulder and throwing it would land in his face, causing him to retreat. For the Romans, salt was used as payment called salarium or salt money leading

to the origin of our word, salary. Archaeologists know that by 6500 B.C. salt was being mined in Austria near Salzburg meaning "city of salt". Salt purified water, preserved meat and fish, enhanced the taste of

food and was used in major sacrifices. Instead of revering salt, we stay away from it, to some degree, as it is bad for our health...well, it's that time for some chips and dip...I'll throw some over my shoulder to send the devil away...he made me eat those salty chips anyway... be gone you.



BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



DOGS AND CATS...CAN THEY GET ALONG??

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

The first week in May is National Pet Week...So can your dog and cat get along?? In many situations, dogs and cats can coexist peacefully. In other situations, not so much. The good news...chances are, you can restore harmony to your household if they are having problems getting along.

The prey drive, in some dogs, can be very strong. If something moves, the dog can be reactive; but there is an even stronger drive, the drive to please the pack leader, you. If dogs, in the wild, don't follow the rules, they don't remain part of the pack. Dogs know they need a pack in order to survive, so they follow the rules. They know they are part of your pack. In order to ensure your cat stays safe, you must get your dog to look to you as his leader so that his desire to please you overcomes his desire to chase the cat. Work with your dog on some training (come/sit/stay, walking to heel) to calm him down (mentally). This will also calm him down and improve his focus and respect for you.

It's not always that quick or easy to institute changes. Some situations really do take a lot of time. You may have to monitor the situation for a while and make sure your cat has an escape path to safety.

When introducing a dog and cat, take things slowly, calmly and cautiously. If you can, bring home an item with the new pet's scent on it so the existing pet can learn about the new pet through its smell first. Plan to place the cat's things somewhere the dog can't reach (such as up high) and be sure there is always an escape route so the cat can get away from the dog and feel safe.

While holding the dog on a loose leash, at first allow the dog and cat to see each other. If you fear the dog may get away from you quickly and hurt the

cat, use a muzzle if necessary.

With the dog in a down-stay, let the cat wander and come to the dog, if she chooses, for a sniff. Then call the dog away to get him to redirect his attention from the cat, and then allow them to greet again.

Remember, you also need to keep the cat from getting afraid and then running away, which will only trigger the dog's desire to chase. If the dog begins to fixate on the cat or lunges to get at it, quickly give him a command or just lead him away from the area for a few minutes. Never leave the animals alone and unsupervised.

Your goal is to help the animals learn to trust each other, as you yourself work on building a relationship of trust and leadership with the new dog. In the meantime, don't allow your dog to chase any cat, but do let him chase a ball or other appropriate toys.

If your dog begins to chase the cat, do not run after the dog. Instead, try to get his attention with a loud hand clap or command ("Leave it!"), or even a shake of his dog food bin. Redirect his behavior so you can leash him and allow the cat to get to a safe place.

Finally, the key to successful cat-dog introductions is to expose them to one another gradually under controlled conditions. You want to avoid creating situations where your cat runs away and your dog's prey/chase instinct is activated. If you have an adult dog that has never been socialized to cats, the introduction should be a very gradual process lasting 30-60 days.

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

BULLETIN BOARD

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

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

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

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

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

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

Orange Recycling Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday 7:00pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Meeting dates for 2017 are (except for September and November) at High Plains Community Center as follows: March 15, 2017, April 19, 2017, May 17, 2017, June 21, 2017, July 19, 2017, August 16, 2017, September 13, 2017, October 18, 2017, Thursday, November 16, 2017, December 20, 2017 and January 17, 2018.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden.

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

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

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

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

Continuum of Care Needs Caregivers, Would you like to make a difference in someone's life as a caregiver? Continuum Help at Home is currently looking for individuals to work as a Homemaker, Companion, or Personal Care Attendant. We have full-time, part-time and live-in positions available. Visit www.continuumct.org/ events to register and download an application.

NAMI Support Group Meeting, meetings begin promptly at 6:00pm and end promptly at 7:30pm, BRIDGES, a community support system, 949 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford (entrance in the rear of the building), conference room on the second floor, on the following dates for 2017: May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 14, and December 5. They are free of charge and facilitator led. Family & Friends welcome.

Orange Land Trust Annual Meeting, Coyote!, Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 7:00pm, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange. Following a short business meeting, a presentation by Geoffrey Krukar, a wildlife biologist with the CT DEEP Furbearer Program on the return of the coyote to our region. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For information, contact Chris Shaw at 203.397.7599 or email: cshaw@snet.net with OLT Annual Meeting in subject line.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures soon will ease.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the at-

tention you're seeking.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal -- just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

BORN THIS WEEK: You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.



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7. Leaf lettuce
8. Parsley
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CALMING A FEARFUL DOG

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My little Schnoodle, "Daisy," hates noises, thunder, firecrackers and more -- but only indoors. We can be outside and have large trucks go by with air brakes squealing, and she doesn't care. But ordinary house noises, like windows creaking, have begun to bother her recently. Last year I got a new front door and it really cracks and creaks in the afternoon when it gets hot. She is petrified of this, shaking and panting the entire time. Please help, as we are at our wits' end. -- Pam, via email

DEAR PAM: If the issue started over the past year, have the veterinarian check her out thoroughly. Not just her hearing and sight, but for any underlying conditions.

While Schnoodles are less prone to certain health conditions of their parent breeds (poodle and Schnauzer), they could still suffer from inherited conditions. According to

the AKC, autoimmune thyroiditis is one possibility; behavioral changes like excessive anxiety are among the symptoms of this condition.

However, even completely healthy dogs can develop a phobia to noise, perhaps because they attach a negative experience to a specific noise. In that case, TLC and training can help, along with medication if needed.

Talk to the vet about Daisy's noise phobia and work out a treatment and training plan, if possible. For example, use anti-anxiety medication for a time to help Daisy stay calmer, but then begin replacing meds with positive-stimulation training. This is done by making the sound that causes anxiety, but giving Daisy a favorite treat or praise each time the sound is made. There's more to it than I have room to explain here, so consider working with a trainer to help Daisy handle that creaky door.

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

The Garden Bug

Planting by the moon

Just as the moon influences the tides, it also has a gravitational effect on the moisture within the earth, and the moisture within plants themselves.

From the day the moon is 'new' to the day it is 'full,' plant annual flowers and vegetables that bear crops *above* ground.

From the day after it is 'full' to the day before it is 'new' again, plant flowering bulbs, biennial and perennial flowers, and vegetables that bear crops *below* ground. - Brenda Weaver

Source: www.almanac.com, themicrogardener.com

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