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Orange Budget Referendum

Tuesday, May 19, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. at HPCC

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presented to the town a \$19,280,735 spending plan at the town hearing on April 27. The spending plan's 2.4% increase is mostly driven by contractual obligations.

The Amity Board of Education's 2015-2016 budget is \$46,902,342, an increase of \$854,480 or 1.86 percent, over the current budget. Member Town Allocations are higher by \$1,140,012, or 2.58 percent. The proposed budget includes designated funds of \$150,000 from the prior year compared to the current budget of \$266,000. Amity is facing a decrease in revenues by \$285,532, or 15.5 percent due to a decrease in Special Education Grants (\$157,094) and a lower amount of designated funds from the prior year (\$116,000).

Aside from contractual increases to salaries and benefits, the budget includes \$183,000 for site improvements such as asphalt replacement, sidewalk repair and resodding the crown of the football field. According to Superintendent Charles Dumais' budget presentation, "We held off on purchasing texts and digital resources in this school year,

because we wanted to be sure all the necessary changes to the Connecticut Common Core Standards were made. The proposed 2015-2016 budget is \$126,149, or an increase of \$110,598 over this current year."

The increase is being offset by savings in other costs such as oil heat, instructional supplies and transportation supplies (lower diesel costs). "The budget consists of only the items we need. It is counter-intuitive to think we can 'do without' something in the budget unless you assume it was never needed in the first place. This is not the case. We spend a great deal of time scrutinizing every budget request. Some are cut because it is a want rather than a need. Others are eliminated due to budget constraints. We also take risks by budgeting below the 'comfort zone' where funds can be readily found without much effort. Some of the types of actions we can take are mentioned below. This is a strategy to handle the unexpected events when they happen next fiscal year," he said. Amity is also anticipating a 20-year bonding issue in 2016-2017 for \$2,068,500 and a 20-year bonding issue in 2019-2020 for \$1,775,000 for capital projects.

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By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

When one thinks of BBQ food, images of meat roasting on a spit and spread across grills in the mid-west are conjured up. One Orange couple is giving the pit masters of Kansas City a run for their money with their BBQ specialties here in the northeast.

Q Haven BBQ, owned by Ted and Sheila Lorson kicked their 2015 competition BBQ season off to a great start April 11th, winning Grand Champion honors at the NYC BBQ Cookoff in Staten Island, NY. Q Haven took 2nd place in both ribs and pork and 6th in brisket to win the 33 team event. Next, the couple travels to Smoke in

the Valley that is being held May 8-9 in Green Lane, Pennsylvania.

Q Haven has been producing championship quality BBQ since 2006. The team has won four Kansas City Barbecue Society grand championships and dozens of individual awards. Q Haven has also cooked at the prestigious Jack Daniel's World Invitational BBQ three times, including in 2012 and 2013. Q Haven offers catering, vending and event services.

They couple admits they'd love to have more time to devote to BBQ, but

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FIVE CUB SCOUTS AWARDED ARROW OF LIGHT

Pack 922 of Orange held its annual Blue & Gold Banquet at Grassy Hill Lodge on March 29, 2015, where five boys were awarded the Arrow of Light. Through the Boy Scouts of America, the award is the highest recognition available to Cub Scouts, and the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

The Arrow of Light is much more difficult to obtain than a belt loop, an activity badge or even one of the other rank patches. To be eligible for the award, a Scout must be active in a Webelos Den for at least six months and have earned the Webelos badge. He must be knowledgeable of the requirements to become a Boy Scout including the oath, law, slogan, and motto as well as understanding the significance of the First Class Scout badge and uniform. The Scout must participate in an outdoor activity with a Boy Scout troop, attend a meeting with the troop, and go on a Webelos campout. He is also required to earn a total of eight activity badges. The ceremony is in essence a 'coming of age' ceremony symbolizing that Cub Scouts are now ready to become Boy Scouts.

The Cub Scouts awarded the Arrow of Light are Benjamin Cap, Zack Geremia, Kyle Hummel, Jeffrey Hutchinson, and Yarik Zabel. This prestigious award was presented to the boys at their Blue & Gold Banquet, where Webelos II scouts also cross over to Boy Scouts. The



Scouts crossing over to boy scouting are Benjamin Cap, Zack Geremia, and Jeffrey Hutchinson who have joined Boy Scout Troop 12 in Milford.

In addition to the Arrow of Light recipients, 30 other Pack 922 Cub Scouts advanced in rank as well. Reaching the rank of Wolf are Cub Scouts Jack Destival, Tristan Hansen, and Owen Higgins, with their Den Leader Pete Higgins. Advancing to the rank of Bear are Cub Scouts Michael Audie, Todd Evans, Josh Homiski, Grayson James, Nathan LaPlante, Aiwen Lebreck, Jack Sullivan, and Aiden Wydra, with

their Den Leaders Kevin Lebreck & Dave Evans. Advancing to the rank of Webelos are Cub Scouts Timmy Cap, Connor Guccione, Bruno Martone, Carter Reynolds, and Nick Tice, with their Den Leaders John Guccione and Chris Martone.

Finally, advancing to the rank of Webelos II are Cub Scouts Jason Byun, Frankie Cavallaro, Daniel Kim, Grayson Kutcha-Humphrey, Michael Kwolek, Nick Massey, Sean Pivovar, Landon Rocchio, Nick Romano, James Schmitt, Chance Starrett, and Matthew Wezenski, with their Den

Leaders Jen Cavallaro & Scott Massey.

Many special guests attended the Blue & Gold Banquet, such as Principal Michael Gray, Donna Wesolowski (Unit Commissioner), John Wesolowski (Scoutmaster, Troop 925 in Orange), Jim Niper (Scout Leader, Troop 12 in Milford), Scott Skuches (Scout Leader, Troop 12), Casey Glennon (Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 12), and Logan Niper (Boy Scout, Troop 12).

According to cubmaster Jeff Cap, the dinner is an annual event that honors the boys. "It's basically a graduation party for everything the boys have accomplished this past year and a celebration as they move on to their next rank," he said. Cap said it was a very rewarding day for him and his wife, Vicky (Assistant Cubmaster of Pack 922), as they both watched these boys advance, especially their two sons, one of which received the Arrow of Light, but also then crossed over to Boys Scouts. "It's very important for young boys to learn all the skills and safety taught in scouting. These skills are not learned in school or by just playing sports. It's something they will learn and remember for the rest of their lives," said Jeff Cap.

Any boy in grade one through five can join cub scouting. To find out more about joining a pack in Orange or another town, please contact Jeff Cap at cubmaster@orangectscouting.com or by visiting Pack 922's website at www.OrangectScouting.com.



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The race, according to Anna Accetta, Chamber Interim Executive Director, "Is a fantastic development opportunity, bringing people from all over the state to Orange. The Chamber is excited to offer this dynamic event promoting health and wellness as well as driving traffic to the area." Extensive marketing and promotion of the event will give the sponsors high visibility and recognition throughout the state, along with the opportunity to market their products and services. Call 203-795-3328 to be a sponsor.

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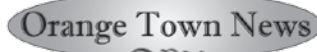
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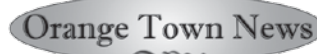


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Around one hundred friends, family members and community representatives will also attend. We are especially delighted that the Commissioner for the State Department on Aging, Elizabeth Ritter, will attend and bring a welcome.

The Board of Directors of the Agency

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SCALED DOWN WINERY PROPOSAL UNDER TOWN REVIEW

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

The proposal the Landino family presented to the Town Plan and Zoning Commission to operate a vineyard and tasting facility on their ten-acre, Derby Avenue property was considerably less grand than the one they first discussed with the town's Zoning Enforcement Officer two years ago.

In 2013, in an informal meeting with Paul Dinice, the Landinos proposed a 15,000 square foot building that could accommodate 200 guests and 150 cars on the property. Though the family never formally submitted that proposal, talk was rampant around town that the family intended to operate a banquet facility on the property similar to the Cascade banquet hall they currently own in Hamden.

At the April meeting of the TPZC, Attorney Tom Lynch submitted a proposal on behalf of the family to add a 5,878 square foot building to an existing 2,733 square foot structure that would accommodate a wine making production and tasting facility. The building would include a 720 square foot kitchen to prepare "light fare" for patrons like cheese plates, breads and other foods that would complement the wine. Farm-fresh products like home-made roasted red peppers and pies would also be sold on the site. The family plans to grow its own grapes and do all bottling on the premises. "The proposed building is really scaled back," Lynch said. "This would be a good amenity for the town."

The Orange Police Department approved traffic study plans after addressing concerns about patrons exiting the property onto a one-way thoroughfare. To accommodate traffic flow, a left-lane traffic light on the southbound side of Derby Avenue will be changed to permit U-turns.

Though more than 50 residents had signed a petition a few years ago opposing the building of a 15,000 square foot facility, only two residents in attendance voiced concerns about the project at the meeting. Ridge Road resident Ken Lenz who is also a selectman, questioned whether the project had an adequate septic system and pointed out traffic, noise and activity could be

excessive in a residential area. Lenz cautioned that the proposal had the potential to "creep" into something larger. "We have to be mindful of their last proposal and that they own a banquet hall," he said. Green Hill Road resident Kevin Cornell echoed Lenz's warnings about the project "creeping." "When the rubber hits the road is it truly going to be used for what the application is saying?" Cornell asked.

TPZC chairman Walter "Beau" Clark cited two zoning regulations designed to address scale and scope of approved farm stand sales standards. One regulation states that sales must be "incidental to the permitted principal farm," while the other states, "the range of agricultural products for public sale and/or processing shall consist primarily of products of the operator of a farm but may include additional agricultural products when the total annual product to be sold or processed does not exceed the total product of the operation of a farm." "Making that determination is difficult," Clark said.

When the family and Lynch could not answer specific questions about how many acres will be designated for grape growing or the dimensions of different areas of the building, the Commission asked the family to return in May with more details. The commission also asked for a complete list of items that would be prepared and sold on site. "We want to see floor plans, so we know how much of the total area is dedicated for what," Clark said. "We have to base our decision on facts, not necessarily the concerns of the neighbors."

In 2011, parents Antonietta and Pietro Landino and daughters Sara, Alexa and Rosamaria Ponte Landino, purchased 10 acres of the 25-acre parcel known as "The Preserve," with the intention of building a winery. The family plans to restore the windmill on the property and name the vineyard Windmill Winery. The property, located on Derby Avenue near Racebrook Road, was formerly owned by the Legionnaires of Christ. The remaining 15 acres of the property are owned by Racebrook Estates LLC.

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



ROSE FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Michael O'Harra, the founder of New England Wine & Spirits recently invited me to a wonderful tasting of some of the new wines they were taking on from around the world. I was surprised to see about one third of the wines were Roses! Mike indicated that Rose has been overlooked by American consumers for some time. However, it has become the hottest wine type in the country. Mike travels all over the world tasting wines and trying to find a great wine at a great price that he feels will be a hit to the Connecticut market place. He is a delight to be around and tells fascinating stories about his wine-seeking adventures. His track record is awfully good. He has brought in wines from Aliancia to Zwack or perhaps I should say from A to Z.

Included in this group are such favorites as Barefoot Cellars, Black Tower, Bogle, Geno Auriemma and a host of other wines. One of the favorite rose wines I tasted was Rose de Loire from the Loire valley in France. It was bright and flavorful and delicate wine that is just terrific!

Another great Rose was called Compos de Luze it is made from 100% granache. Lots of strawberry and fresh fruit abounded and it had a big strawberry nose. Another is called Codorniu Pinot Noir-Rose. This wine is part of the new "Pink Revolution" and Spain's first Rose cava made entirely from 100% Pinot Noir grape. Lots of woodland fruit

characteristics and a crisp citrus finish.

When rose wine is the primary product, it is produced with the skin contact method. Black skinned grapes are crushed and the skins are allowed to remain in contact with the juice for a short period of time. Usually one to three days. The must is then pressed and the skins are discarded rather than left in contact throughout fermentation. The longer the skins are left in contact with the juice the darker and more intense the color of the wine. Early red wines were most likely more the color of Rose than red wines. Early wine makers did not leave the skins in contact with the juice for long periods of time in that they wanted a light fruity wine. Big red wines were considered harsh in Greek and Roman times. So this Mother's Day have mom join the "Pink Revolution" that is sweeping the country and buy her a bottle of one of these wonderful Rose wines. 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 Ed and at Moltose Wine and Beer supply and is a member of the International Tasting Panel of Amenti Del Vino and Wine Maker Magazine. He is an award winning home wine maker. Email Ray with your wine questions and wine events at Ray.Spaziani@gmail.com.

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Here are 4 factors that should be considered:

Right of owner to take money out of the account: Joint owners of a bank account each have full access to 100% of the funds in the account. Each account owner may unilaterally spend, gift, or transfer funds in the account without the consent or knowledge of the other account owner. Are you sure that is safe?

Survivor automatically becomes sole owner. If the parent dies before the child, the child has immediate access to the account without asking the Probate Court for permission. That is good. However, it also means that the joint owner child owns the account. Do you have other children who were supposed to share the account? You will need to trust the joint owner child to share the funds to make that happen. Can you do so?

Account assets still reported to Probate Court. The value of 50% of the funds in the account (as of the date of the parent's death) must be reported to the Probate Court on the Connecticut Estate Tax Return. This Tax Return must be filed with the Probate Court – even if no estate taxes are due.

What if the child gets into trouble? An attachment or judgement creditor of the child may have access to the money in the account. If the child's marriage fails, the money in the account needs to be disclosed in the divorce case. Might that be an issue for you?

What can be done? Access, not ownership: Because of the risks of joint ownership, granting nothing more than access to the account may be a better way to proceed. For example:

A Durable Power of Attorney. A parent can execute a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument to give a child access to the account, without giving the child ownership of the account.

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STUDENT NEWS

Clubs

Orange, CT Eastern Connecticut State University Students Participates in University Club

Willimantic, CT -- Many students who attend Eastern Connecticut State University participate in a variety of the University's numerous clubs and organizations. The student club programs range from social to educational, physical to spiritual, and civic engagement programs that benefit and enrich the Eastern community. During the Fall 2014 semester, Jeremy Proto '15, General Studies major, participated in the Ice Hockey Club; Dana Blydenburg '16, Psychology major, participated in the Psychology Club; and Connor Dunleavy '18, Environmental Earth Science major, participated in the Habitat for Humanity Club. Eastern students who participate in clubs/organizations excel in the classroom and do better academically than students who do not participate. Students participating in clubs had an average GPA of 3.10, much higher than the 2.94 average for those students not taking part in any of the 73 clubs/organizations.

Clubs/organizations planned and implemented 322 events for the fall 2014 semester alone. These programs have a direct impact on the daily life of all students on Eastern's campus. The programs range from social to educational, physical to spiritual, and civic engagement programs, many of which also benefit the local community.

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state's public liberal arts university and serves approximately 5,300 students each year on its Willimantic campus and at satellite locations. A predominantly residential campus, Eastern offers more than 30 majors and 50 minors while emphasizing a strong liberal arts foundation grounded in applied learning experiences. For more information, visit www.easternct.edu.

Dean's List

Orange Students Named to Tufts University Dean's List

Medford, MA - Gabrielle Cella and Kevin O'Brien were named to the Dean's List of Tufts University for the Fall semester 2014. Cella is a senior majoring in Computer Science with a minor in Linguistics. Dean's List honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Graduations

Southern Connecticut State University Announces December 2014 Graduates

SCSU has awarded degrees to the following Orange students: Angelina Annicelli, Sarah Chadbourne, Kevin Collesano, Brittany Fantarella, Khaled Hasan, Michael Jodon, Melinda Luth, William Meade, and Daniel Provenzano.

