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## THE OUTSIDE LIVING BOX

Jeff Gitelman can trace his big break into the music industry as Alicia Keyes' lead guitarist to his lucky cell phone. The 27 year-old Orange native just released his first single with his own band; the latest step in a musical journey that actually began when an old friend left a message on his cell.



Laura Fantarella

It was the cell phone number he'd had while he was a student at Berkeley School of Music that he hadn't gotten around to changing, even though he was back home living in Connecticut. "I got the phone call while I was in rehearsal so I let it go to voice mail," Gitelman said. "But I checked the message during a break and what I heard made me jump in my car and head straight to Boston." The message said that R & B Grammy-award winner Lauryn Hill was in town auditioning lead guitarists for her band. "I got to her studio and stayed up for two days straight recording with Lauryn," Gitelman said. Gitelman was chosen from approximately 100 guitarists who also showed up for the audition. That gig eventually led to an invitation to join her live band in New York and travel to London with her.

With Hill on his resume, it wasn't long before other gigs started coming in, like playing with musical superstars Bobby Brown, David Bowie, and even 50-Cent before landing the job as Alicia Keyes' lead guitarist. "It was at the height of her career, so it was pretty amazing," he said. "I had the chance to play at the Super Bowl, the Nobel Peace Prize awards and the Grammys." He stayed with Keyes for



Jeff Gitelman poses with former President Bill Clinton at the Clinton Global Association where he performed with Alicia Keyes.

nearly four years before leaving in 2009 to play his own music, hoping to be in the spotlight instead of behind the star. "I had reached a point of success, but I need to go farther to see myself as an artist," Gitelman said of his decision to go on his own. "I have to take a risk and struggle again. Sometimes you have to take a step back to step forward. There's always an element of struggle. It's been a crazy ride so far and I still have many goals."

His band, "The Step-Kids," includes Connecticut natives Dan Edinber, Tim Walsh and Fred DiLeone. The group signed with an independent California record label and will release its first CD early this summer. They are currently busy opening for area acts at venues in Connecticut and around the country. Gitelman describes the band's music as "psychedelic soul, with jazz influences." Their live stage show has a touch of retro, reminiscent of the 1970s. The band, their instruments and the stage are completely white and psychedelic images are projected onto them as

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## Happy Mother's Day



### Orange Little Leaguers Set to "Play Ball"

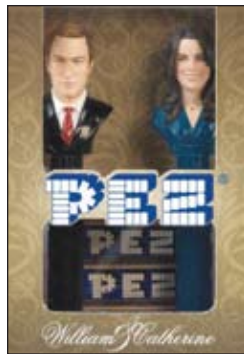
By Anne Buley - Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange Little Leaguers of all ages enjoyed the season's opening day on Saturday, April 30 which kicked off with opening ceremonies at the Old Tavern Road Complex, which includes five baseball and two softball fields that are the envy of much of the state. The snack bars are stocked, the uniforms are distributed, the fields are lined, and background checks are done. True, it's the start of games that will run well into June which does not include

("Play Ball" continued on page 8)

### Orange Corporation Joins "Royal Wedding Fever"

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent



The furor over the royal wedding of England's Prince William and Kate Middleton hit home recently when an Orange corporation was prompted to manufacture memorabilia of the historic event to raise money for charity. PEZ, an international corporation with headquarters on Prindle Hill and in Europe, was inspired to produce just one set of the likeness of the future king and his princess on a pair of its famous candy dispensers to be auctioned on Ebay. It was determined that all proceeds from the sale would benefit the Starlight Children's Foundation, an international charitable organi-

("PEZ" continued on page 9)

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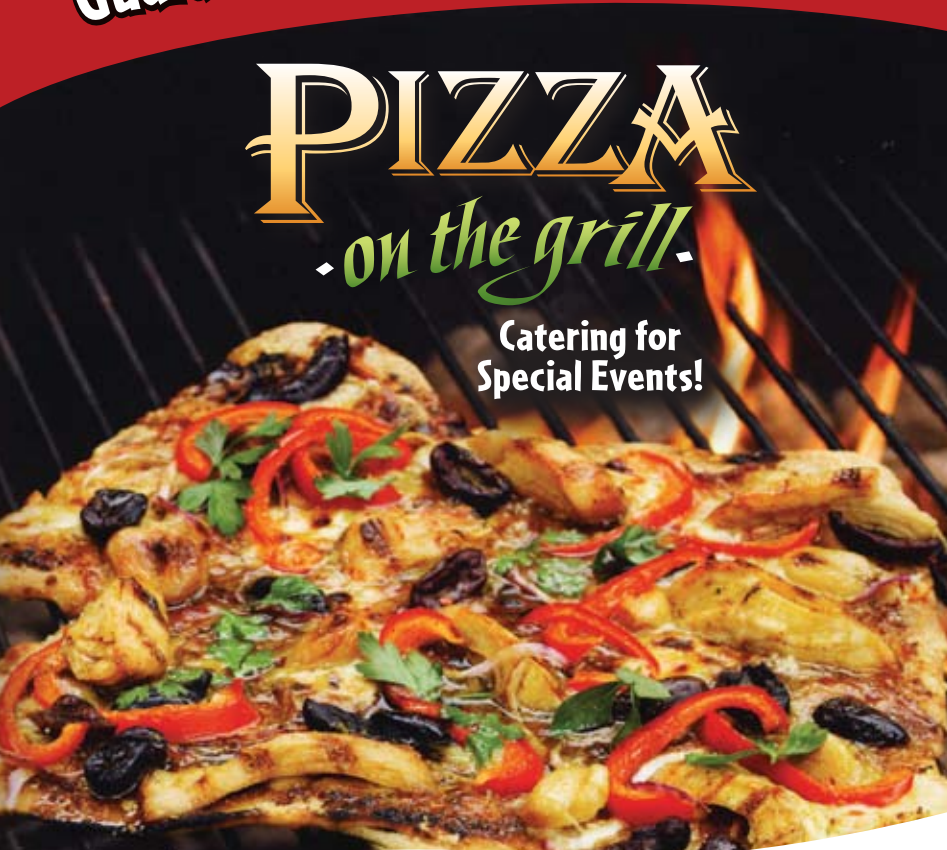
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<u>Upcoming Issue Deadline</u>	<u>Upcoming Issue Dates</u>
May 20th .....	( <i>Memorial Day issue</i> ) May 27th
June 10th.....	( <i>Fatherr's Day issue</i> ) June 17th

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

## FROM OUR READERS

### Base Hubbell Vote on Logic, Not Fear

How Hubbell will disassociate itself from the 377 acres and its yearly property tax obligation to the town is the focal point around which Hubbell has stirred anxiety within Orange. Hubbell may have anticipated that the challenges of this terrain would discourage private developer interest because it would be extremely costly to build on.

Someone must have suggested a large scale housing development proposal under the banner of the State's affordable housing laws to circumvent zoning regulations and get the land off its back at a handsome sum. Because the impact of high density housing could entail another school and expanded town services, Hubbell logically thought townspeople would begin to think "Let's buy it for open space." Sometimes fear makes people think irrationally.

I, too, am for open space. I look forward to the day when owners of flat fields of land, who have a genuine interest to preserve open space, come forward to sell. We must not sacrifice this opportunity because we previously misspent our money.

Orange already owns two tracts of "forest" open space land for hiking, nature exploration and habitat preservation—the Wepawaug and the Housatonic overlook. In addition, the South Central Water Authority's watershed land off of Racebrook Road is available to residents.

After townspeople vote "NO", let Hubbell move forward with its court case. I have confidence our Board of Selectmen and town attorney will display a resolve to prepare and defend the peoples' vote. And, if Hubbell wins, the land will continue to be unwanted as economically unbuildable.

If Hubbell is truly interested in offering more affordable housing as it exits Orange, it can so designate the prime building lots it recently withdrew and contract to build twelve affordable single family homes on the land.

If Hubbell really cared about Orange, it would start in its "hometown" by helping the many businesses and residents who are already struggling to stay afloat without an additional tax burden for years to come.

Hubbell could genuinely present itself as a "good neighbor" by donating its land to Orange at original cost and taking a tax write-off on the difference.

Thanks to the diligence of our First Selectman Zeoli, this topic will finally be brought to the people to make a decision in a referendum (at a date to be set).

Daniel Duarte

### The Amity Rugby Club & Amity Rugby Team

I would like to submit a brief clarification regarding the Amity Rugby Club versus the Amity Rugby Team. While Amity High School sponsors a school rugby club, the competitive rugby team is not sponsored by the high school. The team is a local team made up of area (BOW) teenage residents. The school club meets to discuss the sport of rugby, professional teams and various plays. There has been some confusion this year between the BOW team and the school club, so I hope this can help clarify the distinction. Thank you.

Anna Mahon - Associate Principal, Amity High School

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# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



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## Orange Students Named to Honor Roll

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the Third marking period of the 2010 - 11 academic school year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll:

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 Katherine Winkle



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## Delbasso Honored at CAS Banquet

Lauralton Hall students Casey Delbasso, '11 of Orange and Chloe Walker, '11 of Fairfield were honored as two of Connecticut's top seniors who excel in the arts at a recent CAS banquet.

Casey is involved in numerous clubs and activities at school: SADD, Musical Theater, Advanced Vocal Ensemble, Student Council, and Get In Touch. She is also a New England Regional Irish Dance Champion and has volunteered at the Milford Senior Center, Hill Central Music Academy; CT Children's Medical Center; and Walk Like MADD. Casey has volunteered at Lauralton as a peer tutor among other school service projects. She works in the office at Holy Infant Church and has received many awards: Greater North Haven's Outstanding Teen 2010; Robin Lewis McGovern book award, Francis Ward service award, Excellence in Music, National Society of High School Scholars, and St. Mary of Milford's Milford Women Guild Scholarship award. As her interests are focused around musical theater, she spends a great deal of time singing and dancing on stage.



Casey Delbasso

## Muttitt Volunteers with Habitat for Humanity

Kaitlin Muttitt, a resident of Orange and freshman psychology major at Roger Williams University in Bristol, R.I., was one of sixteen University students to travel to Fort Smith, Arkansas as part of the Alternative Spring Break program in March. As volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, the student group helped construct new homes for families in need.

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# ENDORSEMENT

On first look at the proposed 2011-2012 budget for the town of Orange, one cannot help but notice the across-the-board decreases in spending along the very right hand side of the budget summary as compared to the previous year's numbers (see page 35). While the overall town budget proposal is a 1.2% increase from the 2010-2011 budget due to a 3.3% increase from Amity, the town side has actually been reduced by over \$94,000. While First Selectman, Jim Zeoli credits the frugal nature of the proposal to the hard work of his dedicated department heads and the finance director working along with the Board of Finance, the effort must be recognized as an understanding by the current administration of the fiscal constraints and pressure Orange taxpayers are under during the current recession.

While the first selectman readily admits that many items he would like to have added in the proposal had to be scaled down, much of the cost savings comes from as many as six vacant town positions that have not been filled. In addition, the administration is currently requesting a one-year freeze in any increases to salary and benefits on the upcoming labor contracts that are due to expire at the end of this year.

The Orange Board of Education (OBOE) has done similar work in its proposed .57% increase. While area boards of education are struggling with school closures, layoffs and elimination of programs, The OBOE has managed to control costs without sacrificing the high standards of its programs and curriculum and most importantly, maintaining the average class size at 18 or 19 students. The negotiated teacher's contract for the 2011-12 budget includes a modest 1% increase this year with no step increase. In addition, both school nurses and custodians have already agreed to a wage freeze next year. With 17 teachers eligible for early retirement packages, the board is also expecting 6-8 of them to retire, which will save the school system an estimated \$100,000 to \$125,000.



During the budget process, members of the Board of Finance raised the issue of an \$8,215 reserve account which could be tapped for salary increases for top administration officials including the newly hired business manager, once their performance evaluations are completed in May. While we understand that the OBOE has total autonomy regarding how education money is spent, it is our hope that both the OBOE as well as the administrators themselves will decline any such increases, understanding the need for shared sacrifice during these tough fiscal times.

As the Orange Town News understands that the majority of the total 1.16% budget increase comes from the Amity education budget which included a \$641,000 increase for Orange taxpayers, (voted on by Bethany, Orange & Woodbridge voters on May 4th), we are encouraged that the currently proposed town budget for 2011-2012 maintains what seems to be a continued restraint on the runaway spending increases of previous years. Thus, this should come as a welcome trend to Orange taxpayers, having absorbed a steady flow of 5 and 6 percent increases during the previous administration, during times of economic prosperity. Fortunately, the town will soon be benefiting from a much needed boost to our grand list next year as United Illuminating Corporation breaks the ribbon on its two mammoth buildings and calls Orange the new home of its corporate headquarters. In addition, we encourage the administration to continue its active pursuit of federal and state grants similar to the \$300K for the Case Memorial Library roof repairs as well as the funding recently received for road improvements at the Old Tavern Road Complex.

Taking all of these factors into consideration, and recognizing that the proposed budget includes all of the town's needs rather than most of our wants, the Orange Town News encourages Orange taxpayers to vote on May 19th at High Plains Community Center in favor of the 2011-2012 proposed fiscal budget.

## 12 Year Town Budget History (FY 2000-2011)\*\*\*

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	1999	2000*	2001	2002**	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
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Increase %		6.4%	6.5%	5.7%	5.2%	5.8%	6.6%	4.2%	5.3%	4.3%	-1.2%	2.9%	1.2%

FY 2000-2005	
\$ Increase	Percent
\$ 14,211,000	42%

\*1st Budget Referendum Failed  
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 \*\*\* Taken from the 00-11 Annual Town Reports

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they play. “Our music references another era, but has a modern touch. Our live show is a multi-media experience,” Gitelman said. “The first 1000 copies of their first released single, “Single Shadows On Behalf,” sold out within days.

It is this next phase of his career that Gitelman has long envisioned. “Recording this album is a dream come true. I can’t believe it’s real. It’s taken more than a decade to make a piece of art that will live on,” he said.

Gitelman sees his career progressing right on target, a path that began when he was just a boy. He and his parents immigrated to the US from Moldavia, Russia in 1991, settling in Hamden. He got his musicality from his engineer father who was also an accomplished musician proficient in the piano, fiddle, violin and guitar. As a young child, Gitelman would sing along while his father played the popular folk songs of Bulgaria, Greece and Rumania. They moved to Yellowbrick Road in Orange when Gitelman was in his early teens. Being an only child and the new kid living in one of the farthest corners of town led him to spend a lot of time entertaining himself at home. Although he was passionate about playing basketball, he realized early on he “wasn’t very good.” What he was good at was playing music. “I was a bit egotistical,” he recalls. “I realized everyone played basketball, but no one played the guitar. I found it brought the attention I craved as an only child!”

With his father as his guide and teacher, Gitelman began dedicating hours to playing the guitar, developing a particular interest in jazz. He joined the school band and sought other musicians in the area with a similar interest. “There weren’t too many people my age who had that kind of passion for jazz,” he said. He even persuaded a local DJ to hire him to play a weekly gig at a Mexican restaurant. “Each week I would get a group together to play and I started to connect with other musicians,” he said. He was offered a full scholarship to the Berkeley School of Music in Boston where he continued his professional training as a singer and guitarist.

He’s optimistic about the band’s future, noting the band already is having some success in Europe. A tour overseas is planned for July. Needless to say, Gitelman is going to keep that cell phone number, regardless of where he happens to find himself. “I’m paranoid that I’ll miss one of those phone calls,” he said. The Step-Kid’s single is available for sale on iTunes. For more information about the band, visit [www.Stepkids.com](http://www.Stepkids.com).

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post season play. In reality, though, it’s the start of so much more.

“It’s about so much more than a game,” says Carl Marchitto, vice president of the softball division of Orange Little League. “It’s about being part of a team and part of a community. We teach how to respect a coach and teammates and to cheer for and encourage each other. Athletics keeps your mind focused and keeps you fit. It’s all positive and it’s all about the kids.” The vice president of the boys’ hardball division, Mike Dziczkowski, concurs. “We, as a league, have to focus on our goals of inclusion, fun, and learning baseball. It’s not about winning. There’s nothing wrong with wanting to win, but it’s also important to learn from a loss. Ultimately, we want the kids to take this competitive, fun time in their lives and use it when they grow up.”

Practices have been ongoing for the past few weeks and the VP says they have implemented some new practice strategies to keep the kids moving. He believes it’s a simple equation. “The number of players on each team is down to help increase playing time for each player,” he says. “Practices are focused on the fundamentals and keeping kids constantly moving by having practice stations driven by parent help. The more parents, the more stations, the more they play. This is really driven by parent participation.”

The softball division has been busy getting the girls ready for the softball season as well. A very successful winter clinic, according to Marchitto, began this year, running each week from January to March. Members of the University of New Haven women’s softball team were on hand to help teach the girls. A pitching clinic is also being scheduled in May to help develop some new pitchers and to instill proper pitching technique early.

The youngest little leaguers are boys and girls in t-ball who, this year, will enjoy just seven players on each team in hopes to keep the games moving and keep the mostly 5 and 6-year-olds interested. At seven, boys and girls are separated into softball and hardball. Boys’ hardball consists of 5 divisions: coach pitch, rookies, minors, eastern and majors. Girls’ softball has three divisions: rookies, minors and majors. In both leagues, kids grow from being pitched to by coaches or a pitching machine to gradually facing some tremendous pitching by kids as pitchers are developed. “We started using a pitching machine a few years ago in hardball and have found much success,” says Dziczkowski. “The pitch is more consistent and the kids are less afraid and more confident behind the plate. We have developed better hitters as a result, but we have also grown better fielders and catchers.”

Finally, kids 13 and up, who are too old for Little League, also have an opportunity to continue playing at Old Tavern Complex. The boys’ Senior League and the girls’ Junior League allow them to do so.

Regardless of age, safety is the number one priority of the league on and off the field. A new parking lot at the complex’s entrance is hoped to cut down on traffic in the complex, making it safer for the endless number of kids and spectators. On the field, the league is recommending that pitchers and all infielders wear proper head protection. “We cannot mandate the rule, but we strongly recommend that pitchers and infielders wear helmets and a majority of kids do,” Dziczowski says. Marchitto adds that softball is also doing its part towards safety. “We provided face masks to each team and encourage all players to wear them. It’s important to start kids wearing face masks early so they get used to wearing them and it becomes second nature,” he says.

Since specific pitching helmets are not currently on the market, the league, for now, encourages pitchers and infielders to use helmets intended for batting. But changes are on the horizon. Easton and Bell, two well-known helmet manufacturers, currently have pitching helmet prototypes being tested in the market and, reportedly, hope to get them on the market within the year.

Also instilled this year to keep kids safe is a new bat regimen. Little League International has released a list of bats that have been approved for use, as certain composite bats if used over time, can enhance performance and reduce reaction time for pitchers and fielders. “If the bat is not on the list, kids cannot use them,” says Dziczowski, who explains that coaches must check each kid’s bat for compliance and a regulation sticker will be placed on those bats that pass. “Before each game, each and every bat will be checked by umpires for the stickers,” says the VP. With safety measures set and some solid practices under their belts, it’s time to stock up on sunflower seeds and chewing gum, as Orange Little Leaguers are ready to play ball.



Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli throws out the first “Hardball” pitch of the season, while Park & Recreation Chairman Joe Lembo throws out the first “Softball” pitch of 2011.



Little Leaguers anxiously leave for their “Opening Day” games after ceremonies held at Old Tavern Road’s Henry Roche Field.