Inductions

Jennifer Heyman Inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Baton Rouge, LA -- Jennifer Heyman of Orange, Conn., was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Heyman is pursuing a degree in Psychology at Pennsylvania State University. Heyman is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff, and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Recognitions

Eastern Student Sean Sayers Recognized for Merit within the Communication Department

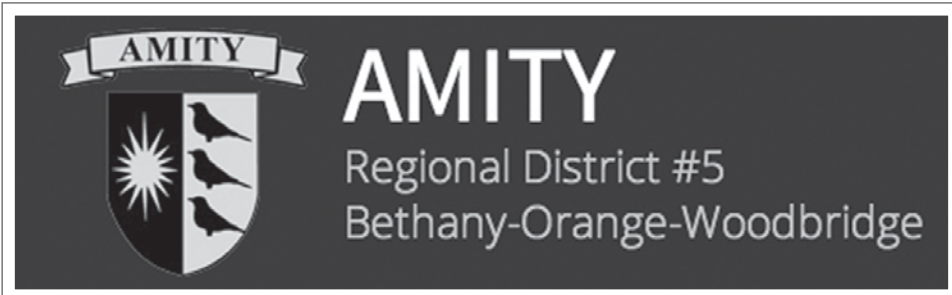
Willimantic, CT -- Sean Sayers '16 of Orange recently received recognition at the Communication Department's spring 2015 "Celebration of Excellence" ceremony. Sayers's major is Communication. The event, held annually, seeks to give special distinction to students who have continued to go above and beyond the call of duty. Sayers was recognized for Excellence in Journalism. Professor John Hale, chair of the Communication Department, said of this event, "External validation is always a positive boost for a program. Through this event, the Communication Department supports students who exemplify excellence in our program."

LAURALTON HALL ANNOUNCES ITS SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Principal Cynthia Gallant of The Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Lauralton Hall has announced the Honor Roll for the Second Quarter of the 2014 - 2015 school year. Honors students have an average of at least 86 in all academic courses. Orange residents

receiving Honors are: *Grade 12:* Caitlyn Black, Sarah Boynton, Taylor Choe, Amelia Justo, Claire Sweeney; *Grade 11:* Janae Staltaro; *Grade 10:* Amanda Slesinski, Grace Sweeney; *Grade 9:* Catherine Brown, Alexandra Justo, Bianca Longobardi, Riana Picagli.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



AMITY PRESENTS 2015 HALL OF HONOR CEREMONY

Amity Regional School District No. 5 will be hosting its annual Hall of Honor ceremony on Monday, May 4th 2015, at 5:30 PM at the Grassy Hill Country Club in Orange. This ceremony honors past Amity graduates who consistently demonstrate the highest standards of excellence and honor in his or her chosen vocation, including leadership, innovation, excellence, integrity, and dedication. These candidates are the prime example of what it means to be an Amity student, and exemplify the Amity mission statement by being "a lifelong learner and a literate, caring, creative, and effective world citizen". This year, Amity will be inducting five excellent candidates, with careers spanning from the fields of medicine, public service, business, and the fine and performing arts.

The inductees from the field of business are Neal DeLaurentis and Alan Flaumenhaft. DeLaurentis, class of 1979, is the Vice President of the Soros Economic Development Fund. Flaumenhaft, class of 1984, is the CEO of the Freedom Disability and Altegra Health.

Being honored for her success in the field of adolescent medicine is Dr. Paula Braverman. Braverman, class of 1974, is the Director of Community Programs and Interim Medical Director for the Division of Adolescent and Transition Medicine at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She is also a

professor of pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati.

In the field of fine and performing arts, Amity is pleased to induct Jeff "Gitty" Gitelman, class of 2000. Gitelman was a member of the band, Step-kids, and has toured with prestigious artists such as Lauryn Hill, Alicia Keys, and Stevie Wonder.

Being inducted for his contribution to society through public service is William Galston, class of 1963. Galston is the Ezra K. Zilkha chair in the Brookings Institution's Governance Studies Program and a professor at the University of Maryland. In the past, he has worked under former President Bill Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.

This will be the 9th year of the event for the Amity Regional School District No. 5, and has been organized by Dr. E. Marie McPadden, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development for the district. "Amity has provided graduates with the confidence and tools necessary to become successful in life. The Hall of Honor inductees exemplify the possible outcomes of an Amity educational experience," said Dr. McPadden when asked about this year's inductees.

Anyone who wishes to attend the induction dinner may purchase tickets by sending an e-mail to Carol Lange at carol.lange@reg5.k12.ct.us or by calling Carol at the Amity district offices at 203-397-4815. Tickets are \$35.

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ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS UNDERGO SPECIAL ED AUDIT

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The results of a year-long audit of the town's special education offerings were revealed in mid-April to the Orange Board of Education. The results indicate that overall Orange schools are doing an above average job in meeting the special needs of students, though there is some room for improvement.

Last April, the district hired WestEd, an educational research group, to perform an audit. Consultant George Dowaliby found the results to be favorable, and offered the town a few suggestions to continue meeting the special needs of some of Orange's students.

Dowaliby looked at effectiveness and efficiency of the special education program, looking at the continuum of services for students with disabilities, professional development, student outcomes and overall strengths and challenges. The evaluation consisted of interviews of administrators, focus groups made up of 27 teachers between Orange's four schools, an educator survey (89 of 179 were returned), file review, data analysis and document review. "We look for red flags. We look to see if you are over-identifying or grossly under-identifying students," he explained. Also, we pay attention to how much of an instructional day a youngster with a disability – how much of their education is in a general ed setting with non-disabled peers and how much is separate," he explains.

Among Dowaliby's key points is that parental involvement is strong and there is good communication between staff and parents. "It is apparent, not only from the focus groups and interviews, but from my observations as well, that staff is committed and caring, student-centered and making sure that each student with an IEP is getting the services that he or she is supposed to get," he says. "I sensed and saw, pretty loud and strong, that there is a commitment to providing those required services."

The study concluded that in terms of structure and staffing, Orange has an "adequate organizational structure with the ratio of special ed staff to students lower than both state and comparable districts," according to Dowaliby. The study found that Orange has a lower prevalence of students identified to receive special education services than the state average, though in some cases, there is a significantly higher concentration rate of specific disabilities.

Based on the sampling used for the study, Orange has double the state rate of special education students identified with speech and language impairments. "The state rate is 25% of IEP kids are identified with speech and language impairments. Based on the sample, half of Orange's IEP students are identi-

fied with needing help with speech and language," Dowaliby says. "This doesn't mean that their individual needs are not being met, it is just a disproportionate number."

The audit showed that Orange IEP students spend less time with their non-disabled peers than those in comparable districts and compared to state average. "We pay attention to it because there is a lot of evidence that the more a disabled student is educated with his or her non-disabled peers, that often leads to better achievement. It's easy for a group of folks, well-meaning around an IEP team, to make a decision based on what they know and are comfortable with. We want to make sure that people are really examining how students can receive the support and services they need, staying in the general ed setting, and only removing him when we've exhausted all of the support he'd be getting in the general ed setting," Dowaliby explains. "I don't know if that's wrong or bad, but it is a flag for me to say to pay attention to this and make sure IEP teams are making good decisions."


Based on the sampling and research, the district seemed to be doing a good job with communicating and sharing information around the IEP, but Dowaliby notes that there seems to be some struggle with parent education and training. "I know you're offering sessions and are not getting the turnout, but a lot of people felt that was an area where we should continue to try to do better. I'd suggest offering a webinar as a resource. Getting people out for a meeting is tough," he says.

Overall, the outcomes of Orange students with disabilities are above state average for students with disabilities. There are gaps, larger in reading than in math, in grade three, according to the report. "In grade six, your students with disabilities are doing as well as the whole student population – it is very unusual to see that. Kudos to that result!" Dowaliby says, reminding that it is expected to see gaps between general student population and sub-groups. "Those gaps may not go away, but we need to continue to have high expectations," he says.

Other feedback included, "While IEPs are compliant, they could be improved in quality and consistency. There were issues around some of the language in them, something I would call boilerplate. They could be more meaningful. I did get a sense that some felt we coddle and hand-hold a little too much, and we need to make sure we keep those high expectations for all students including those students with disabilities."

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| 1st | Triad 2015 | 1:00 pm | HPCC |
| 4th | Zoning Board of Appeals | 7:00 pm | Town Hall |
| | Country Fair Cmte | 7:30 pm | Exhibit Hall |
| 5th | Economic Development Comm | 5:30 pm | Town Hall |
| | Town Plan & Zoning Comm | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| 6th | Amity Referendum | 6am-8pm | HPCC |
| | OVNA Board of Governors | 8:30 am | Clark Bldg |
| | Memorial Day Cmte | 7:00 pm | HPCC |
| 7th | OGAT | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| 11th | Tree Committee | 4:30 pm | Case Memorial Lib |
| | Traffic Authority | 4:30 pm | Police Dept |
| | Board of Police Comm | 4:30 pm | Police Dept |
| | Amity Board of Education | 6:30 pm | Woodbridge |
| | Conservation Comm | 7:00 pm | HPCC |
| | Annual Town Meeting | 7:30 pm | HPCC |
| 12th | Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Comm | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| | Orange Board of Education | 7:30 pm | Mary L. Tracy Bldg |
| 13th | Board of Selectmen | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| 14th | Community Services Comm | 7:00 pm | HPCC |
| | Water Pollution Control Authority | 7:00 pm | Town Hall |
| 18th | Family Counseling | 9:00 am | HPCC |
| | Board of Finance | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| | Board of Health | 7:30 pm | HPCC |
| | Youth Services Advisory Board | 7:30 pm | HPCC |
| 19th | Town Budget Referendum | noon-8pm | HPCC |
| | Town Plan & Zoning Comm | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| 20th | CERT | 7:00 pm | HPCC |
| | Recycling Cmte | 7:00 pm | HPCC |
| | Memorial Day Cmte | 7:00 pm | HPCC |
| 21st | Senior Advisory Board 2015 | 1:00 pm | HPCC |
| | Pension Board | 7:00 pm | Town Hall |
| | Case Memorial Library Comm | 7:30 pm | Case Memorial Lib |
| 27th | Safety Comm | 9:00 am | Town Hall |
| | Park & Recreation Comm | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |
| 28th | Bond Construction Oversight Cmte .. | 7:30 pm | Town Hall |

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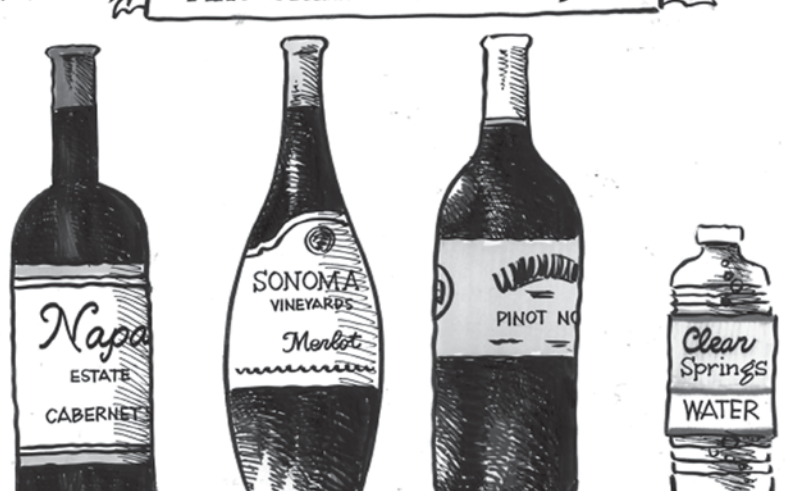
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Spring Clean-Up

Spring has arrived and the Orange Fire Marshal's Office offers some seasonal reminders. As the warm weather approaches, lawn and garden care will begin. Please remember: IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY RESIDENT OR BUSINESS TO BURN CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, TRASH, GRASS AND LEAVES OR ITEMS OF THE LIKE. There are numerous fire and safety concerns such as smoke, flying embers and the possibility of the fire spreading out of control. Supervised open burning of brush is allowed when a permit is issued by the Fire Marshal's Office to town residents for the purposes of cooking outdoors, holding a controlled camp fire, or controlled fires for religious reasons. The Permit fee is \$25 for a one-time permit or \$150 for an annual fire permit. A site inspection will be conducted by the Fire Marshal or his designee prior to the issuance of an annual fire permit. Failure to obtain a burn permit or burning illegal items may subject the property owner to fines and/or arrest. Brush must be less than three inches in diameter and any wood that is burned shall not be pressure-treated. Such items must be taken to the transfer station. Burn permits are void if weather conditions are such that it creates hazards to the permittee, their property, or the property around them, whether it is public or private. Any time wind speeds exceed 10 miles per hour (gusts or sustained), or the fire danger rating is equal to or greater than "HIGH", there shall be no open burning. The use of grills for cooking purposes or other outdoor appliances being used in accordance with their listing and manufacturer's specifications shall not require a burn permit.

Only use gas and charcoal grills outdoors. They pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation, if used indoors or in any enclosed space. Position the grill away from siding, deck

railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic. Declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill and keep children and pets away from this area. Periodically, remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited. Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles. If you determine your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call 911. Do not attempt to move the grill. Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages.

Now is the time to replace smoke alarm batteries, if it was not done at the beginning of daylight savings time. This is a simple step that takes only a few minutes, but can save lives. Many people believe they will be able to smell smoke. However, poisonous gases and smoke can numb the senses, especially when one is asleep. The alarm will alert occupants and allow time for an escape. Test alarms every month by using the test button or an approved smoke substitute. Do not use an open flame device. Even though the alarm may work when tested, install a new smoke alarm after 10 years to protect against failure, as older models may be less reliable. If an alarm "chirps" to indicate a low battery, change the batteries immediately. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are available free of charge to Orange residents. They may be obtained at the Orange Fire Marshal's Office, 355 Boston Post Road, or if you would like alarms installed, please call (203)-891-4711 or visit the website: www.orangefiremarshal.com for an appointment.

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



Youth Services Parenting Presentation: "Your Child's Developmental Changes" (ages 6-12)

Youth Services will have a special parenting presentation on Monday, May 4th, at 7:30 pm in the High Plains Community Center cafeteria on Your Child's Developmental Changes by Dr. Pei Juan Lei of Orange Pediatrics as the guest speaker. Dr. Lei will lead a discussion regarding the social, emotional, and cognitive changes that face school-age or "middle years" children (ages 6-12) and will focus on how this group of individuals is molded by today's society, how it impacts their growth in the previously mentioned three areas, and how parents can play a vital role in their development. Dr. Lei will also have a question and answer period (cards provided for personal parent questions.) There is no charge. All parents welcomed. Snacks/refreshments served.

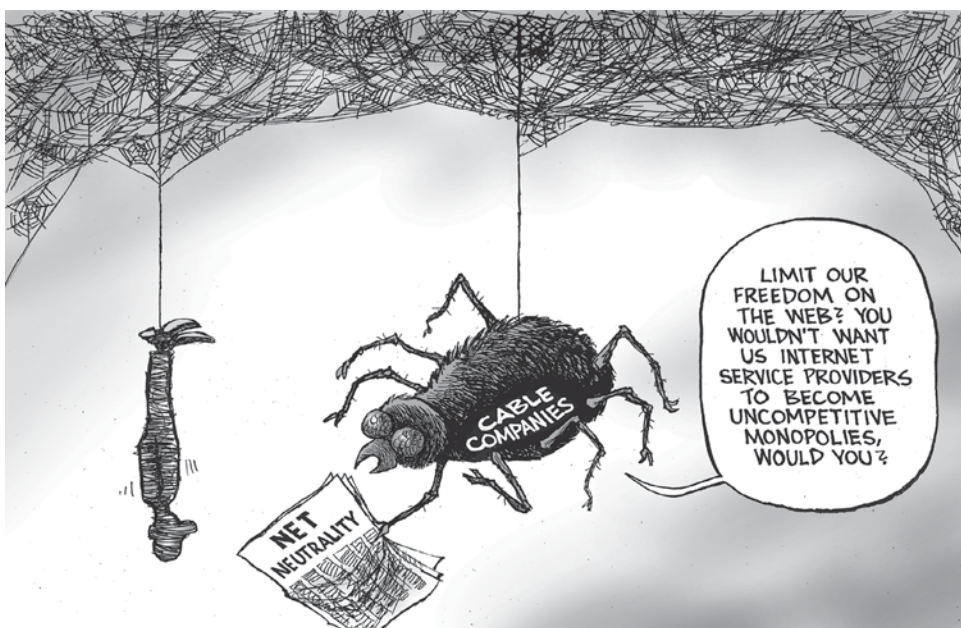
Dr. Pei Juan Lei is a board certified pediatrician who joined Pediatric and

Adolescent Medicine, "Orange Pediatrics" in 2014. Dr. Lei graduated from New York University in 2006 earning a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. In 2011, she graduated from the School of Medicine at the University of New York at Buffalo followed by the completion of her Pediatric Residency at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital in June 2014. During her time in residency, Dr. Lei was selected as co-chair of the General Pediatrics Group and developed an interest in teaching and providing medical education. As a result of her work, Dr. Lei was recognized by the Gold Humanism Society for her compassion and dedication to her patients and she was chosen by her colleagues at graduation to receive the Morris Y. Krosnick Award for exemplifying both kindness and commitment to her patients.