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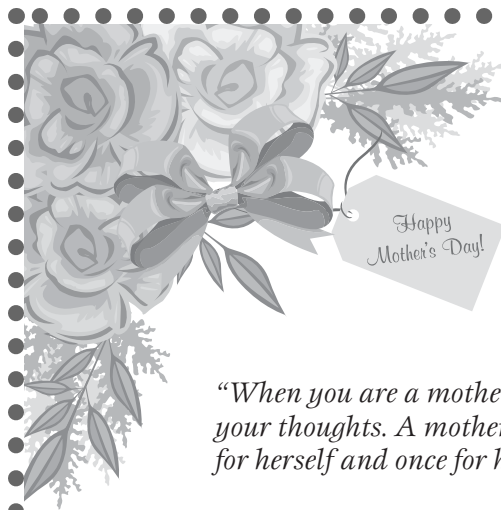
zation dedicated to improving the quality of life for children with chronic and life-threatening illnesses and life-altering injuries. The containers which hold the Pez multi-flavored candies have long been a popular collectable, but company executives were stunned when the hand-painted plastic art netted a whopping \$13,500 after 10 days of bidding.

According to Joseph Vittoria, President and CEO of PEZ Candy, Inc., PEZ has manufactured limited series dispensers before, like the Elvis Presley, Star Wars and Wizard of Oz collections, but it’s the first time the company has produced a pair of one-of-a-kind, handmade dispensers. Company employees in the Pez Corporation’s North American headquarters on Prindle Hill Road and at European headquarters watched the bidding with interest. “The first few days the bidding was furious,” he said. Excitement grew as the price went from \$5,000 to \$7,000, ultimately ending at \$13,500 (8,200£). “We were surprised,” Vittoria said. “We had expected it to sell at around \$5,000.”

Vittoria works with his marketing team and the marketing department in the European company headquarters to develop new ideas for dispensers. “People always write in with ideas, kids write in, it’s a lot of fun,” he said. “I’m 54-years-old but a five-year-old at heart.” The company’s sister marketing department in Europe came up with the idea for the royal wedding memorabilia. “We did not want to commercialize the event; we wanted to design something that was special and iconic,” Vittoria said.

New PEZ dispensers are introduced regularly and have become hot collectibles reflecting American pop culture and trends. The candy with dispenser typically cost between \$1.29-\$2.49 with the gift and plush sets priced a bit higher. Trading and collecting are common practices, but \$13,500 is the highest price Vittoria is aware of. “We know a space gun from the 1950s sold for \$10, 800,” he said. At one time a dispenser of an astronaut for the 1982 World’s Fair was listed on Ebay for \$33,000 but it did not sell. “So there is still a very valuable dispenser out there.” PEZ execs have few specifics about the winner of the William and Kate memorabilia. “All we know is that it was paid for in British pounds,” Vittoria said, “and the collector wishes to remain anonymous.”

According to the company’s website, PEZ is “the pioneer of interactive candy that is enjoyable to eat and fun to play with.” Established in Vienna, Austria in 1927, the candy was first introduced as a compressed peppermint candy. Today over 3 billion PEZ Candies are consumed annually in the US alone.



*“When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.”*

~ Sophia Loren



**Upcoming Budget Meeting & Referendum**

Annual Town Meeting

Thursday, May 12, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

High Plains Community Center

Budget Referendum

Thursday, May 19, 2011, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

High Plains Community Center

**What is a Mother?**

A Mother has so many things to do,  
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 And their clothes are the muddiest you’ve ever seen,  
 Who repairs the clothes and scrubs them like new?  
 Of course, that is what a Mother will do.  
 Who becomes the doctor or the nurse when they are ill,  
 Applying a bandage or giving them a pill?  
 Who becomes a teacher when a child has homework?  
 She must never her duty shirk.  
 Who becomes a detective to find a toy or a book?  
 For missing things she must look and look?  
 Who becomes a listener to every heartache,  
 To every accomplishment that a child makes?  
 Who scolds their children when they are naughty,  
 Or remind them of God when they are too haughty?  
 Who tends her family with love and patience, too?  
 Of course that is what a Mother will do.

- Unknown Author



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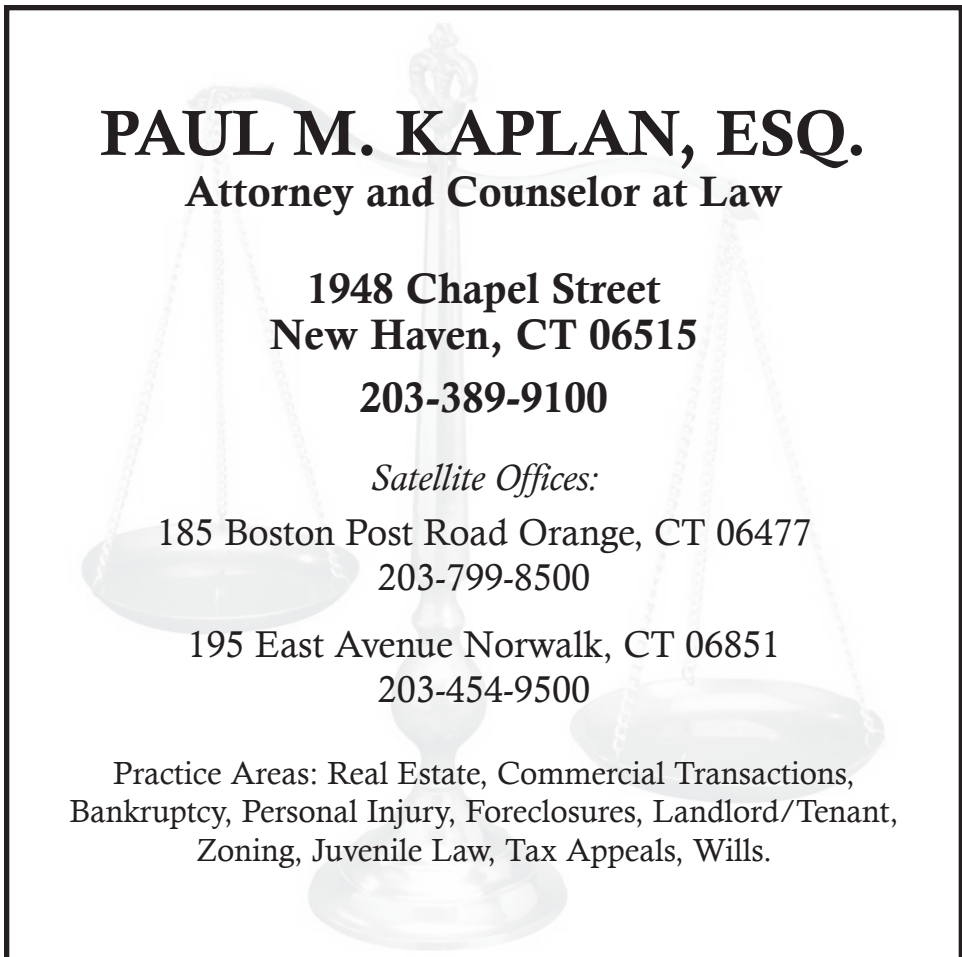
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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS



### Garden Club of Orange May Market

The Garden Club of Orange will be holding its annual May Market plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 7 from 8:30-12 noon on the Orange Town Green, Orange Center Road. The Club will be selling locally grown annuals and perennials perfect for Mother's Day giving, as well as home baked goodies and garden artifacts. The May Market has become the place for local gardeners to purchase plants that are proven to do well under our local growing conditions at a very reasonable price as well as to learn about gardening from one of the Club's Master Gardeners. If you would like to learn more about the Garden Club, please visit its website at [www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html](http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html) or call membership Chairperson Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195.

### Container Gardening Inside and Out

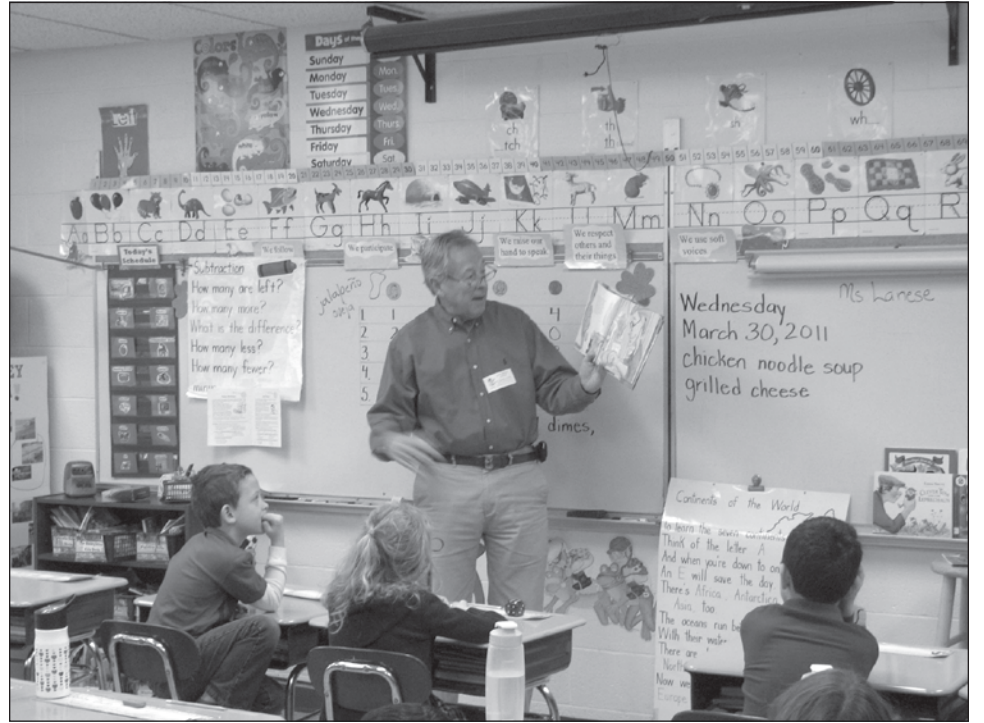
If you are interested in learning how to keep your container garden happy and healthy, come to The Garden Club of Orange's May 10 meeting at the Case Memorial Library in Orange. Greg Bugbee of the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station will demonstrate how to choose the right potting soil, pots and plants to create a container garden. Club members will be displaying designs on the theme of "Up, Up, Away" as well as horticulture specimens of late Spring beauties. The meeting starts at 11:30 with a light lunch, followed by a business meeting, and then Bugbee's presentation. All are welcome and you may win a container garden to take home with you. A \$5 donation is suggested for non-club members. If you are interested in learning more about the Club, please visit its website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or contact Teresa Evangeliste at 203-795-3195.

### Love to Crochet?

#### Join the Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild!

The Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild is a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA). We meet monthly to share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems, and generally have a great time crocheting! Please feel free to join us at any or all of our meetings, there are no fees! Just bring along any project you are working on or one you may need help with. We meet at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, elevator is available (LIBRARY ONLY 203-891-2170) from 10:00am-1:00pm on these dates: May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, and December 3.

Have a question? Please send an email to: [HOTSCrochetGuild@mail.com](mailto:HOTSCrochetGuild@mail.com) or visit our Web site at: [www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite.com](http://www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite.com). You can follow us on Twitter, our name is: HOTS\_Crochet. Hope to see you there, happy hooking!



### Orange Rotary Joins "Read Aloud Day"

They used to say "reading (w)riting and (a)rithmetic." But recently, a fourth "R" has been added to education in our town. It is Rotary!

"Read Aloud Day" is a celebration of words and stories and is an annual event. This year, Rotary joined in by bringing a fun-filled book to each of the second grade classrooms in town and reading it aloud to eager students. Each second grader also received an accompanying coloring and activity book.

The book and workbook are each entitled "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" and they teach our students important life lessons which include the principles that all Rotarians try to live by. Orange Rotarians also donated a hardcover copy of the Andy and Elmer story to each of the schools' libraries.

Participating in Read Aloud Day is yet another example of the commitment that the Rotary Club of Orange has made to our students. Dictionary Day, a popular annual event, involves the distribution of a personalized dictionary to every third grader. Of course, the scholarship program, now in its 11th year, is well known in town also. Learn more about what Rotary does in our town by visiting its website at [www.orangectrotary.org](http://www.orangectrotary.org).

### Retired Teachers Meeting

The New Haven County Retired Teachers Association Annual Luncheon Meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 11:00 AM at Laurel View CC, 310 W. Shepard Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518. All retired public school teachers living in or having taught in New Haven county and their guests are welcome. Reservations are required with a check for \$22 per person, payable and mailed to NHCRTA, 1125 West Woods Road, #13, Hamden, CT 06518 by May 9 or call 203-281-1686. Entrée choices are Chicken Françoise, grilled salmon or eggplant parmesan and include salad, vegetables, side dish, Peach Melba and coffee or tea. The annual scholarship award will be presented.

The organization serves retired teachers with information and guidance regarding pensions, insurance and pending legislation and initiates action to protect and improve all teachers' benefits. It also awards scholarships to high school seniors pursuing teaching careers and arranges social and travel events for members. Most cities and towns in New Haven County are represented by the organization.

### Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers Boat Safety Course

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-11 is offering a one-day safe boating and personal watercraft course on Sunday, May 15, from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Individuals who successfully complete this course will qualify for the Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and the Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation. The class will be held at the West Haven Flotilla facility, 1 Kimberly Avenue, West Haven, CT. The course fee is \$60. For further information, contact Charlie Phippen at (860) 828-5438 or (860) 916-3379, or visit [www.a0142411.uscgaux.info](http://www.a0142411.uscgaux.info). In-person pre-registration is held at the Flotilla facility on May 7 from 1 PM to 3PM. Walk-in registration on the day of training is also welcome.

# TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## From the Elderly Outreach Worker *By Denise Stein*



Now that we have been formally introduced, let's chat. There are many things offered here at the Orange Senior Center, however, one thing is missing. That is a low vision group. I have already heard from a number of seniors in town who are either visually impaired or legally blind. So while each person knows what is going on with them, they are unable to connect with other people who have the same kind of condition.

I want to hear from you. I want to hear your stories, I want you to come to the senior center and be part of the crowd here. I also want to hear your opinion on a low vision support group.

With this group, we could meet once a month and invite community speakers in to share their wisdom. It would not necessarily be someone in the low vision community either. I would love to get suggestions from you on how to make it a better group and who to bring in to speak.

How about a Rehab Teacher from the Board of Education Services for the Blind? How about a dietician? How about a member of the community who is legally blind and is out there working? How do they do it? What kinds of tools do they have that help them make it?

These are some of the questions we can deal with. How about a demonstration of low vision aids? Think about this and let me know. So for any questions or comments give me a call at 891.4787.

## OVNA Healthline

The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinics will be held at their office, at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library on Thursday, May 26th, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. If you are having problems with your blood pressure or your doctor would like more frequent monitoring; this is a chance each month to get your blood pressure checked. Also this is an excellent opportunity to get more information and teaching from the VNA nurses on various health issues.

In addition, the OVNA will be holding "Health Chats/Blood pressure clinics" at the Orange Senior Center every month. Next Chat/BP clinic will be Tuesday, May 10th, 10:30am, at High Plains Community Center.

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## Memorial Day Parade Program

The annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2011. Kevin Gilbert once again will serve as Parade Organizer. Parade ceremonies will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center Parade Grounds. The parade will step off immediately following the ceremony down Orange Center Road past the reviewing stand with services following at the Orange Center Cemetery.



Town Hall

**George G. Posener** will be the Grand Marshal this year. He will celebrate his 100th birthday on December 25, 2011. He served during World War II. Due to his engineering skills, he was retained by the War Department as a civilian worker. He was an ordinance inspector redesigning weapons, inspecting ballistic tests and transporting arms in New Haven during the war. He is a retired insurance company owner and has given away close to \$1 million in endowments to the Yale School of Medicine and numerous causes for children.

**Ernest C. Kirchberg** will be the Honorary Chief of Staff. He is 88 years old and a World War II Army Veteran who served from 1943-1946 as a Sergeant Tech 4.

**Dominick L. "Mickey" Morazzini** will be the Honored Veteran. He is 86 years old and a World War II Navy Veteran who served from 1943-1946 as a Seaman 1st Class.

The keynote speaker will be Gilbert W. Sanborn, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Connecticut. Robert Mirto, Esq., Town Meeting Moderator, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Vincent Marino, Esq., Town Counsel, will serve as Parade Announcer.

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

## Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of May 2011

<b>2nd</b>	Country Fair Committee	7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>3rd</b>	Economic Development Commission	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>5th</b>	OGAT	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>9th</b>	Tree Committee	10:00 am	Case Mem. Lib
	Traffic Authority	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commissioners	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Commission	7:00 pm	Case Mem. Lib
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L. Tracy
<b>10th</b>	Inland Wetlands Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>11th</b>	OVNA Governing Board	8:30 am	Clark Bldg
	Memorial Day Parade Committee	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Board of Selectmen	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>12th</b>	Community Services Commission	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Board of Selectmen Annual Town Mtg	7:30 pm	HPCC
	District Animal Control	7:30 pm	Woodbridge
<b>16th</b>	Board of Health	7:30 pm	Case Mem. Lib
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>17th</b>	GATA	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>18th</b>	CERT	7:00 pm	HPCC
<b>19th</b>	Case Memorial Lib Commission	7:30 pm	Case Mem. Lib
	WPCA	7:30 pm	Case Mem. Lib
<b>23rd</b>	Family Counseling	9:00 am	HPCC
	Youth Services Committee	7:30 pm	HPCC
	Safety Commission	9:00 am	Town Hall
	Memorial Day Parade Committee	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
<b>26th</b>	Memorial Day Parade Committee	6:00 pm	Parade Grounds
	Pension Board	7:00 pm	Town Hall
<b>27th</b>	Emergency Mgmt Advisory Council	8:00 am	Police Station
	Memorial Day Parade Committee	6:00 pm	Parade Grounds

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# CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

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## Children

### Spring Story Hour:

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Monday, May 9, 16, 23 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Session for age 3-5 (includes craft) will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 18, 25 at 4 p.m.

### Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Held on Thursday, May 12, 19, 26 at 10:30 p.m.: Lapsit storytimes are for babies and toddlers up to 24 months and include nursery rhymes, music, and movement. Please pre-register. Space is limited.

## Teens

### Book Chat Cafe

Tuesday, May 3, 31, 2:15 p.m. Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

## Adults

### Curl Up with a Good Nook!

The library is now lending a new Barnes and Noble Color Nook e-reader. Orange residents can try out our Nook for two weeks and choose from our great collection of free downloadable e-books. The Nook is perfect for travelers, gadget lovers, or people who just want to read a good e-book. It's also a great way to enjoy your favorite authors in larger print! Reservations for the Nook can be made in person at the library, by telephone, or through our online catalog.

### Edible Book Contest: Where Eating Meets Reading!

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Show off your culinary skills and your imagination in this deliciously delightful contest. Create something for the judges or just come to vote and enjoy the show! Please pre-register to enter the show. Refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome to participate. Prizes will be awarded in five categories!

### Oscar Films

Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m.: A screening of the Oscar-nominated film *Country Strong* starring Gwyneth Paltrow. Run time: 117 minutes. PG-13.  
 Monday, May 23, 7 p.m.: A screening of the Oscar-nominated film *Rabbit Hole* starring Nicole Kidman. Run time: 91 minutes. PG-13.

### The Book Case: Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.: Toby Zabinski will lead a discussion of the book *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. Copies are available at the circulation desk. Newcomers are always welcome!



Case Memorial Library

### Josef and Anni Albers

Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.: In this special program Nicholas Fox Weber, Executive Director of the Josef and Anni Albers Foundation in Bethany, will discuss the world famous local artists Josef and Anni Albers, their works, and the foundation established to promote and preserve their achievements.

### Genealogy Workshop

Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will show you how to research your family history. This month's topic will be "Using Ancestry.com and the Internet."