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SLOSSBERG MEETS WITH PECK PLACE 4TH-GRADERS AT CAPITOL

State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Milford) met with 4th-grade students from Orange's Peck Place School in the Senate Chamber to discuss civics and the role of the state legislature. "Peck Place School strives to educate productive citizens by teaching students about the importance of civics," said Sen. Slossberg. "That's an educational mission we can all get behind. These students are exceptionally bright and it was a treat to respond to their questions about the State Senate. I'm sure they'll one day be back at the Capitol advocating for the issues that matter most to them."

Built in 1969, The Peck Place School is a neighborhood school with slightly less than four hundred students in

grades one through six. The school has twice earned the distinction of being recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon School, an award bestowed only to schools that demonstrate highly effective instruction, assessment, planning, leadership, communication, and parental/community involvement.

Besides being instructed in the core areas of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, and science, students are also enriched in the areas of art, music, technology, physical education, and the Spanish language. In addition, Peck Place students have yearly experiences through cultural assemblies and service projects that help promote tolerance.

SHENANIGANS AT THE VA

You have to wonder what some people are thinking when they try to put one over on the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Item: In Boston, a veterans service officer date stamped a stack of blank documents, which then allowed him to backdate claims he was processing. He managed to get all those forms backdated because the date-stamping machines weren't locked, as they're required to be.

Item: In Colorado, an employee high up the food chain circumvented hiring practices by creating a position especially for a former co-worker with whom she had a personal relationship ... using that person's resume as the description for the new position. When asked to submit to an interview, the employee said no, under advice of counsel, and instead retired.

Item: A supervisor removed elec-

tronic controls that are used to process claims and told staff to "disregard Veterans Benefits Administration policy when processing some claims." Out of 139 files checked, 100 had the controls removed. As a result, "some veterans may have continued to receive additional compensation for dependents that they were not entitled to receive."

Item (and it's a biggie): Seven years after the 2006 data breach, VA information security employees and contract workers still reacted with "indifference, little sense of urgency, or responsibility concerning a possible cyber threat incident" and allowed employees to work remotely and access the VA network on their personally owned equipment ... from China and India! Further, when ordered to stop, the employees failed to try to determine if any of the VA data had been compromised.

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by Freddy Groves

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS



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

Registration is highly recommended for all Library events.

Weekly Storytimes

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Lapsit Storytime

Our lapsit storytimes are for babies and toddlers up to 24 months and feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Visit casememoriallibrary.org/storytime.htm for upcoming dates.

Two-Year-Old Storytime

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Visit casememoriallibrary.org/storytime.htm for upcoming dates.

Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, finger plays, and a craft activity. Mondays at 4 p.m. Visit casememoriallibrary.org/storytime.htm for upcoming dates.

Events for Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesdays, May 19

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

Events for Adults

An Evening with the Dog Whisperer

Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Spend the evening with Dog Listener Pat Wright and learn how to bring your dog peace and eliminate unwanted behaviors. Some of the many topics discussed include pulling on the lead, jumping, aggression, separation anxiety, and excessive barking. Bring your questions, but please, no dogs.

Drop-In Tech Help

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month as follows: Thursdays, May 7, 21

Oscar Films

Registration is highly recommended for all Oscar films. Seating is limited. Registration opens three weeks in advance of the screening date.

Wild

Monday, May 11, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, May 13, 1 p.m.

R. 115 minutes. A chronicle of one woman's 1,100-mile solo hike undertaken as a way to recover from a recent catastrophe.

Still Alice

Monday, May 18, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, May 20, 1 p.m.

PG-13. 101 minutes. Alice Howland, happily married with three grown children, is a renowned linguistics professor who starts to forget words. When she receives a devastating diagnosis, Alice and her family find their bonds tested.

American Sniper

Monday, June 1, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, June 3, 1 p.m.

R. 132 minutes. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle's pinpoint accuracy saves countless lives on the battlefield and turns him into a legend. Back home to his

wife and kids after four tours of duty, however, Chris finds that it is the war he can't leave behind.

Selma

Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, June 17, 1 p.m.

PG-13. 128 minutes. A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaigns to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965.

Books & Breakfast: Morning Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 19, 10 a.m.

Join Books & Breakfast leader Carol Davidson for a discussion of *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan.

The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, June 22, 7 p.m.

Join Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

Art in the Library

May: Artwork by the senior citizens of Orange. Reception: Thursday, May 7, 5-7 p.m.

June: Watercolors, oils, acrylics, photography, and sculpture by Rita Kelly, Rosalie Spinelli, and Deepa Kumar. Reception: Thursday, June 11, 5-7 p.m.

MORE OFFERINGS FROM CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Case Memorial Library, located at 176 Tyler City Road, has added more movies on DVD, Audiobooks and music CDs to its extensive collection. Check them out!

Movies on DVD

Foxcatcher
Fury
The Grand Budapest Hotel
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1
The Imitation Game
Interstellar
The Judge
Nightcrawler
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Patterson, James – Private Vegas

Music

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Fall Out Boy – American Beauty/American Psycho (Rock)
Flying Lotus – You're Dead! (Popular)
LaVette, Bettye – Worthy (Popular)
Now That's What I Call Music, Vol. 52 (Popular)
Pink Floyd – The Endless River (Rock)
Sleater-Kinney – No Cities to Love (Rock)
St. Vincent – St. Vincent (Rock)
Tove Lo – Queen of the Clouds (Popular)
Trainor, Meghan – Title (Popular)



HISTORY CORNER By Ginny Reinhard 

Now It's Your Turn...

I've been asked, so many times by my readers, about how I find information for my stories and my answer is research. Not only has the Internet put the world's history out there but also the Orange Historical Society has its own research center, open to the public for information about Orange. Known as the Mary Woodruff Research Center, the 2nd floor of the Academy, on Orange Center Road, has thousands of original documents

dating from the late 1700s concerning the comings and goings of the citizens of what was at first Bryan's Farms, then North Milford and finally, Orange.

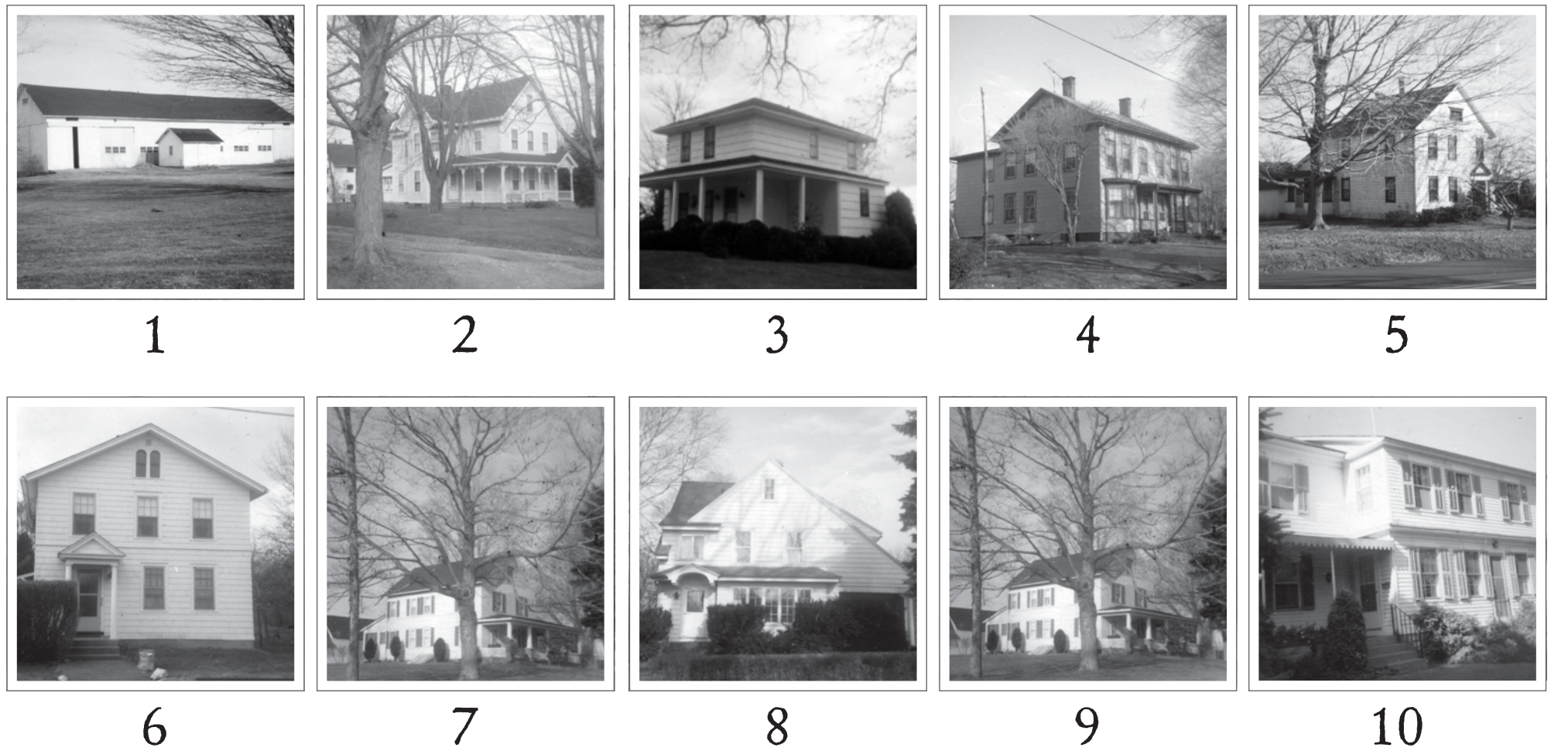
Deeds, photographs, wills, diaries, arrest warrants, manuscripts, school records, taxes and then some, can be found there, organized in archival folders, boxes and Mylar sleeves to protect them for future research.

Now it's your turn to do some re-

search. In 1970, Charlie Gagel, a well-known member of our community, completed his Eagle Scout project by photographing all of the houses his grandfather suggested were old and of prominent citizens. Katlin Brietenbach took on the project of identifying each house for its present street address as the names associated with his research have changed over time.

Using old phone books, Kaitlin has

found many that are listed in those books and we'd like you to look at the ones pictured and let us know, through the newspaper, the number and street that you find that fits each picture. Matching pictures with documents and faces, unfamiliar places and census records is what research is all about. Be sure to match the number of the picture with your answer. Have fun and thank you.



Can you identify these Orange houses from the historic photos?

See how many you can.

Email us your answers (street name and house number) at bulletinboard@orangetownnews.com.

It's about time. Spring is here and the Orange Historical Society antique shop is ready for those seasonal gifts with ideas for those hard to shop for friends and family members. If you like the unusual and a one-of-a kind, the shop is your place to beat the crowds at the mall and visit the museum while you shop. China, glass, books, toys, dolls, small furniture, ironware, kitchen collectibles, vintage jewelry, and old post cards are among the many items available at The Museum Antique Shop located at 605 Orange Center Road, open Saturdays from 10-3. For information call 203 795-3106.

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thing is, I'm a fighter, I've never lost a fight in my life. But this is one fight I can't win. Hopefully I can prolong it as long as possible. Or who knows, maybe I'll be the first one to beat it."

As he learns to live with the disease Mizzone is beginning to believe he was dealt this card for a reason, and his fighting spirit may have something to do with it. Earlier this month Mizzone testified in front of the state's Judiciary Committee in support of the proposed "Aid in Dying" legislation in hopes the bill would advance to the General Assembly. "Aid in Dying" is the medical practice of a physician prescribing medication to a qualified patient who is terminally ill, to self-administer to bring about his or her death.

In his very personal and heartfelt testimony, Mizzone urged the assembled lawmakers to remove any personal, moral, or religious feelings and base their findings from the professionals and people like himself who testify before them. "ALS is a progressive and degenerative disease that always ends in death with a mortality rate of three to four years. It robs you of your ability to walk, to eat and breathe which results in death. I can only imagine how traumatic it would be for my children to watch their father deteriorate in this fashion. I am in favor of this bill to give people like myself a choice to decide when they are terminal and lose their independence and mobility – a chance to die with honor and dignity and not feel as if they are a burden on their friends, families and society. Allow them to end their suffering in a compassionate way with their loved ones by their side."

To pass such legislation, Mizzone believes, would relieve an enormous burden from the shoulders of the terminally ill. "This would be the most caring and compassionate thing you could give any patient – to let them choose to end their life with dignity and peace. It would give the dying peace of mind," Mizzone said. "They are already anxious and depressed. Just knowing you had the choice in the last year of your life would bring more peace and be more beneficial than any drug, therapy or palliative care." Citing statistics from U.S. states that have Aid in Dying legislation in place, Mizzone points out that many terminally ill patients don't choose to end their lives. "I don't know if I would choose to use it but I want to have the option," he said.

Unfortunately, the committee later voted against the bill, a disheartening outcome for Mizzone, who vows to testify again next year when the bill

is resubmitted to the committee. "It is a gross injustice to the lawmakers' constituents to not bring the bill to the General Assembly where others can vote on it," he said. "I sat through nine and half hours of testimony from doctors, lawyers, legislators and former legislators and only myself and a woman with emphysema were the only ones actually afflicted with a disease who spoke. I wanted them to reflect on how they would feel if it was their own loved one who was suffering."

Meanwhile Mizzone is an active participant in the ALS Association's Connecticut Chapter where he recently suggested the organization add a "patients only" support group separate from the one patients and caregivers attend together – a proposal the other patients welcomed. "It's an opportunity to talk more intimately about the details of this disease – to ask questions and share personal feelings – things we are not going to talk about when our caregivers are present," he said. When he learned about the hardship of a caregiver trying to lift her husband, he began working on devising a strap that will make it easier to lift someone who has fallen.

He is finding invitations to speak about ALS at functions sponsored by groups like the ACLU, American Cancer Society and the Compassionate Care/Compassionate Choices lobbyists are becoming more frequent and he is happy to oblige. "If I can spread awareness then that's what I am going to do. As long as I can so maybe someone else doesn't have to lose a husband or father so early," he said. "I hope I can make a difference." He is also involved in providing his own stem cells for a clinical research trial in Massachusetts targeting motor neurons.

Mizzone plans to live life as fully as possible as long as he can. He is trying to maintain his strength with a regular routine of lifting light weights and cardio training, although he's already lost about 30 pounds of muscle. Retiring early from his job as the business representative for the Carpenters and Millwright's Union has given him time to spend with his wife Jennifer and his five children who range in age from seven to 28. He's even crossed a few things off his bucket list, like the trip he took to Bora Bora with his wife and brother. "I'm taking in the little things, like holding and wrestling with my children and taking them fishing in the Wepawaug River," he said. "I have an illness that will rob me of my ability to talk and walk and touch my children. I'm appreciating those everyday moments that you take for granted and making positive memories."



2ND ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

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We are so happy to have the Buzz Truck, Caseus, New Haven Pizza Truck, Meriano's Cannoli Truck, Sugar Bakery, The Whey Station and Cowabunga Grill rolling back in again this year. And we'd also like to welcome new trucks; 744 Express, Ben and Jerry's Catering, Bounty Food Truck, Café Romeo, Cap-petta's Italian Imports Truck, Cheesy

Street Grill, Dad's Food Truck, Lobster Craft, Munchies Food Truck, Snowie of CT, Topsy Cones, Zuppardi's Apizza Truck, and more!

We would also like to welcome Velocity to the festival this year. Velocity is a Connecticut based party band that plays all sorts of tunes from the 70s to the present. These guys will keep the crowd moving! And although there will be some seating available, feel free to bring your lawn chairs and blankets to set up your own picnic on the field! There will be plenty of food and fun for the whole family!