### Check It Out! Library Film Screening

Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m.: Come enjoy a special screening of our new film all about the great programs, services, and materials offered by the Case Memorial Library. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

### Art in the Library

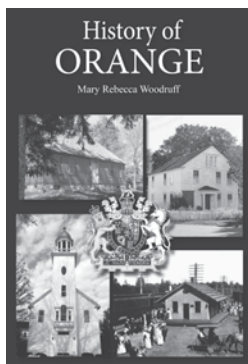
The works of older Americans will be on display in the Meeting Room through the month of May. Come see the works of these talented older artists!

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested in person or by phone. Sign up to receive notification of library happenings via the e-newsletter form available in the library or online. The library's hours are as follows: Monday - Thursday, 10-8; Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4. The library will be closed Saturday, May 28 and Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, May 31.

## Taxi Voucher Program Available to Disabled Residents

Funded through the USDOT, FTS New Freedom Program and CDOT, the voucher program will go beyond the ADA service by providing a taxi debit card at a reduced price to people defined as having a disability under the ADA definition. Metro Access can be used for taxi trips that go beyond the ADA service area and times that ADA para-transit is not available, same day service, 24/7. Data collected from use of the taxi voucher debit cards includes the name, pick-up and drop-off point of the rider. Contact Greater NH Transit District at 203-288-6282 for information about the Taxi Voucher Program.

The Orange Historical Society is pleased to announce that it is reprinting Mary Rebecca Woodruff's *History of Orange 1639-1949*. Now in paperback, this unique book includes a biographical sketch of the author and photos, to be offered for sale this spring. Please make this information available to the public. Thank you.



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## HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

### Seventh Annual Pasta Festa! Supper and 2011 Living Treasure Awards

The seventh annual Pasta Festa! Supper will be held on Friday, May 13 from 5 to 8 pm at the St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church hall. Tickets, priced at \$20 per person, are available from the Community Services office. A Ziti dinner will be served by our Town Selectmen. Beautiful baskets, containing gift certificates and wonderful surprises, will be part of the traditional balloon raffle. Following dinner, Living Treasure Awards will be presented to Joseph Blake, Severio "Bob" Fodero, and Nancy Nyhan.

#### Joseph Blake

The consummate public servant, Joe has served as a town selectman for over 30 years. He also serves on the town's Personnel Committee and chairs the Municipal Building Committee. He has worked in a bipartisan manner with six different First Selectmen of both parties and serves as the board's unofficial historian. Joe has previously served on the Library Building Committee, the Fire House Building Committee, Silverbrook Senior Housing Committee, and the Mary L. Tracy Space Allocation Committee. He has also served on the Orange Democratic Town Committee for over 30 years. A former worker for AT&T, Joe now works part time as a custodian for the Orange Board of Education. As a proud veteran, he is a member of American Legion Post #127 and he has served many years on the Holy Infant Parish Council including a term as its former President. Joe is well known to many as he has devoted his life as "a man for others".

#### Severio (Robert) Fodero

Bob's life's work has been devoted to providing community-based health care. For 42 years, Bob was the Sanitarian for the City of New Haven, he was the Associate Director of the Yale University Health Care Plan, serves on the Orange Board of Health (which he has chaired since 1999), chairs the War Remembrance Committee and serves on the town's Civil Preparedness Committee. Formerly, Bob served on the town's Ad hoc Committee to Study Ambulance Service in the Town of Orange. Over the years, Bob has brought his vast experience in the health care field to Orange. Bob is very active in the veterans' community. He achieved the rank of Colonel and was Commander of the 340th General Hospital in New Haven when he retired after 30 years of services. Bob continues his commitment to the veterans' community by chairing the Connecticut Army Retiree Council and the New Haven Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee. Additionally, Bob co-chairs the Columbus House Project in New Haven which provides housing and support for homeless veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Bob believes that giving one's time and talent to his community is more than an obligation: It is an honor and privilege.

#### Nancy Nyhan

Nancy, volunteer extraordinaire, has been involved in Orange-based activities since moving to Orange in 1963. Over the years, Nancy has served on the Racebrook School PTA, has been a Girl Scout leader, served as the President of the Orange Land Trust, is on the Silverbrook Elderly Housing Liaison Commission, and is a member of the Orange Tree Committee. Nancy is also one of the founders of and a current board member of the Friends of the Case Memorial Library. In 2007, Nancy was awarded Outstanding Friend from the Connecticut State Friends of the Library Organization. Nancy also serves on the Board of Governors for the Institute for Learning in Retirement and was a volunteer for FISH of Greater New Haven. Her many nominators describe Nancy as cheerful, selfless, energetic, and optimistic. Through her work as President of the Land Trust and a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission, Nancy has worked tirelessly to enhance and preserve Orange's bucolic land to be enjoyed for generations to come. Nancy has inspired an entirely new generation of volunteers. She models a "can do" attitude and selfless leadership.



### Orange Food Pantry Expanded

In the fall of 2009, one of the Senior Leadership class teams comprised of Peter Boppert, Janet Manfield-Scaglia, Mary DeVito, and Ron Arbor chose as its class project to expand Orange townspeople's awareness and knowledge of the town's emergency community and to expand the present food closet with adequate storage to hold a variety of basic household products and food supplies. The largest piece of this project was to identify a larger space within the High Plains Community Center, fundraise, and to create a new, more efficient food pantry.

At that time, the food pantry consisted of a small closet within a little-used conference room which held a small quantity on non-perishable food items. Although food supplies were available, there was not enough storage space to contain the many donations that were received by Community Services. After evaluating the situation, Peter and his team convinced town officials to assign a new and larger space for a proper food pantry. They designed cabinets and shelving and prepared a proposal. It was decided that the conference room within the Community Services office suite would be the most suitable space for the food pantry expansion. Hearing of this effort and realizing there was very little funding to implement this project, the Rotary Club of Orange got involved. Baxter Walsh, an Orange Rotarian, wrote a grant request to the Connecticut Rotary District Grant Committee, formed a work group of other Orange Rotarians, and assisted in presenting the project design proposal to Home Depot and negotiated a discounted price for building materials. With this information in hand, a grant request was submitted and Rotary funds were awarded. Peter and a company of volunteers installed the cabinets and painted the room.

The Senior Leadership Program is an initiative out of the town's Senior Services component of the Orange Community Services Department. Orange seniors participated in a nine-month long series of training and informational meetings as well as developing and completing projects that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

The Rotary Club of Orange is a service organization dedicated to the local community and to international service. Rotarians are business and professional people who take leadership roles in their community. Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the organization's more than 1.2 million members.

Through the combined efforts of the Rotary Club of Orange, the Food Pantry Enhancement Team of the Orange Senior Leadership Class of 2010, and the Orange Community Services Department, a larger, more efficient food pantry is available to eligible residents. Denise Stein, the department's Outreach Worker oversees the Orange Food Pantry Program. She maybe reached at 203-891-4787 for further information about this program and other services.

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**From the Orange Special Events Committee**

**“Save The Date” for Your Town of Orange Special Events!**

While the winter snow was falling (and falling and falling!) the Town of Orange Special Events Committee was busy making plans for yet another year of fun and exciting events for the entire town to enjoy! We hope that you “save the dates”:

**Drive-In Movie Night: E.T.**

Friday May 13th @ 8:30pm (Raindate Saturday May 14th) at the Orange Fairgrounds

One of the all-time great family movies, E.T. will start at 8:30pm with gates opening at 7:30pm. The movie will be shown on a 20’ X 40’ large screen and there is a \$5 per car fee. Snacks and refreshments will also be available for purchase.

**Flag Day Ceremony**

Tuesday June 14th @ 5:30pm at High Plains Community Center

**Summer Concert Series**

Wednesdays starting June 15th from 7:00pm-9:00pm (Raindates ‘next day’) at the Orange Fairgrounds

Please visit us at [www.orangespecialevents.com](http://www.orangespecialevents.com) for more information on who will be playing! And remember, there is a \$5 per car parking fee for the July 1st show only!

**Family Photo Day**

Sunday September 18th from 10:00am-5:00pm at Orange Fairgrounds @ The Orange Country Fair


**Veteran’s Day Ceremony**

Friday November 11th @ 11am at High Plains Community Center

**Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting**

Sunday December 4th from 3:00-6:00pm on and around the Orange Town Green

Need more information? Visit us at [www.OrangeSpecialEvents.com](http://www.OrangeSpecialEvents.com), “Like Us” on Facebook, and find us on [Orange.Patch.com](http://Orange.Patch.com) and in the Orange Town News!



*“Becoming a mother makes you the mother of all children. From now on each wounded, abandoned, frightened child is yours. You live in the suffering of mothers from every race and creed and weep with them. You long to comfort all who are desolate.”*

~ Charlotte Gray



Maplewood at Orange celebrated the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremonies for their new “Memory Wing” on Thursday, April 14th at their location on 245 Indian River Road. The event featured a tour of the facility and a well-attended cocktail reception. Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli joined Maplewood Director Maureen Vogel to cut the ribbon in what is the first of its kind facility in the area.

**“Judge Beverly” Re-Elected to Top Post**

Milford-Orange Probate Judge Beverly K. Streit-Kefalas was re-elected First Vice President-Judge of the Connecticut Probate Assembly at the assembly’s annual meeting. Judge Streit-Kefalas is past Executive Secretary and past recording secretary of the assembly.

Judge Beverly was elected as Milford’s Judge of Probate in November 1998 and has been re-elected consecutively each term thereafter. She was elected this past November as Judge for the newly consolidated Milford-Orange Probate Court. She is current Chair of the Probate Assembly Weighted Workload Regulations Committee, Past Chair of Probate Assembly Planning Committee, and Member of its Executive and Legislative Committees. She is an originating judge of the New Haven Regional Children’s Probate and was appointed as Temporary Administrative Judge to oversee and commence operations of the Meriden Wallingford and the New London Regional Children’s Probate Courts to begin implementing the New Haven Model on a state-wide basis.