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SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



Orange Senior Center Pasta Festa – Living Treasure Awards

On Friday, May 15 from 5 to 8 pm the Orange Senior Center will hold its eleventh annual Pasta Festa! dinner at the beautiful Grassy Hill Lodge, 77 Sodom Lane, Derby CT. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of this year's Living Treasure Awards to three deserving Orange residents: Nettie Bartocetti, Kevin Hadlock, and Al Pol. Winners of the raffle will go home with some great prizes donated by individuals and local businesses. Tickets are on sale at the Orange Senior Center for \$20 per person.

About the three recipients of the 2015 Living Treasure Awards:

Nettie Bartocetti

Sue Clark wrote in her nomination of Nettie that aside from the projects, activities, and events that have been of benefit to all, Nettie makes Orange FUN! Nettie's volunteer activities have all served to insure that Orange, CT continues to be a community of people who care. From the routine get well cards and flowers to large events, Nettie makes Orange a better place.

Nettie has brought concerts to town, has served on school PTA's, and sports

activities. Fundraising is one of Nettie's fortes. She served on Save the Children, New Haven Aids Project, Orange 150 Jubilee, Orange 175th Celebration, and Orange Republican Town Committee. She served with the New Haven Symphony. Nettie has served as President of the Garden Club of Orange, the Orangewood Woman's Club and the State of CT Board. She has served her Church as the Flower Chairperson, and the newly elected President of the Women's Guild of Holy Infant Church. She also serves on the Town Commission for the Orange Community Services Dept. For this she is very proud.

Friends and neighbors have been showered with welcome gifts and assistance whenever needed. Nettie shares her love of all things Orange with everyone. She models community service in all of her activities. Nettie has recruited new folks and encourages participation. She supports all of our organizations whether directly involved or not. Her contribution to Orange has been and continues to be significant. Nettie is a treasure!

Kevin Hadlock

In voluntarism as well as social service, Kevin stands tall in stature and spirit. As an international citizen, having lived in New Zealand and England, Kevin has literally volun-

teered all over the world.

Kevin began his adult life as a naval officer in the Pacific fleet, and served aboard the USS Vesuvius, an ammunition ship, while it made the longest deployment of any U.S. naval vessel during the Vietnam War. He has served as a member of various boards and professional associations while living in California and Texas. Also, it was in California that he first joined a Lions Club, part of the world's largest service organization. He continued to serve in Lions Clubs in Texas, New Zealand and England, often in leadership positions.

Having moved to Orange in 1981, Kevin soon became active in government and church-related activities. He served as a member of the Park & Recreation Commission for six years, the last four of those as its Chairman. In that role, he also served as a member of the High Plains Community Center Building Management Committee and as a member of an Ad Hoc Committee appointed by the First Selectman to review open space opportunities in Orange. He has been a member of the Community Services Commission for more than ten years, and served as its Chairman in 2007-08. As a member of the Community Services Commission, he also chaired its Ad Hoc Transportation Committee for Capital Expenditures.

Kevin makes every effort to preserve and protect natural resources as an active member of the Wildlife Conservation Society, the National Parks Conservation Association, where he communicates directly with legislative leaders around the country, and as a member of the Orange Land Trust.

Kevin's work with youth is boundless. Through Holy Infant Church, he worked to bring Orange teens together with inner city youth at annual Christmas parties and picnics, including playing Santa at the Christmas party for many years. He is responsible for establishing and running an annual Free Throw Contest for Youths ages 9-14 through the Knights of Columbus for the past twelve years. He has also served as the Chair of the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee since its inception in 2000. As the father of three daughters, he served on the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Trails Council of Girl Scouts of Connecticut, and was the Chair of its Personnel Committee for many years.

With the Orange Lions Club he has served at many annual events such as the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, the Senior Center Summer Cookout, and the Senior Valentine's Pizza Party. Kevin presides at the officer and member inductions of the Orange/Milford Leos Club (Lions' Youth Organization) at the Foundation High School. He is a past President of the Orange Lions Club, and has been designated an Ambassador of Sight and a Melvin Jones Fellow, two of the highest honors an individual can receive from

his Lions Club. During his tenure as President, Kevin founded the Lions Community Grants Program.

Kevin is very active in his church as a Eucharistic Minister, a member of Social Ministry, and has served on the Parish Council. He is currently a member of the church's Finance Council.

Kevin is an icon of volunteerism and service. His efforts and his life's work have enhanced the lives of each and every Orange resident. It was a very fortunate day for our community and the residents of our town when Kevin and his wife Betty chose Orange as their home. And he isn't finished yet!

Elfo "Al" Pol

"Pop" as his grandson Thomas O'Reilly Pol likes to call him, is clearly a Living Treasure for the Town of Orange. He has lived in Orange for nearly 60 years. He possesses a great deal of civic pride.

On election days, he wakes at 4am to set up the polls, monitors them and stays late to take the polls down. Al himself was an elected constable several times for the town. As a retired electrician, he serves as an electrical inspector for the town for over 25 years. In 2014 he was encouraged by the Building Inspector to stop climbing ladders and going into crawlspaces. It is said he doesn't follow those directives.

Since 1960, Al has been a member and a former Captain of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department (OVFD). Currently, he holds the position of Treasurer of the OVFD. As treasurer, for the past 20 years, he oversees the annual Fire Department Carnival. With the Carnival supplying the largest proportion of the Fire Department's funding, Al painstaking counts every penny each day.

Even though Al is well into his 80s, for the past 15 years he has been a Parade Marshal in the Memorial Day parade. Before becoming a Parade Marshal he would march with the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. He would also march in the New Haven St Patrick's Day Parade.

Al served in the Army during World War II. For over 50 years, Al has been a proud member of the American Legion. He has served as the Finance Officer for over 10 years.

Al's greatest hobby is the card game bridge. He teaches bridge for the Orange Senior Center and helps with the weekly Duplicate and Social Bridge games. By teaching others to play Bridge and by running a bridge game, he creates an atmosphere for people to meet and develop friendships. Additionally, mental activities like bridge have shown to ward off dementia and Alzheimer's.

Al is always willing to help and demonstrate the value of community volunteering. His quiet and friendly demeanor serves as a role model for town residents.

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Left to right: Eunyee Cho '16 of Hamden, Joy Alino '16 of Cheshire, Ayah Elarabi '16 of Hamden, and Andrianna Ayala '16 of Orange prepare for the "Shades" of SHA Fashion Show

DIVERSITY WEEK AT SACRED HEART

Diversity Week at Sacred Heart culminated with an assembly, which included a fashion show highlighting the different cultures represented at the Academy sponsored by the "Shades". The goal of the Academy's newest club "Shades"-is to create a space of educa-

tion and sharing, and to acknowledge that we all have a shade, ranging from race and religion to personality and passions.

"Shades" seeks to promote unity through the celebration of differences and diversity.



Three year olds from Orange Congregational Church Nursery had fun on a rainy day learning about dinosaurs.



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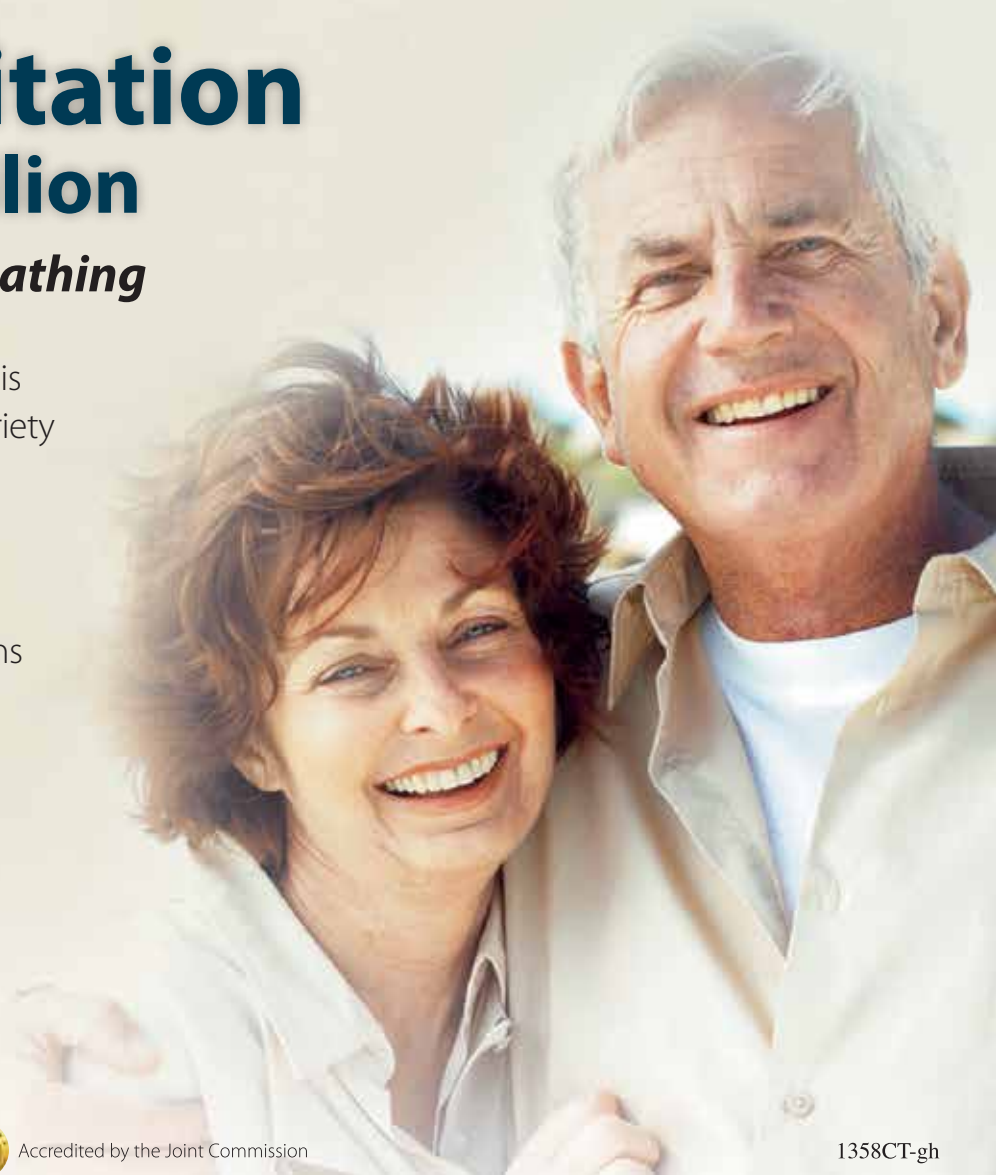
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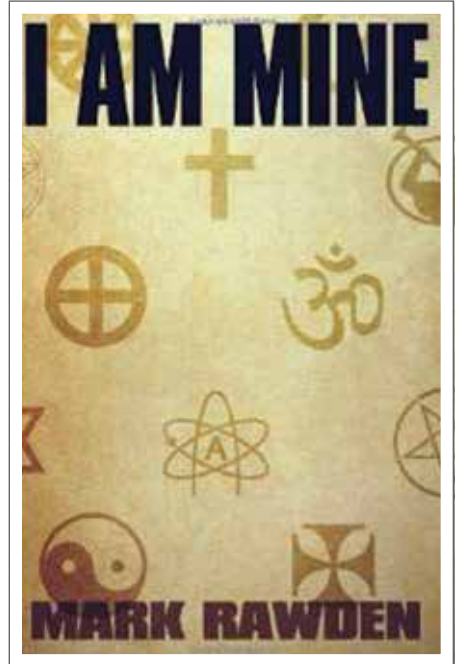
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OUTSIDE THE BOX LIVING

Discovering how people around the world view their own spirituality and religions helped Orange resident Mark Rawden find meaning in his own life. Rawden is the author of "I Am Mine," a compilation of more than 100 stories about a variety of religions and spiritual communities as told by the people who practice them.



Laura Fantarella



Mark Rawden

The book touches upon mainstream religions like Christianity, Judaism, Mormonism, Islam, Hinduism, Baptist and Buddhism as well as the less common practices like paganism, Wiccan, Jehovah's Witnesses and even includes atheists who don't practice any religion at all. Via the internet, Rawden connected with and interviewed men and women of all ages from all over the United States and as far away as New Zealand, Singapore, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. After a year and a half of collecting and editing their stories, he was able to draw some broad conclusions – people who perceived themselves as being part of a community larger than themselves were happier and more fulfilled in their lives. "People were pouring out their beliefs, opinions and thoughts, and it seems their spirituality helped them define who they were as people," he said. "I have a good friend who is a priest; he has a strong identity as a religious person connected to a faith-based community. As I got to know these people from all over the world, they identified themselves in similar ways and their lives centered around that. Even on the most basic level religion provides a routine where you go to meet with people and pray. Even atheists who don't have the typical structure of a church still have a community of people who share their beliefs."

It was his own sense of futility and feeling lost in his own life which actually inspired him to write the book. "At the time I was a non-practicing Catholic leaning towards being agnostic and unsure of what I believed," he said. "I was working in sales and marketing for a company and I wasn't a true believer in its business practices or my role at the company. I was constantly questioning why I was even there. I was wasting my time and wasting my life and I felt the need to connect better to society as I clearly wasn't doing that

through my job." He also wrestled with deeper questions, like how does one identify oneself – was it through work, or hobbies, or friends?

The voices in the stories resonated with Rawden, and he gradually developed a new perspective which led him to make positive changes in his own life. "The stories about what others love about their lives made me realize I should be growing and becoming a better person," Rawden said. He quit the job that brought little satisfaction, met and married his wife Marcia, reconnected with his Catholic faith and started coaching youth soccer and flag football.

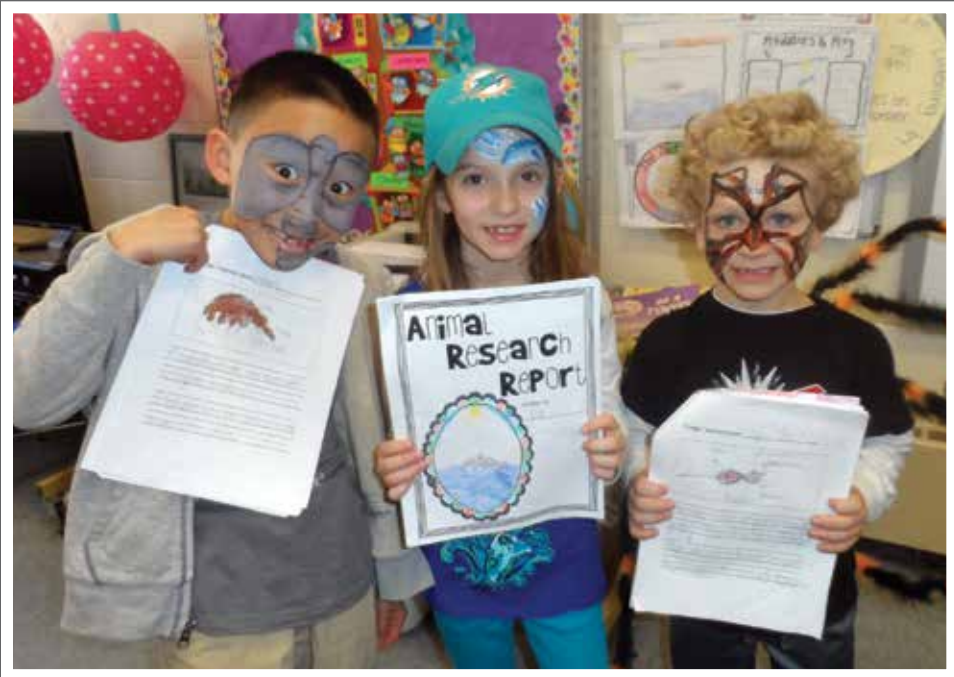
Now a senior marketing and account manager for Connecticare in Hartford, the 34-year-old Russell Avenue resident is enjoying a life that is more fulfilling. "People are so passionate about their religions and I loved sharing their stories. I loved that people can co-exist despite having very different beliefs. You hear terrible things in the news but all the people in the book were very excited to be included beside others who may have had opposing spiritual perspectives. It made me feel better," he said.

The book is currently available in paperback at Amazon.com and in the Wallingford library and Rawden hopes it makes its way onto the shelves of more local libraries soon.