Beverly Streit-Kefalas

In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Beverly serves locally on a number of boards and organizations. She is Chairperson of the Board of Communicare, Inc., a regional behavioral healthcare partnership; Vice Chair of Public Policy and Member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc.; and board member of the United Way of Milford, and member of its Community Investment Committee.

Judge Beverly is also a member of the Board of Corporators of The Milford Bank; Board Member and past Vice President and past Secretary of Milford Kids Count; a Devon Rotarian; and a member of the Mathewson Elementary School PTA and St. Gabriel Home School Association.

Judge Beverly is a graduate of Milford Public Schools and holds an A.B. in Economics from Smith College and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Connecticut School of Law.



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## Senate Approves Veteran Measures

During a legislative session at the State Capitol in Hartford on April 27th, the state Senate unanimously approved two bills cosponsored by state Senator Gayle Slossberg (D-Milford/Orange) designed to support veterans living in the state of Connecticut. "Even in difficult financial times, the state can still take steps to make life a little easier for those who have given so much and served so bravely to defend our freedom," said Senator Slossberg, who is a past co-chair and a current vice chair of the General Assembly's Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs.



Gayle Slossberg

The first bill extends authorization for veterans' automotive license plates to a member of the U.S. armed forces or their surviving spouse who requests it. Under current law, only veterans or their surviving spouses can qualify for special veterans' license plates; the law authorizes a spouse or other immediate family member of a resident killed in action while on active duty to request a "Gold Star Family" plate.

The second specifies that the state Department of Veterans' Affairs Board of Trustees may include members or representatives of veterans' organizations that represent or serve disabled veterans. The board consists of the department's commissioner and 16 members who must be qualified in health care, business management, social services or law and who have demonstrated an interest in veterans' concerns. "This bill ensures that disabled veterans specifically have a place at the table," said Senator Slossberg. "The feedback that advocates for disabled veterans can provide is essential as we try to meet the needs of former servicemen and women in Connecticut."

The two bills—Senate Bill 367, An Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Number Plates for Active Members of the Armed Forces, and Senate Bill 368, An Act Concerning Representation on the Board of Trustees for the Department of Veterans' Affairs—now move to the state House of Representatives for consideration.

The 2011 regular legislative session adjourns on June 8.

Senator Gayle Slossberg represents Milford, Orange and a portion of West Haven in the Connecticut State Senate. She serves as co-chair of the Government Administration & Elections Committee and vice chair of the Public Health Committee and the Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Congratulations on your new baby girl!



The Staff of Orange Town News and the Board of Directors of the Orange Historical Society would like to extend a huge congratulations to our very own Ginny Reinhard on the birth of her granddaughter. Ginny and her family welcomed its newest member, Alison Hope, on April 23rd. WELCOME ALISON HOPE!



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~ Harry S. Truman

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Max and Meghan, both 8 years old, and Orange residents, display their "tape sculptures" they've been constructing together.

## 2nd Graders Share Friendship and Create "Tape Sculptures"

Max has been interested in tape creations for years. He began his career with small Hot Wheels Cars that he would redesign with tape to include a spoiler, hood scoop or skirts. As his mastery developed, he worked with bigger vehicles and, in addition to redesigning cars, would also color the tape to change the appearance completely. His inventory includes rolls and rolls of different width and color tape rolls and he sometimes carries them all the way up his arm. Meghan also enjoys tape creations. Max and Meghan are great friends and in the same 2nd grade class. They both have two older brothers who are involved in the same baseball training facility, leaving Max and Meghan ample time together during practices to work on joint creations. Their current creations include a "lawn tape sculpture" which includes a window, telescope, and snack cup all designed from tape as well as a redesigned Kettle car with an additional homemade passenger seat. When asked what their favorite parts of their joint creations are, Max replied, "I like that we created a telescope for the lawn fort so if we're ever trapped in there for days we'll be able to look out and see the world". Meghan said, "I'm happy that they haven't fallen apart!". The duo spend weeks working on their creations and have been spotted sitting under an umbrella in rainy weather to continue with their designs.

## WRCO 2011 Spring Installation Luncheon

The Women's Republican Club of Orange will on hold its Annual Installation Buffet Luncheon on Saturday, May 21st at 12:00 noon at the Bear & Grille Restaurant, 385 Boston Post Road, Orange. The menu will include: Chicken Francaise; Salmon; Penne ala Vodka; Grilled Mixed Vegetables; Roasted Potatoes; Salad, Bread; Coffee, Tea and Dessert.

The officers to be installed are:

- Dolores V. Nastro ..... President
- Mary P. DeVito ..... 1st Vice President
- Victoria Grande ..... 2nd Vice President
- Margery Schenk ..... Recording Secretary
- Beth Michael ..... Treasurer
- Lynn Plaskowitz ..... Corresponding Secretary
- Patricia T. Zeoli ..... Ex-Officio

The speaker will be First Selectman James M. Zeoli.

We will, of course, be continuing our traditional door prize event and invite you to bring along a prize to donate if you would like to. Please contact Mary DeVito at 203-795-9382 or Lynn Plaskowitz at 203-627-1673 with any questions.

Please remember all friends and perspective members are welcome to join us. The closing date is May 17th. You may call Beth Michael at 203-799-1223 with questions or reservations. The admission is \$28.00/per person.

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## Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

### Great Wine Buys for Spring



If Spring ever really shows up this year in Southern Connecticut, it is a great time to try some good quality wines that are well made and well priced. I would like to review with you some of the wines I think are a must try for the money. Every time I try a new Chilean wine it seems one is better than the next. Their price-quality combinations are impossible to beat. One of my favorites is Santa Rita 120. The 120 is named to honor the 120 Patriots who helped lead Chile to its independence. After a long and hard battle, the remaining 120 soldiers were on the run and they found refuge in the estate cellars owned by Santa Rita on a faithful night in 1814. They emerged refreshed, rallied the troops, and later won the war.

The wines have won international acclaim. The 120 Sauvignon Blanc is crisp and bright with concentrated aromas of citrus blossom and fresh Peaches, a great fruit-filled taste, and nice crisp after taste. The Chardonnay is big and crisp with an oaken finish and the reds are big fruity wines dry on the back end. At about \$7.00 for a 750, such a deal!

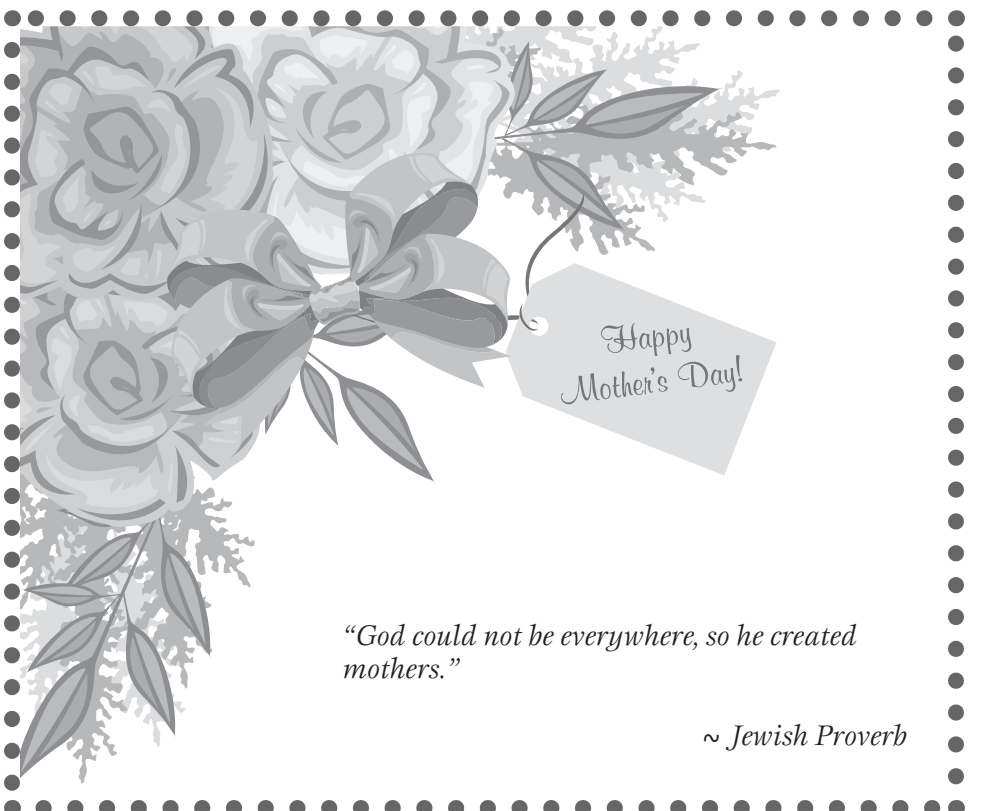
Another product of Chile is the P.K.N.T. Wines. I have just tried the Cabernet and I thought it had a nice cherry nose with a touch of toasted oak. The tannins were soft on the back end, but nice hints of chocolate and fresh berries were there too. I am told the Cabernet is the best of the reds, but I have not tried the others. The whites are all well-balanced and quality produced and in the \$8-\$9 range these wines are a good buy.

One of the very popular vineyards from the Marlborough region of New Zealand is the Cupcake line of wines. The Sauvignon Blanc is the pick of the litter as you might expect coming from the top area in the world for the Sauvignon Blanc grape. The entire line is very good. At \$11.00 to \$14.00 I think they are priced ok. The name helps them greatly and their marketing is better than the wine. The Sauvignon Blanc I prefer is Oyster Bay. Once again it is a Marlborough region wine. It has a better balance and bigger fruit and at around \$12 is a better buy.

Some very good quality red wine bargains include the Kendall-Jackson Cabernet, Merlot and reserve Cabernet. These are good quality, well-made wines and the reds are steak, pizza, and pasta wines. They are priced at about \$12.99. Bolla Wines are also good quality and similar to the Kendall-Jackson group in that they are an older house the tends to try and stay in the middle of the road with their reds rather than going with one or two overwhelming attributes that can sometimes make a pretty good wine great after the world takes a turn or two.

My all time super priced, good quality wine is the Chilean wine imported by the big Spanish wine consortium, Frontera. All the wines are of amazing quality and consistency and at a give-away price of \$7.99 for a 1.5 liter!! Nothing I have ever tasted or heard of comes anywhere close to this wine. So dust off one of your chairs on the deck and put your feet up and try some of these great spring wine buys. You will be glad you did. (Please email me with YOUR super spring wine buys and I will share them with everyone. Salute!)

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





## Bulletin Board



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

**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. Next meeting is July 20th.

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

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

**The Rotary Club Of Orange** meets every Friday, 12:15pm at the Racebrook Country Club, 246 Derby Avenue; prospective new members may contact Dan McAllister at 203-799-9073 for information about the club or visit [www.orangectrotary.org](http://www.orangectrotary.org).

**Chabad of Orange ~ Woodbridge Weekly Puppet Show**, Saturday Mornings, 11:30am, 261 Derby Avenue, puppeteers will captivate your children's attention each week while learning about their Jewish Heritage, history & values; geared for children ages 3-8.

**Nicotine Anonymous Meetings**, Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00pm, 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.

**Orange Players Presents "The Odd Couple" (Female Version)**, Friday and Saturday, May 6, 7, 2011, 8:00pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, Tickets/\$20, reserve by calling 203-824-1335 or by mail (forms and more information are available online at [www.orangeplayers.net](http://www.orangeplayers.net)), doors open 7:00pm, pre-order gourmet appetizers and desserts from [www.thevillagourmet.com/events](http://www.thevillagourmet.com/events), or bring your own.

**Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild**, Saturdays, 10am-1pm, May 7, June 4, July 9, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3, 2011. Visit Web site at: [www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite.com](http://www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite.com).

**Special Events Committee's Drive-In Movie Night, "E.T."** Friday May 13, 2011, 8:30pm, gates open at 7:30pm (Rain date Saturday May 14th), Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, \$5 per car fee, Snacks and refreshments available for purchase.

**BOW Relay For Life**, Saturday and Sunday, May 21-22, 2011, Woodbridge. For information or to be part of this event, contact George Geane at [bowrelayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:bowrelayforlife@gmail.com).

**Annual Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade**, Sunday, May 29, 2011, Parade ceremonies commence promptly at 10:30am, HPCC Field, 525 Orange Center Road immediately followed by the parade. For more information or groups wishing to participate, contact Karen Goldberg at 203-891-4738 or Kevin Gilbert at 203-795-2417 or 203-795-4647.

**Craft Show At Strawberry Festival**, Saturday, June 4th 2011, Orange Green, Orange Center Road; showcase your product, service or creation. Contact the Orange Congregational Church office at 203-795-9749 for reserving a vendor table or more information.

**Special Events Committee's Flag Day Ceremony**, Tuesday June 14, 2011, 5:30pm High Plains Community Center.

**Summer Concert Series**, Wednesdays starting June 15, 2011, 7:00p-9:00pm (Rain dates 'next day'), Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, \$5 per car parking fee for the July 1st show only. Visit [www.orangespecialvents.com](http://www.orangespecialvents.com) for more information.

**Milford Knights of Columbus Bus Trip to Memphis, TN**, September 10-18, 2011, includes 14 meals, Graceland, Tunica Museum, Beale Street, guided tour of Memphis, Rock N' Soul Museum; \$655. For more information, call John Benard at 203-877-2737.

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## From the Youth Services Coordinator

By John Ulatowsski



*Intergenerational tutors pose with their prized pupils.*

## Dedicated Seniors Key to Youth Services Intergenerational Tutoring

Youth Services Intergenerational Tutoring program has offered many Orange students academic assistance with an interpersonal connection for many years. The program, which runs at the Case Library on Thursdays with two separate sessions, is a mainstay in the Youth Services activities list. It provides a one-to-one teaching atmosphere where students, from grades 1 through 12, can receive focused attention not only on their subjects, but also their needs in regard to areas of comprehension. The key to the program is the dedicated senior citizen volunteers, many who have been with the program for years. They attend the sessions on a regular basis, 7 months per year, and seek only the opportunity to help youth better their academic understanding, and their grades as well. Caring parents of the students also offer perspectives and insight with academic concerns that allow for productive subject improvement. The tutor team is Pauline Lemieux, Joan Goda, Lea Turner, Veronica Hendrick, Bill Dietz, Pat Drury, Marty Stofik, Ethel Bitzer, Yael Wertheimer, Jon Smith, and Maryanne Schulz.

## Open House at Holly Hill Childcare & Learning Center

On Wednesday, May 11th, from 6 - 8 p.m. Holly Hill Childcare & Learning Center will be hosting an open house. Drop by for coffee and...meet our directors, Laura and Debbie, while touring our beautiful 10,000+ sq. ft. state-of-the-arts facility. Accepting children 6 weeks to school age; open 6:30 am to 6:30 pm year-round. Piano/music, cooking, karate, and language classes are available. We are located at 308 Peck Lane, Orange (directly behind Bassett Furniture) and can be reached at (203) 799-6300.

## Maplewood at Orange Calendar



Maplewood at Orange, formerly Laurel Estates, is located at 245 Indian River Road. All events are free and are open to the public. Some require an RSVP. For more information on any of the events below, please contact Briana at 203-795-3117 or find our activities page on [www.Facebook.com/MaplewoodAtOrange](http://www.Facebook.com/MaplewoodAtOrange).

- **Generations Stitch Club** - Every Tuesday from 11am-12pm - Calling all knitters, crocheters, embroiderers and seamstresses of all ages and experience levels, join us for a gathering of good company and fiber fun. Come to learn, come to teach, come to play!
- **Bible Study** - Every Tuesday evening at 6:30pm - Reverend Rhonda Taylor of the First and Wesley United Methodist Church joins us for a non-denominational discussion exploring "The Good Book".
- **Arpie Krisie Jeweler Services** - Tuesday, May 17th from 11am-2pm - Gold/Silver Buying\* Magnetic Clasp Conversions \* Watch Battery Installations \* Appraisals \* Jewelry Re-Sizing \*Cleaning \* And More! Plus, just by coming, get free jewelry cleaning services!
- **Mother's Day Reception** - Friday, May 6th at 2pm - Maplewood at Orange invites the senior mothers, grandmothers, and even great-grandmothers to be our honored guests as we celebrate your special day! Join us for a Victorian-style tea, followed by live entertainment by guitar player Jon Condi. Please RSVP to 203-795-3117 as space is limited!
- **Exercise and Arthritis Seminar** - Wednesday, May 18th at 3:30pm - ar · thri · tis Noun: Painful inflammation and stiffness of the joints. "To date the causes of arthritis are not understood so the only course open to arthritis sufferers is to keep the damage done as a result of arthritis under control and thereby avoid further damaging joints and other effected tissue" Excella Healthcare will be showing you how to do just that! Please call to RSVP as space is limited- 203-795-3117.
- **Memorial Day Community Picnic** - Wednesday, May 25th at 12:30pm - Join us for a festive picnic lunch and an afternoon of live musical entertainment by duet Adele and Joe Muraski. Please RSVP to 203-795-3117 as space is limited!
- **Elder Trivia Game with Prizes** - Friday, May 27th at 2pm - Visit the beautiful community of Maplewood at Orange for some fun competition! Test those memories of yester-year and win some lovely prizes, courtesy of Milford Healthcare! Please RSVP to 203-795-3117 as space is limited.



## Senior Connection Holds "A Fair to Remember"

The Orange Chamber of Commerce's Senior Connection Group hosted a business fair at the High Plains Community Center Gym on Friday, April 15. There were 25 booths displaying their local goods and services. The Fred Astaire Dance Studio put on a dance demonstration, Studio Z Fitness held a Zumba demonstration, and Dress Barn held a Fashion Show. The event was the first of it's kind and a huge success as several hundred seniors were in attendance."



On Wednesday, April 27th The Orange Woman's Leadership Network held their 4th Annual Symposium at Racebrook Country Club. The keynote speaker was Jane Pollack (pictured), a self made entrepreneur, addressed the group in her talk "Create Your Own Future". Dr. Carolyn Shiffman, chairperson of the group introduced Ms. Pollack and thanked the many individuals and businesses who contributed to making the event a success.



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By Susan Noonan



**Mother's Day**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8. There are more than 83 million mothers living today in the United States according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There are approximately 2 billion mothers living worldwide. Modern moms have an average family size of two children, while mothers in the 1950s had an average of 3.5 kids. In the 1700s, women gave birth to seven to ten children each. I realized that I had no idea how we came to celebrate our cherished Mothers on the second Sunday of every May.

Contrary to popular belief, Mother's Day was not created in the boardroom of Hallmark. In the United States Mother's Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed would be best advocated by mothers. She called it "Mother's Work Day." Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," organized a day encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else. In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorialize the life work of her mother. Anna began to lobby prominent businessmen and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her campaign to create a special day to honor mothers. In 1914 Anna's hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday. Nine years after the first official Mother's Day, commercialization of the holiday became so rampant that Anna Jarvis herself became a major opponent of what the holiday had become. Mother's Day continues to this day to be one of the most commercially successful occasions.

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. Many of our local restaurants are offering specials on Mother's Day. I would like to make note of the area restaurants that support the Orange Town News: Coromandel, Shanghai Gourmet, Chips, Bear & Grill, Grassy Hill Country Club, Hayama, Lisianos, Mark Berry's, Orange Ale House, Orange Family Diner, Peking Duck House, and Reno's Pizza all located in Orange. Jeffrey's, Conte's, Al Dente, and Presto in Milford. Antonio's of Woodbridge and Consiglio's in New Haven. Please remember to support all these well-established family-owned restaurants on Mother's Day.

Final notes: If you are fortunate enough to still have your Mother with you on this day, remember to do something special for her. It doesn't have to be an expensive dinner or gift, just something simple like a card, visit, or phone call with a kind word. Trust me, it will make her day! Happy Mother's Day to all our cherished moms.