ORANGE RESIDENTS!

Help me make this column a success. Send me your suggestions – if you think you may make an interesting subject, or someone you know should be featured, let me know at laura@orangetownnews.com.



ZOO DAY AT TURKEY HILL SCHOOL

The first grade students worked very hard on their first research project and presentation at Ms. McDonald's first grade zoo at Turkey Hill School. Each student chose an animal that they were interested in to research. Over the course of a few weeks, the students read books, looked at pictures and compiled information in order to present a report on that particular animal. Some of topics covered were what the animal looks like, it's parenting style, eating habits and where it lives. They had to draw a picture on each page of the animal doing that particular activity and then all the pages were compiled into a book which included a table of contents and the author's biography.

They also made a poster board with their favorite facts about the animal that they learned as well as more information and pictures. On the day of the zoo, the students dressed up as their chosen animal and had their face painted as well. Visitors walked around and stopped at each exhibit and the student read from their animal research report and answered any questions that they could. The students were so proud and excited about their projects and the zoo day. It was such a great introduction to first graders about how to do a research project and presentation. The students and visitors had a fabulous time and learned many new animal facts!

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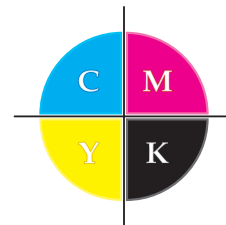
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DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



MOTHER'S DAY 2015

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th this year. There over 83 million mothers living today in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau and over 2 billion mothers living worldwide. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out at a restaurant in the United States. The following restaurants are all family owned and operated. This group offers a wide range of cuisine along with prices to suit everyone's budget. Please note that Mother's Day reservations are highly recommended for all these well established and popular restaurants except where noted below.

ANDINI'S RESTAURANT/PIZZA-555 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-0200-Regular menu & specials-serving from 12p-9p. Top notch Italian cuisine & full bar.

CHINA PAVILION-185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-3555-Outstanding & award winning Asian cuisine since 1982-serving their regular menu from 11:30am-10:00pm.

CONSIGLIO'S - 165 Wooster Street, New Haven-203-865-4489-This iconic Italian restaurant is celebrating 77 years- offering their regular dinner menu beginning at 12:00pm with complimentary flowers for all moms.

COROMANDEL CUISINE OF INDIA-185 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-9055-Award winning Indian cuisine-Grand Buffet Brunch 11:45a-3:15p-offering 30 dishes-\$23.00 per person-they now have a great outdoor patio for dining & cocktails.

COUNTRY CORNER FAMILY RESTAURANT-756 Amity Road (Route 63) Bethany-203-393-1489-featuring homemade comfort food for breakfast, lunch & dinner serving from 6am-9pm with a flower for all moms. No reservations.

GABRIELE RISTORANTE ITALIAN-326 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-799-2633-serving authentic Italian cuisine for 32 years-offering their regular dinner menu from 12p-9p on mom's special day.

JEFFEREY'S RESTAURANT BY CLAUDIO-501 New Haven Avenue, Milford-203-878-1910-Fine dining at its best-offering their regular menu from 12p-8p & all mothers will receive a complimentary glass of champagne with dinner. Stay tuned for owner Claudio's new venture in addition to Jeffrey's-Oscar's Bistro opening soon in the Woodmont section of Milford.

LISIANO'S RESTAURANT-514 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-795-1339-Family owned for 23 years offering homemade Italian dishes. Serving dinner from 12p-9p-All moms will receive a complimentary glass of wine with dinner.

OLA-350 Boston Post Road, Orange-203-891-0522-Award winning new world Latino cuisine & Mojito bar-offering all mothers a complementary glass of red or white sangria. Serving their regular dinner menu & specials from 3p-10p.

POP'S FAMILY RESTAURANT-134 Old Gate Lane, Milford-203-876-1210-Popular family friendly restaurant serving breakfast, lunch & dinner from 5:00am-9:00pm with a flower for all moms. No reservations.

SCRIBNER'S RESTAURANT-31 Village Road, Miford-203-878-7019-serving Mother's Day specials along with their regular dinner menu from 12p-6p. Celebrating 42 years of top notch seafood with outstanding service & ambiance.

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Q: I recently rewatched “**Napoleon Dynamite**,” and it made me wonder what **Haylie Duff** has been up to lately. Can you fill me in? -- Valerie D., via email

A: The soon-to-be new mom’s Cooking Channel show, “**Real Girl’s Kitchen**,” starts its second season on Saturday, April 25, at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT. I spoke with the multitasking actress/singer/hostess/cook recently, and she can’t wait for viewers to join in the fun of her series’ new season. For those unfamiliar with the show, here’s how Haylie describes it:

“It really just is about a real girl in the kitchen -- it’s me, learning how to cook, and sharing recipes that I love, and cooking for my family and my friends. The format is very loose, and every episode is different. We get out of the kitchen a lot. A fun way to share your love of food with someone is to get out there in the field, so to speak, and going to farms and farmers’ markets. We describe our style of food as ‘healthy decadence.’ It’s a balance of healthy food and indulgent things as well.”

What can we expect for season two? “I had a surprise birthday for my mom,” Haylie reveals. “I love to mess with my mom. And she hates to be on the show, but she’s so funny, I force her. She’s a riot. Everybody loves Mama Duff. There are a lot of my friends on the show and my family. We do a great Italian episode. My fiance is Italian, and he’s always giving me a hard time, saying Texas girls can’t make Italian food. So I set out to prove him wrong. It’s just real loose and fun.”



Haylie Duff

Q: I am so upset that “**Parenthood**” is over. Can you tell me what series star **Craig T. Nelson** will do next? -- Paul Y., Indianapolis

A: Craig is all set to reprise his role of Coach Hayden Fox on the NBC revival of “**Coach**.” NBC gave the show a 13-episode straight-to-series order, with Craig returning as Coach Fox, where the now-retired football coach is called back to become the assistant coach to his own grown son, who is now the new head coach at an Ivy League school in Pennsylvania that is starting up a new team. There is no word yet on its premiere date or other casting info, but **Barry Kemp** -- who created the original ABC series -- is on board to write and executive-produce the reboot.

Q: When will “**Ray Donovan**” be back for a new season? -- Howard T., via email

A: The **Liev Schreiber**-starring drama returns to Showtime for its 12-episode third season July 12 at 9 p.m. ET/PT. This season’s guest stars include **Ian McShane**, **Katie Holmes** and **Elliott Gould**. “**Masters of Sex**” returns for its third season as well, which also happens to be 12 episodes, immediately following “**Ray Donovan**.”

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Left to Right; Debra Greenwood (CEO), Vimin Nanavati, Beth Andrews (Volunteer Director).



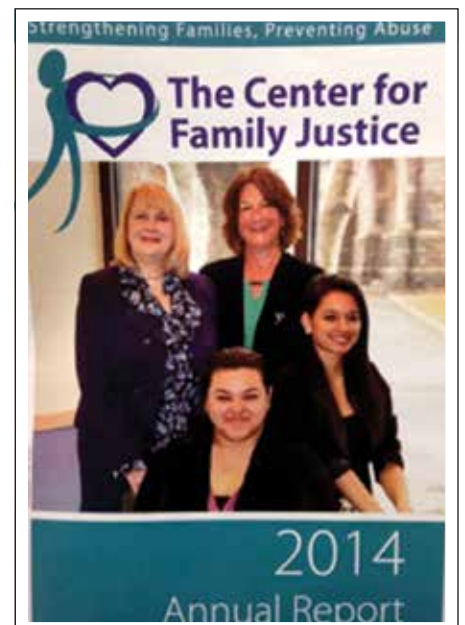
Left to Right; Vimin Nanavati, Dwarka Nanavati, Dr. T.C. Nanavati, Rohit Nanavati. [All photos taken by Charlene Nolan of The Center for Family Justice]

ORANGE RESIDENT RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Vimin Nanavati, Orange resident and daughter of Dr. T.C. Nanavati, was awarded the Bea Boucher Volunteer of the Year Award from The Center for Family Justice in Bridgeport, CT on April 13, 2015. Vimin had been volunteering with The Center—a sexual assault and domestic violence agency—since December 2013. The occasion was attended by Mayor Bill Finch of Bridgeport and First Lady Kathy Malloy. The award was presented by The Center's CEO, Debra Greenwood.

In addition to volunteering her free time at The Center, Vimin works part time with her father who is a Veterinarian in Seymour.

Vimin attended Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden but graduated, in 2008, from The Gunnery—a boarding school in Washington, CT. At Quinnipiac University she majored in biology with a double minor in chemistry and political science. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 2012, she continued her studies at Quinnipiac and in 2013 she graduated with a Master of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology. Through the Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac University, Vimin has participated in service delegations in Nicaragua. In 2011 she traveled with the Environmental Science delegation to Nicaragua where she worked with the National Autonomous University of Nicaragua.



CFJ Cover: Annual Report. Starting back left going clockwise; Debra Greenwood (CEO), Andrea Goodman (President of the Board of Directors), Vimin Nanavati (Volunteer of the Year), and Rosario Terron (Staff of the Year).

In 2012 she created and led the Women Empowerment & Leadership forum at Alianza Americana in Nicaragua. Additionally, she participated in the Health & Medical Delegation, from Quinnipiac, teaching underserved communities CPR and first aid techniques. Vimin aspires to become an OB/GYN and dedicate her future to women and medicine.

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Pictured (left to right): Izabela Kurpios, Mackenzie Gallagher, Cristin Earley, and Abby Tirollo.

RACE BROOK SCHOOL PET SUPPLIES DRIVE

The Race Brook School Student Council in Orange recently participated in a spirited pet supplies drive for The Amity Animal Rescue Fund (AARF). Race Brook families generously donated dog and cat food, toys, and

other pet accessories. Pictured are four Student Council members that donated their time, energy, and enthusiasm to organizing and promoting the drive. Mackenzie Gallagher and her family delivered the supplies to the shelter.



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At the May 28th Annual Meeting, The Orange Land Trust hosts a visit from Atka, the Wolf Conservation Center's Arctic Gray Wolf.

ORANGE LAND TRUST CRIES "WOLF!"

The Orange Land Trust would like to invite you to its Annual Meeting, to be held Thursday, May 28th, 2015 at High Plains Community Center on Orange Center Road at 7 pm. Following a short business meeting, the Orange Land Trust hosts a visit from Atka, the Wolf Conservation Center's Arctic Gray Wolf. This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

The program will include an awe-inspiring, up-close encounter with this important, but misunderstood predator. Guests will learn about the history of wolves in the United States, the importance of wolves in a healthy ecosystem and the efforts to save these magnificent creatures for future generations. Through wolves, the Wolf Conservation Center (WCC) teaches the broader message of conservation, ecological balance, and personal responsibility for improved human stewardship of our world. By providing science-based information, the WCC allows wolves and humans to better coexist in our fragile environ-

ment, improves our efforts to successfully restore endangered wolves to their ancestral homes in the wild and offers direct exposure to an elusive predator people might not ever see in the wild.

Founded in 1999 the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY promotes wolf conservation by teaching about wolves, their relationship to the environment and the human role in protecting their future. The WCC accomplishes this mission through onsite and offsite education programs. These programs emphasize wolf biology, the ecological benefits of wolves and other large predators, and the current status of wolf recovery in the United States. The WCC also participates in the Species Survival Plan (SSP) and Recovery Plan for the critically endangered Mexican gray wolf and the red wolf. For more information about the WCC visit the website at www.nywolf.org or call (914) 763-2373.

For information about The Orange Land Trust, visit our website at www.orangelandtrust.org.



3M PROVIDES GRANT TO THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE

3Mgives has donated \$250 to The Garden Club of Orange, in recognition of Patricia Dray's commitment to the community.

Dray is currently Vice President of The Garden Club of Orange. As a volunteer, she has served as Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, leading the efforts to raise funds to support the Club's mission of promoting garden skills and knowledge, furthering an understanding of horticulture, flower arranging, bird-life, conservation, and environmental awareness. She is an award winning floral designer, an accredited Flower Show Judge, Provisional Member of the Landscape Design Council, and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Flower Show School Chairperson.

"3M employees and alumni generously give their time and skills to help improve lives," said Kimberly Price,

vice-president, 3Mgives. "We are pleased to recognize their commitment to their communities."

As part of the 3Mgives Volunteer Match, 3M donates \$250 to eligible non-profit organizations for which a 3M employee volunteers 20 hours or a 3M retiree volunteers 25 hours or more per calendar year. Since 2000, Volunteer Matches totaling over \$5.6 million have gone to over 3,000 schools or non-profit organizations in 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

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Joan Cretella Director of Community Services receives a check for \$800.00 from the Lion's club. The money will be used for the Fuel Bank which assists needy town residents with heating fuel. A big Thank You to the Lion's Club.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

MAY MARKET PLANT AND BAKE SALE

The Garden Club of Orange will be holding the Annual May Market plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 12 noon at the Orange Town Green, Orange Center Road. The club will be selling perennials from members' gardens that have been proven to grow well. Also available are locally grown annuals, Mother's Day

baskets and home baked goods. Come and support this annual fund raiser!

The Garden Club of Orange is a member of The National Garden Clubs, Inc., The New England Region of Garden Clubs, Inc. and The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. Interested to learn more call Teresa Evangeliste (203)795-3195.

WRCO OFFICERS INSTALLED

On Saturday, April 11th, the Women's Republican Club of Orange celebrated the installation of its new officers. Doris Knight, well known Republican, did the installation and congratulated the group. The luncheon was at the Grassy Hill Lodge. President Marjorie Shenk welcomed everyone, followed by a presentation by state Republican representative Pam Staneski who enlightened the audience about some of the activities that are happening in Hartford. First Selectman, James Zeoli, chatted with the members and guests, followed

by Dolores Nastro who presented a gift from the members to the president ex-officio, Vicki Grande for a job well done. A fine group of Republican women from Milford also attended the event.

The newly installed officers are: President, Marjorie Schenk, 1st Vice President, Veronica McDonald, 2nd Vice President, Pat Zeoli, Secretary, Rita Nardeccia, Corresponding Secretary, Lynn Plaskowitz, Treasurer, Beth Michael, Historian, Carolyn Roth, President Ex-officio, Vicki Grande, and Publicity, Dolores Nastro.

GARDEN CLUB CONGRATULATES NETTIE BARTOCETTI

Interviewed by Lana Ho, Publicity Chairman

The Garden Club of Orange congratulates Nettie Bartocetti for being honored as this year's recipient of the Living Treasure Award. The Living Treasure Award is given annually by the Orange Community Services Department to an individual that has devoted a great deal of time to improve the town of Orange.

Nettie and Harry were married, moved to West Point where he fulfilled his draft. As a professional musician they moved several times. Years later they purchased a home in the town of Orange where, at the age of seven, Nettie fell in love with the town when she attended camp at Camp Cedar Crest. They raised four children in the Orange school system and now are the proud grandparents of four.

Nettie joined The Garden Club of Orange in 2000. At the time she already knew most of the club members! She took chairmanship in various committees and became President of The Garden Club of Orange from 2009 to 2011. Nettie initiated and chaired the very successful "Home for the Holiday" House Tour from 2002 to 2012 for The Garden Club of Orange. She was honored with a Life Membership from The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. in 2011.

Besides The Garden Club of Orange, Nettie was active with the Orangewood Woman's Club, and served as its Presi-



Nettie Bartocetti [photo by Deena Driscoll]

dent. She is currently the newly elected President of the Women's Guild at Holy Infant Church. She also serves as Alter Flower Chairperson. She is active with the Republican Town Committee and a member of the Orange Arts Council.

We, The Garden Club of Orange members, are looking forward to celebrate her Living Treasure Award on May 15, 2015 at the Annual Pasta Festa Dinner!

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CALLED TO TAKE 'PROM PROMISE'

By Bettina Thiel - Orange Town News Correspondent

Amity High School students are being challenged to take a "Prom Promise" and enjoy the upcoming prom without drugs or alcohol. "If one kid thinks twice (before engaging in unsafe behavior) the initiative is worth the energy and time and resources we put into it," said Joe Ferraiolo, Amity parent and area general manager for Frontier Communications, one of the corporate sponsors.

Ferraiolo and KC 101's Adam Rivers came out to the Amity High School cafeteria April 7, where they entertained the crowd with popular hit music during lunch, while encouraging students to sign up for the prom promise on KC 101.com. Several local students' comments were blended into that afternoon's programs, with comments such as "I don't need to do drugs or to have alcohol to have fun".

Principal Dr. Charles Britton reminded students that every student has to take a breathalyzer test before they enter the party, standard procedure for several years now. "Amity proms are awfully fun without alcohol," Britton said. The district's Junior Prom this year is coming up May 8 at Grassy Hill Country Club, the Senior Prom May 22 at the Omni in New Haven.

"The kids have learned to have fun" without ingesting substances, said

Coach Gary Lindgren, who is also an advisor for the SADD Club (Students Against Destructive Decisions). Both he and co-facilitator Joy Shane welcomed the initiative as a way to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, particularly when students are driving to the event. "We want to remind all students to be taking measures to be safe when driving," Lindgren said.

The pledge reads as follows:

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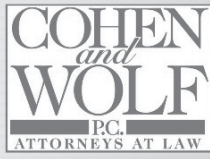
I pledge not to use alcohol or other drugs on prom night because I care about my friends, my family and myself.

I pledge to remain free from alcohol and other drugs, never drive under the influence or ride with an impaired driver;

And I agree that I will always wear a seat belt.

For Ferraiolo it's an issue that is close to his heart. His son is a senior this year, and his daughter a sophomore. "It's a commitment they make with themselves," Ferraiolo said. "That has more power than anything we can do as parents. They are choosing to be safe."

Frontier and KC 101 are cooperating in this initiative to get the word out and remind students of the challenge. The school with the highest percentage of participants will win a \$2,000 prize.



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MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATING "THE BEATLES"

On August 15, 1965, The Beatles performed their historic first concert at Shea Stadium which paved the way for stadium concerts for the next fifty years. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of this famous event, Liverpool Productions has announced that this year's Fab 4 Music Festival will be on that exact date - August 15.

The event has announced its first two headliners, THE HOFNERS and THE BLUE MEANIES.

The Hofners are one of America's foremost Beatles Tribute Shows, complete with costumes, instruments, harmonies and, of course, the musical sound of The Beatles. The Hofners feature Connecticut's Mike "Ringo" Streeto on drums, who is one of the finest drummers playing live. The Hofners played last year's festival, recreating The Beatles Ed Sullivan Show song-list from 1964, and this year they are recreating the entire Shea Stadium concert with some other surprises from the year 1965.

The Blue Meanies are one of the most popular and versatile tribute bands on the East Coast, having performed high-profile tributes to The Beatles, The Monkees and Beach Boys. The New York/New Jersey-based Meanies, who have been performing together since 1984, are renowned for their energetic and fun tribute shows. They have played venues, festivals and concerts from NY to Liverpool, including Abbey Road On The River. This is their first-ever appearance at this festival for Beatles fans and lovers of British Rock music.

The popular New York/New England regional Beatles-themed festival, also known as "Danbury Fields Forever" is a family-friendly Music, Foods & Arts Festival now in its fourth year, and will feature 10 bands playing the music of The Beatles, their solo material and songs from the sixties. It will all "come together" from noon until 8pm that Saturday at Ives Concert Park in Danbury, Connecticut.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of The Beatles' Shea Concert, advance "Ticket to Ride" admissions to the Fab 4 Music Festival are only \$19.65. There are also V.I.P. tickets available and hotel packages. Discounted early-bird advance tickets are now on sale; admission will be higher at the door. Advance ticket available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beatles-music-festival-2015>.

Ives Concert Park is located at 43 Lake Avenue Extension on the campus of Western CT State University in Danbury, CT. Along with the great entertainment (line-up to be announced), there will be more Beatle and memorabilia dealers & vendors, exhibitors, attractions, kid-friendly activities, along with a large variety of food options available. Featured artist is "Shannon" of The Shannon Gallery, is one of the world's most famous rock & roll artists.

For guests staying overnight, there are reduced-rate special hotel packages which include accommodations and breakfast. There is also a festival after-party on Saturday night at the hotel.

"Danbury Fields Forever IV" on Saturday, August 15, 2015, is presented by Liverpool Productions, the same company that presented "NYC FAB 50: The Beatles' 50th Anniversary Celebration" in New York City last February, and have produced the Connecticut Beatles Conventions since 1978. They also organize 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 and Gary Theroux of RewoundRadio.com as Special Guest MCs.

With a full day of fab 4 fun, 10 bands and music in the air, as The Beatles sang, "It's Guaranteed to Raise a Smile". For further info, visit website www.Fab4MusicFestival.com or call (203) 795-4737.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH COMMUNITY TAG SALE

The Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Groups of the Orange Congregational Church will sponsor its Annual Community Tag Sale on Saturday, May 9, 2015 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the Orange Town Green on Orange Center Road.

A space can be rented for \$25.00 (with table provided - \$30.00) by calling the Orange Congregational Church Office at 203-795-9749. Coffee and donuts will be on sale by the Youth



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Group as well as hot dogs and soda. If it rains, the Tag Sale will be held on May 16th.

ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

With the long winter days over, members of the Orange Congregational Church are thinking summer and are in full swing preparing for their 7th annual Strawberry Festival. The Festival is June 13 from 9AM to 5PM at the Orange Fairgrounds. The rain date is June 14. Admission and parking are free.

The volunteers are planning for all the strawberry treats that take center stage at the Festival when the strawberry is "king for the day". Shortcakes, jams, pies, chocolate dipped strawberries and sundaes will be ready for the hungry fair crowd to purchase and enjoy. These strawberry treats sell out quickly. Delicious Festival food will be available throughout the day.

Many of the popular family attractions will return this June. The Red Car Show will be on the Fairgrounds from 10AM to 3PM. Red cars and trucks of all vintages are welcomed.



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The cost is \$10 per car and there is no cut-off date to enter. For details of the car show, contact gecat99@aol.com or call (203)799-6748. Musical entertainment, children's games, face painting and rides are scheduled throughout the day.

Vendor applications are still being accepted. Last year the Festival had more than 70 vendor booths with displays by artists, handcrafters, local business owners, and antique dealers. Applications are available on the church website at www.orangecongregational-church.org or call (203)795-9749.

LANDWIRTH LECTURE

Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange will hold its annual Landwirth Lecture, "Hollywood's Portrayal of the Jew," on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 2 P.M. Did you know that the first "talkie" was a Jewish film? Did you know that most of Hollywood's founders were Jews? Did you know that Hollywood's portrayal of the Jew has evolved dramatically over the past 100 years?

Please join us as our featured speaker, Dr. Eric A. Goldman uses thought-provoking film clips to retell the American Jewish story through cinema. Dr. Goldman received a Ph.D. in Cinema Studies from New York University. He is Adjunct Professor of Cinema at Yeshiva University. Dr. Goldman is founder and president of Ergo Media, a video publishing company specializing in Jewish and Israeli video. Widely



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known as a captivating educator, he has served as a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Eric Goldman has written extensively on the Jewish experience in film. His most recent book, "The American Jewish Story Through Cinema," published in 2013 by University of Texas Press, has garnered critical acclaim. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the Landwirth Family Fund.

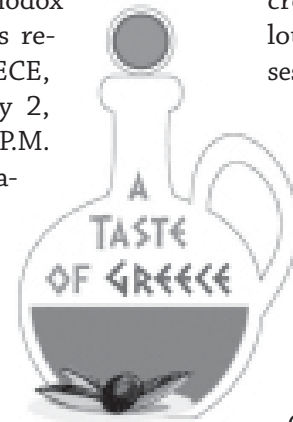
SAINT BARBARA GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church announced details regarding A TASTE OF GREECE, to be held Saturday, May 2, 2015, 11:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

This one-day food festival features our mouthwatering Greek cuisine. Held in the Social Hall of the beautiful Byzantine-style Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church, A TASTE OF GREECE offers a sampling of our well known dishes and desserts.

A TASTE OF GREECE includes:

- Classic Greek cuisine – Avgolemeno Soup (egg lemon), Greek Salad, Spanakopita (spinach pie), Tiropita (cheese pie), Gyro, Pork Souvlaki, Lamb dinner, Pastitsio (Greek style lasagna), Greek style roasted Chicken
- Greek Pastries (glyka) – Baklava (layers of nuts and filo, drenched in syrup), Kourabiedes (shortbread dusted with powdered sugar), Ekmek Kataifi (shredded filo topped with custard, sweet



cream, and almonds), Koulorakia (braided cookie with sesame seeds) and Revani (moist almond and honey cake).

- Wine and Beer will be available.
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Hours are 11 AM to 8 PM on Saturday, 5/2/2015. FREE ADMISSION and FREE PARKING (on-site). For more information, call 203-795-1347 or visit www.saintbarbara.org

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Orange Congregational Church - 205 Meeting House Lane, Orange, invites you to come to one of our two weekly Sunday Worship Services at 8 a.m. in the Chapel or 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Also, our Pilgrim Fellowship will be holding a Tag Sale on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on the Town Green. If you wish to rent a space with a table, the cost is \$30. A space without a table is \$25. Please call Esther Wilson at the church office (203-795-9749) to



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sign-up. Donations for the Pilgrim Fellowship's Tag Sale table can be dropped off at the church after April 29. Sell your own priceless treasures or come and find new ones!

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“MY MOTHER TOLD ME...”

By Roberta L Nestor

Mother's always know best, but yet we still question some of the advice given to us by our mom's. Especially when it sounds crazy and old-fashioned. Here are some interesting topics involving mom's financial advice.

“My mother told me that I need a pre-nuptial agreement before I get married, I think she's crazy! She went on to say, “I am 29 years old and getting married in a few months, my fiancé and I both own the house and we each have our own 401k plans. I don't have anything to hide from my future husband!”

“How much money is in your 401k?” the advisor asks. “Only about \$100,000” says the bride to be.

Aside from the \$100,000 being considered substantial savings for a young woman, think about its potential value 36 years from now. If she never contributed another penny to her 401k plan, and it earned a hypothetical 5% a year, it could be worth over \$600,000 when she turns 65. Remember, CT is one of the 41 states where assets are divided equally in a divorce.

However, pre-nuptials are often viewed in a very negative light, especially if it is for a young couple who will be celebrating their first marriage. Perhaps Mom is insistent because she has a sizable nest egg she only wants you to inherit. When there is money involved, a pre-nuptial should be discussed...together...alone as a couple...not with Mom or Dad, and certainly not individually with an attorney. Many marriages fail or thrive because of financial issues. Telling your future husband you already went to see an attorney for a pre-nup will not go over well with your fiancé or his family.

“My mother told me I should be contributing to my retirement plan at work. I just got my first job after college and she insists I contribute to the company's 401k plan. I have college loans to pay off and can't afford to save anything right now!”

Mom is right on this one, especially if your employer matches your 401k contribution. For example, if you contribute 3% of your pay, they will contribute 3% as well. That is a gift! If you

are single, and not a home-owner and perhaps living at home – now is the time to save! Also consider that the individual tax rate for incomes between \$37,450 and \$90,750 is 25%. Contributing to the 401k will give you immediate tax benefits and help you save for your future.

“My mother told me I need to buy more life insurance. My husband and I are both 32 and just bought our dream home. My mom keeps bugging me about it. She knows we both have life insurance at work, but she says it's not enough.”

The life insurance coverage you have at work is generally based on 1 or 2 times your salary, and only valid if you continue to stay with your current employer. If you lose or change jobs, your new employer may not even offer life insurance options. Also consider the amount of insurance, would 2 times a spouse's salary pay off the mortgage? Even if it did, what about income replacement? Being young and in good health is another reason. Insurability is a key factor these days and underwriting with life insurance companies is more stringent than ever. One's health can change quickly and if providing a home, having children and ultimately putting them through college is in the picture, additional life insurance can't hurt.

As always, Moms know best!

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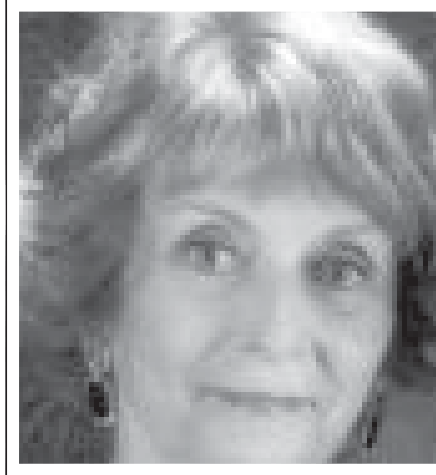
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(library only). SATURDAYS, 10AM - 1PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR 2015: May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5.

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

DEATH NOTICES



Donna Polverari Marino

Donna Polverari Marino, 67, of New Haven, beloved wife of James G. Marino Jr. passed away on April 14, 2014 in Hartford Hospital. Loving mother of Deana (Joseph) Faiella of

East Haven, and James G. (Marybeth) Marino III of North Haven. Grandmother of Giovanna and Joseph Faiella and Gianna Marino. Sister of Linda Langella of West Haven. Donna was born in New Haven on May 30, 1947 daughter of the late Louis and Julia Apuzzo Polvarari. At the time of her death, Donna was employed by Primary Residential Mortgage of Guilford as a Reverse Mortgage Specialist. Her funeral arrangements were handled by the Porto Funeral Home, 830 Jones Hill Road, West Haven. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Aedan's Church with Interment followed in Beaverdale Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway Suite 2700 N.Y. 10006. Sign Donna's guest book online at www.portofuneralhomes.net.

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EXPLORE THE WAYS TO SHOW YOU CARE THIS MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is the one day each year when men, women and children across the country gather to honor the mothers in their lives. Though it can be challenging to find new and unique ways to display your affection for Mom on Mother's Day, rest assured that sometimes the simplest concepts are the ones mothers most appreciate. This year, look no further than the following ideas for some inspiration as you aim to make this Mother's Day as special as possible for the mother or mothers in your life.

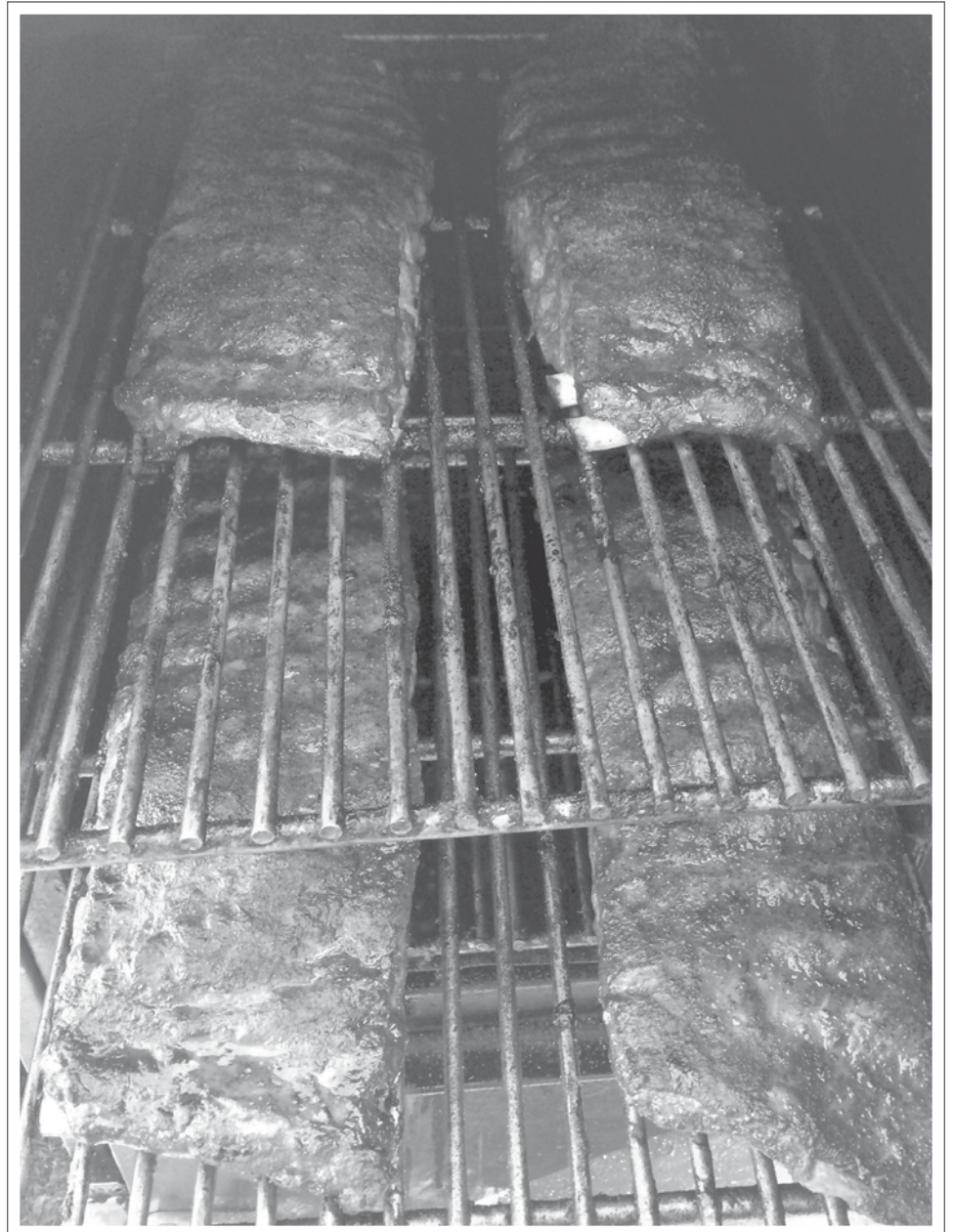
Give the gift of sweet treats. What better way to highlight mom's sweetness than with some delicious treats made just for her? Whether you decide to whip up some homemade confections in the kitchen or visit a nearby store for something decadent, mom will no doubt appreciate the chance to indulge on her big day. Moms who prefer cookies and portable snacks will no doubt enjoy Pocky and Péjoy biscuit sticks. These tasty snacks from Gilco are dipped or filled with popular flavors, such as chocolate and strawberry, and are now available with green tea cream. Pair with a cup of tea, coffee or whichever beverage mom prefers to complement her favorite treat. Pocky is available in most grocery stores, and can typically be found in the Asian food section.

Make a meal to remember. Mom deserves a night off from dinner detail, and while dining out is an option, a homemade meal may come across as more intimate and heartfelt. Thanks to

kitchen appliances that make it easier than ever to prepare gourmet meals at home, you can now make restaurant-style meals in your kitchen without sacrificing restaurant-quality taste. For example, new tacook Rice Cookers from Tiger Corporation do more than just perfectly steam rice. They also incorporate synchro-cooking to cook two different items at once. Present mom with her favorite Asian-inspired poultry-and-rice dish or use the cooker to easily bake bread or steam a side of vegetables. Pair the meal with her favorite wine and make sure you handle all the cleanup.

While mom waits for dinner to be served, a soothing cup of tea can set the tone for a relaxing evening. The Tiger Hot Water Kettle boils water in seconds. With three temperature settings and a de-chlorination cycle for removing chemical tastes and odors, the kettle allows mom to quickly enjoy a cup of her favorite brew. These kitchen essentials are available at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

Plan a Mother's Day picnic. Busy moms may look forward to a break from the bustle of daily routines. An afternoon picnicking outdoors can be the ideal way to enjoy a special Mother's Day. Plan an easy menu of foods that have portability. It's easy to transport hot or cold foods when you have Tiger Stainless Steel Thermal Wares on hand. A refreshing fruit salad can be kept cool for about 8 hours. If mom prefers pasta primavera, the thermal container can keep it warm and ready until it's time to enjoy.



“BBQ” continued from Page 3

work and a six year-old son are demanding on their time. Ted is employed by iHeartMedia writing radio news copy for the 24/7 News Source wire service. “I work from home which allows me to work on recipes while working!” he says.

Sheila works as a benefit analyst for an insurance company in Stamford called CISI that handles youth exchange policies. When the two aren’t working at their ‘real’ jobs, they’re working side by side in the kitchen, creating new recipes and perfecting flavors. “I could go on for hours about what I really think winning BBQ is all about. But to simplify it, you need to create a tender product with balanced flavors that looks great in the turn-in box. I have also learned that I have to cook what the judges like, which is not

necessarily what I prefer myself. This took a long time for me to beat into my head,” Lorson says.

“I first had BBQ ribs at a place in New York City as a kid, but really began embracing BBQ culture when I went to college at the University of Alabama and tried Dreamland Ribs for the first time. I also went to Ridgewood BBQ in Bluff City, Tenn., in 1990, another legendary BBQ spot,” Lorson says.

The couple cooked their first contest in 2006, ‘almost as a goof,’ according to Lorson, and took 2nd place brisket and 3rd overall. “At our second contest in New Hampshire a month later we won grand champions and have been cooking ever since. Things didn’t take off for us until 2012 and we have won seven grand championships since then,” he said.

“We would love to do something to make our food available in Orange or

somewhere close by, but Sheila and I both have jobs and a six-year old son named Max so it would take an unbelievable opportunity for us to launch a risky business venture like a restaurant. But maybe a food truck of some kind might be possible in the short term,” Lorson says. When time allows, the couple caters parties and dinners.

This year, the Lorsons are offering people the opportunity to join the team through the Competition BBQ Tailgate Experience: Want to experience a professional BBQ event, but just want to show up and eat world class BBQ? Up to ten people will have their own private party within our site, enjoying our world class BBQ right as it comes off the smoker.

Q Haven is also offering an Embedded Class with four students who will actually cook at a real Kansas City BBQ Society competition event with

the team. “At many competition BBQ classes students are left asking ‘is that really everything they do in contests?’ There will not be any question whether or not the ingredients or processes we are using are the real thing because you will witness it all, from setup to meat prep, smoker management and the preparation of turn in boxes. You will share in our success at the awards ceremony, or help coddle our bruised egos if we don’t have a successful event,” Lorson says. Contact Ted Lorson for more information, pricing and availability at tedlorson@gmail.com.

The couple will be competing in Rochester, NY, May 23-24 and at Mohegan Sun’s Sun BBQ Fest June 13-14 (also vending at this event!). For a complete list of events Q Haven will be participating in, visit the company’s web site at <http://tedlorson.wix.com/qhaven-bbq>, or follow them on Facebook.

Happy
Mother's Day



From all of us at the
Orange Town News

ENTERTAINMENT

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Furious 7 (PG-13)**
Vin Diesel, Paul Walker
- 2. Home (PG)**
animated
- 3. Get Hard (R)**
Will Ferrell, Kevin Hart
- 4. Cinderella (PG)**
Lily James, Cate Blanchett
- 5. Insurgent (PG-13)**
Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort
- 6. It Follows (R)**
Maika Monroe, Keir Gilchrist
- 7. Woman in Gold (PG-13)**
Helen Mirren, Ryan Reynolds
- 8. Kingsman: The Secret Service (R)**
Colin Firth, Taron Egerton
- 9. Do You Believe? (PG-13)**
Mira Sorvino, Sean Astin
- 10. The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)**
Judi Dench, Maggie Smith

TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. Unbroken (PG-13)**
Jack O'Connell
- 2. The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13)**
Ian McKellen
- 3. Into the Woods (PG)**
Anna Kendrick
- 4. Annie (PG)**
Quvenzhané Wallis
- 5. Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence
- 6. Big Hero 6 (PG)**
animated
- 7. Top Five (R)**
Chris Rock
- 8. Horrible Bosses 2 (R)**
Jason Bateman
- 9. Foxcatcher (R)**
Steve Carell
- 10. St. Vincent (PG-13)**
Bill Murray

CHART BUSTERS

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Mark Ronson feat. Bruno Mars**
"Uptown Funk!"
- 2. Maroon 5**
"Sugar"
- 3. Ed Sheeran**
"Thinking Out Loud"
- 4. Ellie Goulding**
"Love Me Like You Do"
- 5. The Weeknd**
"Earned It (Fifty Shades of Grey)"
- 6. Fetty Wap**
"Trap Queen"
- 7. Taylor Swift**
"Style"
- 8. Rihanna & Kanye West & Paul McCartney**
"FourFiveSeconds"
- 9. Flo Rida feat. Sage The Gemini & Lookas**
"G.D.F.R."
- 10. Natalie La Rose feat. Jeremih**
"Somebody"



Action Bronson

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Sam Hunt**
"Take Your Time"
- 2. Zac Brown Band**
"Homegrown"
- 3. Little Big Town**
"Girl Crush"
- 4. Cole Swindell**
"Ain't Worth the Whiskey"
- 5. Chris Young**
"Lonely Eyes"
- 6. Lee Brice**
"Drinking Class"
- 7. Darius Rucker**
"Homegrown Honey"
- 8. Dierks Bentley**
"Say You Do"
- 9. Tyler Farr**
"Guy Walks Into a Bar"
- 10. A Thousand Horses**
"Smoke"



Paddington

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of April 27, 2015.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Paddington" (PG) -- Alone in London, wandering about with a big floppy hat and raincoat over his fuzzy fur, a talking bear fails to grab much attention, even though he's the incarnation of everything adorable. The bear is taken in by the Brown family, who name him Paddington after the station where they found him. Stern-but-loving dad (Hugh Bonneville) and

open-hearted mom (Sally Hawkins) give Paddington a temporary home while finding him permanent residence and avoiding a conniving taxidermist (Nicole Kidman). Those who have read the books -- or had the books read to them -- will be relieved to find that this actually is a decent, charming movie. It's not stupid, it has great visual style, tons of puns and a love for the character.

"The Wedding Ringer" (R) -- An awkward, sweaty, fidgety guy, Doug (Josh Gad), is about to marry way out of his league (Kaley Cuoco-Sweeting), but he's got no best man, and no groomsmen at all to match his bride's side. In comes Jimmy (Kevin Hart), who sells best-man services. For the right price, he'll be your best man, the life of the party, and make you look good. Hart and Gad are both real comedic talents, feeding into characters, each within their comfort zones -- but the chemistry isn't happening. You'll laugh, certainly, but this isn't the new must-see wedding-related guy comedy.

"The Gambler" (R) -- An English professor and hardcore gambler, Jim Bennett (Mark Wahlberg), is an expert at putting it all on the line. Jim is in trouble with Bank of Mom (Jessica Lange) after he runs up huge debts with the boss (Alvin Ing) of the local gambling den. Not getting the message, Jim takes a huge loan from the kind of guy you don't borrow money from (Michael K. Williams), and then wades deeper into the gambling underworld. As a remake of the James Caan original from the '70s, Wahlberg's turn just doesn't match up in style. He commits to his macho man on a mission, but what's the mission? There's not much substance in his self-destruction.

1. What were the last names of the British duo that had a hit with "A World Without Love"?
2. What year did "Love Is Here and Now You're Gone" hit No. 1 on the charts, and who released it?
3. Name the rock group whose fifth album was titled "Selling England by the Pound."
4. Who released "New York Groove" in 1975?
5. What is the American name of the song whose lyrics mostly consist of: "Wee-ooh wim-o-weh, wee-ooh wim-o-weh."



1. Asher and Waller ... aka Peter & Gordon. Asher's sister once dated Paul McCartney, who wrote a few of P&G's hits, such as "Nobody I Know."
2. The Supremes in 1967. They performed the song on the Andy Williams show, which launched the song up the charts in the next two weeks.
3. Genesis, in 1973.
4. British group Hello.
5. "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," released in 1961 by The Tokens. Alternately known as "Wimba Way," "Awimabawe," "Wimoweh" and "Mbube," the song was originally written in Zulu. Numerous folk artists put their own spin on it over the years, including The Weavers and The Kingston Trio.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

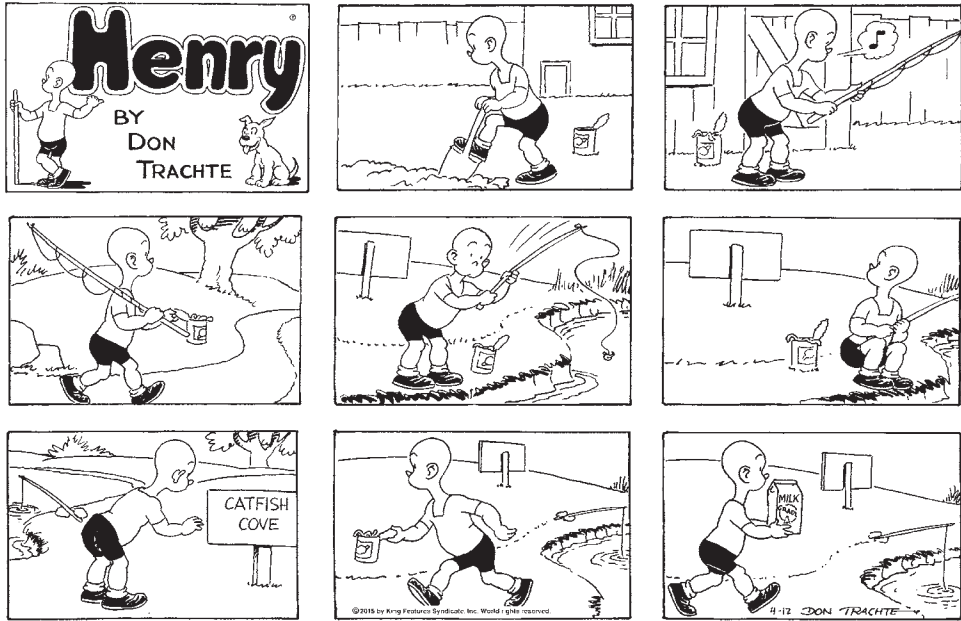
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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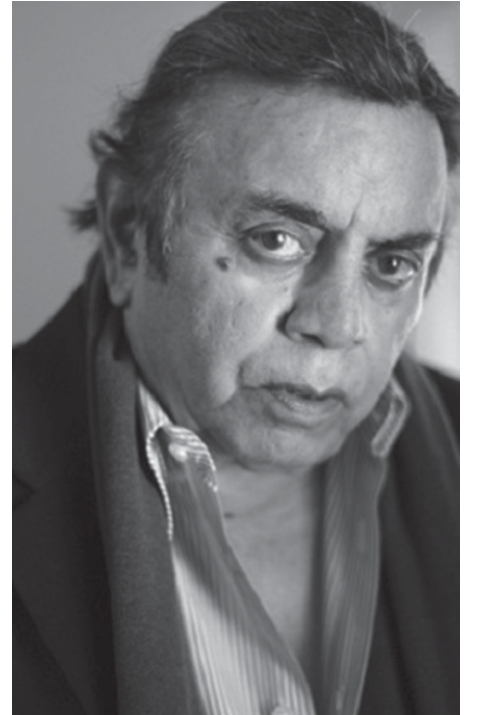
By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Producers Craig Zadan and Neil Meron will "Ease on Down the Road" on Dec. 3 with "The Wiz," their third NBC live holiday production following "The Sound of Music" and "Peter Pan." These guys like taking risks: They were criticized for using novice actress Carrie Underwood in "The Sound of Music Live," and Allison Williams, instead of a young boy, to play Peter Pan. Carrie Underwood's ratings were a lot higher than Williams'.

The 1975 stage production of "The Wiz" ran for four years on Broadway, winning seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical. The 1978 film boasted Diana Ross as Dorothy, Michael Jackson as the Scarecrow and Lena Horne as Glinda the Good Witch, and was directed by four-time Oscar nominee Sidney Lumet. Still, it cost \$24 million to produce and earned a disappointing \$21 million at the box office.

Ran into veteran Peabody Award-winning actor Shelly Desai as he was preparing to fly to New York for the premiere of his new film, "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2." The sequel to the 2009 movie was produced by Kevin James with Adam Sandler and Todd Garner, written with Nick Bakay, and stars "SNL" alum Molly Shannon, Neal McDonough and "Wizards of Waverly Place's" David Henrie.

You may remember the Bombay native from "Thelma and Louise," "Toys" with Robin Williams and "Here Comes the Boom" with Kevin James, Salma Hayek and Henry Winkler. After watching the rushes of "Boom," James called Shelly to say how funny he was. He must have thought of him when



Shelly Desai

he wrote the "Blart" sequel, because Shelly plays a mall cop alongside James. Desai also gets stopped on the street by people who recognize him from "Curb your Enthusiasm" and "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

What does it mean for a film if its stars or the picture win an Academy Award? Here's your Oscar report card: Eddie Redmayne's win for Best Actor drove his \$15 million "Theory of Everything" to \$119 million at the box office. Julianne Moore's nod as Best Actress in the \$5 million low-budget film "Still Alice" took in \$23.8 million. Patricia Arquette's Oscar for Supporting Actress drove "Boyhood" from \$4 million to \$44.5 million, while J.K. Simmons Best Supporting Actor win in the \$3.3 million "Whiplash" scored \$33 million. "Birdman's" win for Best Picture drove it from its \$16.5 million budget all the way up to \$99.5 million. Which only goes to prove that winning an Oscar turns more things into gold than James Bond's "Goldfinger"!

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- 1 Sort
- 4 Wagerers' site (Abbr.)
- 7 PC shortcut
- 12 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 13 "7 Faces of Dr. —"
- 14 Garden invader
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- 58 Stab
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- 11 Praise in verse
- 17 Recognize
- 21 Polish money
- 23 Viennese dance
- 24 90-degree angle
- 25 School grp.
- 26 Your
- 28 Ram's mate
- 30 Dine
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- 32 Storefront sign abbr.
- 33 Knock
- 36 Boot attachment
- 37 "Twelfth Night" countess
- 40 Farewell
- 42 Unsuitable
- 43 Niamey's nation
- 44 Magnificence
- 45 Leading man?
- 46 Snitch
- 48 Young fellow
- 49 Playwright Levin
- 50 "Kidding!"
- 51 Ostrich's cousin

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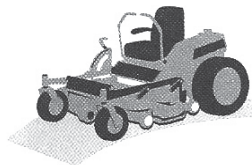
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Al-Anon Meeting, Monday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30am, Holy Infant Church Hall, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange; a support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics. For more information, contact www.ct-al-anon.org.

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.

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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 7:30pm, HPCC conference room, 525 Orange Center Road, public is invited to attend. For more information, email Orangerecycles@gmail.com. Beginning August, meetings will be held every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm except for October which will be held on October 14, 2014.

Elm City Kennel Club General Meetings, third Wednesday of each month, except during July and August, 7:30pm, Paws'N Effect, 36 Corporate Ridge Drive (off Sherman Avenue), Hamden. For more information, contact New Member Coordinators Gary Wilson, at 203-996-2245 (gwilson86@comcast.net) or Maureen Anderson, at 203-430-5229 (maureenanderson@snet.net). Next meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Refreshments will be served. Our April meeting will include a program on AKC Dog Shows 101.

Blood Pressure Clinic presented by Gentiva & Maplewood of Orange, 1st Thursday of every month, Maplewood of Orange, 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-

2:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

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

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

Love To Crochet, Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild, a non-profit group of enthusiastic crocheters meet monthly, NO FEES, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange CT, 203-891-2170 (library only), Saturdays, 10:00am-1:00pm, May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1, September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5. Website: www.hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/. Email us at HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com.

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Orange Land Trust Cries "WOLF!", Thursday, May 28, 2015, 7:00pm, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, hosting Atka, an Arctic Gray Wolf from the Wolf Conservation Center of South Salem, NY (www.nywolf.org), free and open to the public, refreshments. For information about The Orange Land Trust, visit our website at www.orangectlandtrust.org.

Beth-El Center "Light Up the Harbor" Spring Gala Fundraiser, Saturday, May 30, 2015, from 6:00pm-11:00pm, Milford Yacht Club, 131 Trumbull Avenue, Milford, CT, enjoy dinner, music, entertainment and both live and silent auctions, FoxCT Morning News Anchor Tim Lammers returns as the event's emcee. Tickets \$100/per person. For sponsorship opportunities or tickets, visit www.bethelmilford.org or call 203.876.0747.

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By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse Association is hosting a fundraiser golf tournament Monday, June 8. All proceeds will go towards field development which is underway at the Fred Wolfe Park.

The event takes place at Orange Hills Country Club on Racebrook Rd. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 7 a.m. with an 8 a.m. shotgun start – scramble format. Soft spikes and appropriate golf apparel are required.

Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse Founder Bill McNeil expects the event to be a day filled with fun and friendly competi-

tion. Lunch will be provided for each golfer on the course and dinner and a raffle will follow. Prizes will be given to the First, Second and Third Place Teams as well as the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. The tournament will also feature a Hole-in-One Contest.

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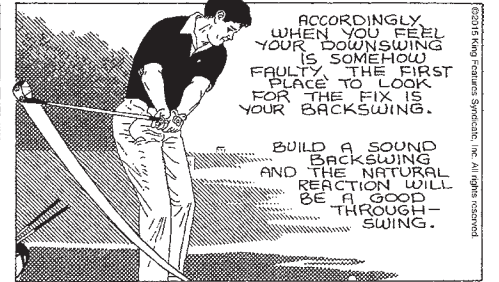
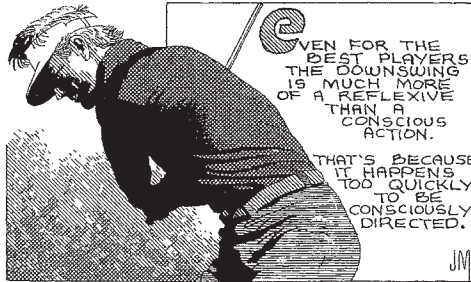
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Last year's race was a huge success with over 300 participants. As a result, the RBS PTA raised over \$8,000 with the help of many generous supporters. Race committee members are actively reaching out to valued members of the Orange community for sponsorships and donations. All funds raised will be used to enhance both educational and

fitness activities for students at Race Brook School.

The race course is USATF certified and prizes will be awarded to the first male and female finisher in each age group. The Kids' Fun Run will take place on the track behind the school, and all kids will receive a ribbon to acknowledge their participation.

All participants will be entered into the post-race raffle for some great prizes. In keeping with the 'Rockin' theme, the event will also feature music at the finish line and along the race course.

Anyone interested in running the 5K, walking two miles for fitness, or participating in the Kids' Fun Run can visit the event website at www.racebrookrockinroadrace.com, check out the event Facebook page at Race Brook's Rockin' Road Race or send an email to RaceBrook5K@gmail.com. Online registration is available at www.hitekracing.com.



Returning to work after several months of maternity leave is a difficult yet manageable transition working mothers must make.

TIPS FOR MOTHERS RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE

Returning from maternity leave can be challenging for any mother, but it can be especially difficult for first-time mothers, many of whom spend the vast majority of their maternity leaves with newborn babies in hand. While the challenge of returning from maternity leave can be considerable, working mothers can take steps to ensure the transition goes as smoothly as possible.

Find trustworthy child care. Mothers' biggest concerns when returning from maternity leave tend to center around child care. It can be quite a nerve-wracking leap to leave a young child in someone else's care for the first time, but working parents must find someone to care for their children while they are at work. Start looking as soon as possible, asking physicians, family members, friends, and neighbors for recommendations. Insist on references from any potential caregivers, and don't hesitate to find a new care provider if your initial choice does not pan out.

Adjust your breastfeeding schedule. As the end of maternity leave nears, mothers can adjust their breastfeeding schedules so babies grow accustomed to nursing during hours when their mothers will be home and not at the office. Some companies have on-site child care, and mothers who can take advantage of such programs should establish an on-site breastfeeding schedule and let their bosses know at which points during the day they will be visiting the on-site child care facility to breastfeed.

Inquire about telecommuting. The idea of telecommuting might have

been a topic better broached before you went on maternity leave, but it's never too late to inquire. Some companies embrace telecommuting while others are more hesitant to allow employees to work from home. Find out which category your company falls into, or if bosses are willing to meet you in the middle ground and enable you to work from home one or two days per week. Telecommuting can make the transition back to work a little easier, and it can save you substantial amounts of money on child care as well.

Address any uncomfortable feelings. Returning from maternity leave often stirs feelings of guilt or sadness. If you develop such feelings, speak openly about them with your significant other and/or speak to fellow working mothers who can often offer support and share their own stories about returning from maternity leave.

Cut back on your commitments. Before you became a mother, you might have been the type of employee who was never afraid to take on a new project no matter how much was already on your plate. Now you may have to make adjustments. Avoid taking on any additional work as you get used to being a working mother. Once you grow accustomed to your new schedule and being both a professional and a mother, then you can start taking on additional commitments if you feel you can swing it.

Returning from maternity leave is a challenge working mothers must face. But those who start to think about their transitions back to the office sooner rather than later will be better prepared to handle such a unique experience

ARTS & LEISURE

ORANGE PLAYERS' PRESENT BROADWAY BOUND

Come and see the Orange Players' production of Neil Simon's Broadway Bound. Performances are Friday, May 8th at 8 p.m. and Saturday May 9th at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. @ High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road in Orange, CT. For tickets please call the box office at 203.988.5335, email Orangeplayers.sales@gmail.com, or use our PayPal link on the tickets page. Tickets are \$20 each. Cabaret-style seating. Bring your own munchies, food, and beverage of choice. No Set-ups will be provided. Only pre-paid tables of 8-10 people will be reserved.

The show is directed by Kevin Miller. Broadway Bound, one of the semi-autobiographical trilogy comedies by Neil Simon, is a warm and gently humorous play. Here we find Eugene and his older brother Stanley trying to break into the world of show business as professional

comedy writers while coping with their parents' break-up and eventual divorce. When their material is broadcast on the radio for the first time, the family is upset to hear a thinly-veiled portrait of them played for laughs and the fun begins.

Orange Players Summer General Membership Meeting

Mark your calendars - The Orange Players' Summer General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Rd., Orange, CT

Plan to come by to see old friends and meet new, be entertained, and hear about the Orange Players' plans for the upcoming fall.

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During our community helpers unit Orange Community Nursery School received visits from the Orange Police and Fire Departments. They learned a lot about what to do in an emergency and many safety tips. They were very excited to be able to get inside the police car and fire truck while the lights were on and hear the sirens and horns. We would like to thank them all for their service to the town of Orange and for taking the time to visit our school.

BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz



Emergency Preparation

By Richard and Vicki Horowitz

May 9 is National Animal Disaster Preparedness Day. Sometimes people get caught up in the chaos of a storm or emergency and forget to make preparations for their pets. To ensure the safety and well-being of you and your pet here are some storm/emergency preparation tips.

1. Before the Emergency

Planning ahead is the most important thing you can do for your pets if you must evacuate your home, but NEVER refuse to evacuate because of your pets. Below are tips to help you be prepared in the event of evacuation:

Research a safe place to take your pets because some public shelters, such as those operated by the American Red Cross, do not allow family pets. (Service dogs are an exception.)

- Ask friends, relatives or veterinarians that live inland if they are willing to shelter you and your pets.
- Look for pet-friendly facilities in your state. For a list of pet-friendly lodgings and their restrictions, check out www.petswelcome.com or www.pets-allowed-hotels.com.
- Make sure your pets are current on all their vaccinations.
- Have a recent photograph of you and your pets together to show proof of ownership in case you become separated.
- Whether you stay home or evacuate, put together a pet emergency kit. Items to consider keeping in or near your kit include:
 - Collar with tags and sturdy leash;
 - Any necessary medications (at least a two-week supply);
 - Photocopies of health records;
 - Secure, unbreakable, covered carrier (large enough that your pet can completely turn around);
 - Food and water bowls;
 - Recent photograph of you and your pets together;
 - Favorite toy (toys can help

reduce the stress of unfamiliar surroundings);

- Disposable trash bags or newspaper for clean-up; and
- Zipper storage bags for important papers, treats, toys, etc.

2. During the Emergency

Keep your pets calm during the emergency:

- If your pets show signs of anxiety, do NOT try to "comfort them." This will sound like praise to your pets and may increase their anxiety.
- Instead, the best thing you can do for your dog when he is feeling unsettled is to act as you normally would. By over-reassuring your dog or giving him an unusual amount of attention, you inadvertently can communicate to him that because you are acting differently, there must be something to worry about.
- Use that special "den" where your pets feel safe. A properly introduced crate or kennel (done ahead of time) can be a great den for them.
- Keep windows and curtains closed to reduce noises and bright flashes. The more we can reduce the noise and flashes the better your pets will cope.

3. After the Emergency

- Walk your pets on a leash until they become re-oriented to the area and your home.
- If you have lost your pet, contact the local animal control office to find out where lost animals can be recovered. Bring along a recent picture of your pet, if possible.

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.



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Salome's Stars

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

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

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

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

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

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Aspects favor moving carefully and deliberately when making any significant changes. Could be there are

more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush things.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things. Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for esthetic as well as economic reasons.

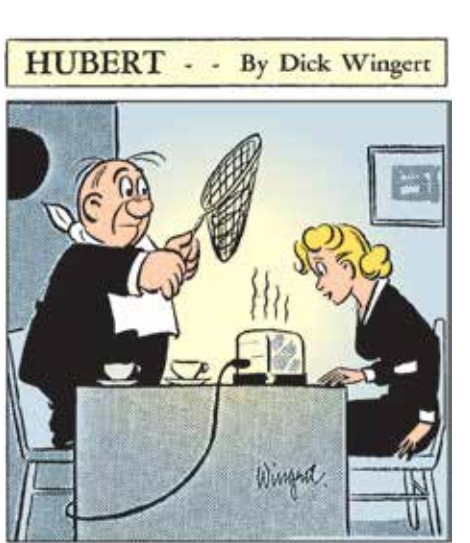
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that "too good to be true" offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.



"Tell the groundskeeper he did a great job getting it ready for today's opening game — except he forgot one little thing..."



"Here it comes."

top ten

Most responsive Companies

1. Google
2. Tesla
3. Warby Parker
4. Github
5. Dropbox
6. Apple
7. Netflix
8. LinkedIn
9. Square
10. Airbnb

Source: Undercurrent.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Pencil is missing. 2. Bunnet is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Can is smaller. 5. Picture is different. 6. Furnace is different.

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DOG MIGHT NOT NEED SURGERY

DEAR PAW'S CORNER:
My 13-year-old miniature poodle, "Dany," has the beginnings of cataracts. I don't want to put her through surgery. Are there drops or vitamins I can use instead? -- Mick, via email



DEAR MICK:
You'll need to consult Dany's veterinarian. However, if the vet will only consider surgery, you can get a second opinion.
Find out if a veterinary ophthalmologist is available in your area. This specialist can evaluate Dany's condition, confirm whether it is cataracts (there is at least one other condition that might be mistaken for cataracts) and recommend the next course of treatment.
According to Animal Eye Care, small cataracts can be somewhat common in older dogs. They may not

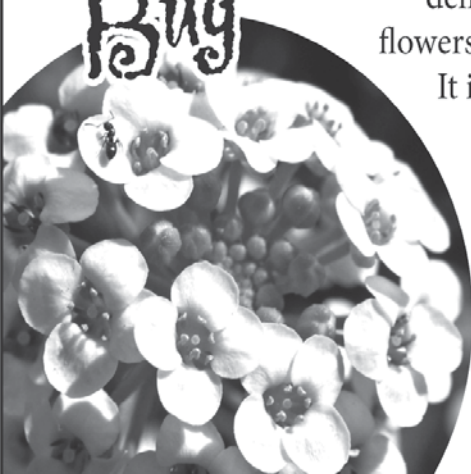
interfere with vision at all, and no medical treatment may be needed. While cataracts can't be reversed, you can make it more difficult for them to grow. The most important thing is to make sure Dany stays healthy. Senior-dog illnesses, especially diabetes, can affect her eyes and increase the risk of cataracts. So keep up with scheduled checkups, and make sure she eats a proper diet. If she's on medication, make sure she takes it.
Nutritional supplements that contain antioxidants reputedly help slow cataract development, and in fact, at least one eye-specific supplement, Ocu-Glo, is available by prescription from the vet. Avoid using supplements developed for humans, as other ingredients in them may not be good for dogs. Also, be wary of products that claim to reverse cataracts: Only surgery can get rid of them.

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

The Garden Bug

Sweet Alyssum

BY BRENDA WEAVER



This low-growing annual displays a delicate carpet of tiny, sweet-scented flowers for much of the growing season. It is very easy to grow from plant or seed and can be set out in early spring. It loves full sun, but it does not like long dry periods; in-ground plantings will need weekly watering and those in containers or baskets will need it even more frequently.

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