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Forms are available at the Orange Town Hall in the First Selectman's Office and are due back by May 16, 2011 to Kevin Gilbert, Parade Organizer, at 256 Peck Lane, Apt. #29, Orange, CT 06477. Participants can also fax the completed form to Karen Goldberg at the Orange Town Hall - 203-891-2185.



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**celebrity extra**  
by cindy elavsky



Danielle Konya

**Q:** I read on your website that Animal Planet has greenlit a new series called "Sweet Avenger," about a vegan baker who also is an animal-rights activist. This idea is dear to my heart, as I am a vegan. How did the chef get her start? -- Alice F., via email

**A:** This new series follows vegan chef and businesswoman **Danielle Konya** as she shares her vegan lifestyle via her delicious desserts and animal-rights activism. I spoke with Danielle recently, and she explained to me how the idea for starting up her bakery, Vegan Treats, came about.

"I was just trying to find a way to satisfy my own sweet tooth by making vegan desserts. My mom would always bake, and I'd try some of her recipes, but minus the egg, minus the milk. People loved it. Friends would come over and ask, 'Did you make any vegan treats?' And that's where the name of Vegan Treats came from.

"I quickly realized that creating delicious desserts was the key to getting people to eat vegan. You can talk to people all day long about being vegan, but the second you give them cake, all of a sudden they are paying attention."

"Sweet Avenger" will start airing this summer on Animal Planet; go to [celebrityextraonline.com](http://celebrityextraonline.com) for my full interview with Danielle.

**Q:** I really like the new comedy on CMT called "Working Class," and I wondered if it will be back for a second season. I really hope so -- it's such a breath of fresh air. -- Gary D., Nashville, Tenn.

**A:** I'm sorry to tell you that CMT's first sitcom, "Working Class," has been canceled after airing all 12 episodes of its first season. I spoke with series star **Patrick Fabian** earlier this year about the possibility of a pick-up, and he said that while he

was keeping his fingers crossed, he has been in this business long enough not to plan on anything. "The best thing I can probably do is buy a first-class nonrefundable airline ticket to somewhere, and then they'll pick it up," he said. "That's usually the way it works."

**Q:** This season I have enjoyed watching "Detroit 1-8-7" with **Michael Imperioli**. Will it be back on ABC next year? -- Dorothy P., via email

**A:** Things aren't looking good for the police-procedural crime drama. While ABC has not made an official statement as of this writing, low ratings usually tell the tale best, so my money is on "canceled."

**Q:** When is the new season of "Breaking Bad" on AMC starting? It's one of my favorite shows! -- Liz in California

**A:** While an exact date has not yet been announced, instead of its usual springtime premiere, "Breaking Bad" will return in July for its fourth season. To help bridge the gap between seasons, you can watch three mini episodes online at [amctv.com](http://amctv.com) and check out what lies ahead for season four.

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**From Your State Representative**

By Themis Klarides



**Rep. Themis Klarides Visits Turkey Hill School**

State Representative Themis Klarides spoke with Turkey Hill 4th graders on Thursday, April 14th about state government. Students asked Rep. Klarides a range of questions related to state government and the office of State Representative.

Afterwards, Klarides read to Turkey Hill 2nd graders as part of the Read Across America celebration. The Read Across America program is an annual literacy awareness campaign organized by the National Education Association to celebrate reading. "A writer for the L.A. Times once said 'No skill is more crucial to the future of a child, or to a democratic and prosperous society, than literacy,'" Rep. Klarides said about literacy efforts.

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# It Wasn't Always Mother's Day

As we yearn for spring, we can't help knowing that soon we will be celebrating a holiday which to some of us might have a long family history of flowers and candy being brought to our favorite Mom, grandma or if we were lucky, our great grandma. The holiday had its beginnings in Roman times when the mother goddess was revered for her care and nurturing of her people, being celebrated in mid March. It wasn't until Christian times that the festival, which appears to be part of a spring ritual of new life, became part of the church liturgy celebrating the "mother" church in the 16th century.

In England and Ireland, Mother Sunday was celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Mothering Sunday became a time for servants to be given a day off from work, allowing them to return to their families and their "mother" church which was, no doubt, far from where they worked.

The holiday waned in the early 20th century, but celebrating mothers was part of WW II for American and Canadian soldiers and a resurgence of honoring women became part of the ritual once more for those women who were so important to the many men who were far from home.

As in the Roman times, with the celebration of goddesses, the actual mother was not in the picture and Isis, one of the earliest Egyptian goddesses to be honored, was known as the mother of the Pharaohs and seen sitting on a throne. This celebration was also followed in Rome with the Goddess Cybele whose origin stems from the Greek Goddess Rhea who was the mother of most of the major deities including Zeus. Now there's a mother to be reckoned with.



Other societies worshipped similar deities including Gaia the Earth Goddess and Meter Oreie, the Mountain Mother. Some of the festivals were so wild that they were eventually discouraged or banned with a more conservative approach to the celebration including eating honey cakes and sharing flowers in the morning. Sound familiar? Games were held and a customary procession through the streets with a statue of the goddess. If I didn't know what I was writing, I would think this is about Easter traditions.

The early Christians, seizing an opportunity to Christianize the festival, used the day to honor the church in which they were baptized as their "Mother Church." This harkens back to the servants being allowed their day to return home. The church would be decorated with jewels, flowers and other offerings. By the 1600s it was decreed in England that real mothers were to be included and the holiday was known as Mothering Day with compassion toward the working classes. Held on the 4th Sunday of Lent gave those who were fasting a respite with a normal meal, followed by the penance once more.

Now on to America. When the English first settled here they discontinued the celebration. Why? They didn't have time is one thought and their Puritan ways and the discontinuance of the English persecution, helped to eliminate the effort. Beside, the harsh conditions under which they lived forced them to work long hours to survive thus they avoided the secular holidays altogether focusing on a "no frills" approach to God.

Enter Julia Ward Howe. The first North American Mother's Day was presented with her Mother's Day Proclamation of 1870. Having been distraught

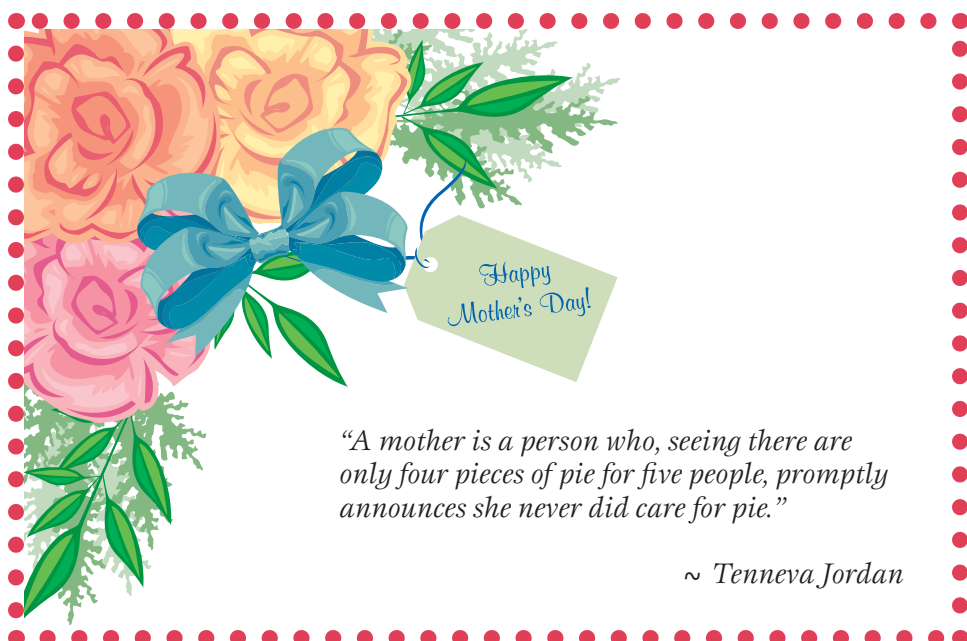
by the carnage of the Civil War, she called on all mothers to ban together and protest what she saw to be the futility of sons being killed in war. She proposed converting July 4th into Mother's Day, but June 2 was chosen and in 1873, women's groups in 18 North American cities observed this new Mother's holiday with Howe funding many of the celebrations herself. The newly found accolade to women soon waned as she discontinued footing the bill, but Boston held on for another 10 years.

The seed was planted and a West Virginia women's group, led by Anna Reeves Jarvis, began celebrating a form of Howe's work in order to reunite families torn apart by the Civil War with a Mother's Friendship Day. We're getting close, folks. After Anna's death, her daughter continued to forge ahead and petitioned her mother's church for a celebration for mothers and was honored by selecting May 10, 1908, the first official Mother's Day.

Four hundred and seven people were in attendance and Jarvis arranged for white carnations to be given to each mother, her mother's favorite flower. Today, white carnations are used to honor deceased mothers with pink or red to honor mothers still alive. By 1909, forty-six states were holding mother's day services and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the 2nd Sunday in May as Mother's Day!

There, now you know. Anna Jarvis took a strong stand on the commercialism of the celebration with what appeared to be a wonton disregard for the sentiment but greed and misuse prevailed. So, in her honor, a small token with a red or pink carnation and a big hug might just be the way to say thank you Mom, I love you.

*Ginny Reinhard is president of the Orange Historical Society.*



*"A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie."*

~ Teneva Jordan



## Celebrate with Mom on the Trolley!

The Shore Line Trolley Museum honors mothers with free admission on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8th. Get the family together for an old-time trolley ride through some of the loveliest scenery around! A three mile jaunt through the woods alongside the river and across pristine wetlands is sure to make everyone smile.

The first trolley departs at 10:30 AM and additional trips leave every half hour throughout the day until 4:30 PM. Bring a picnic basket and enjoy lunch in our two picnic areas.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 seniors and \$5 for children (2-15). Visit the Shore Line Trolley Museum at 17 River Street, East Haven, near the town green. Additional information is available at 203-467-6927 or online at [www.bera.org](http://www.bera.org). E-mail can be sent to: [shorelinetrolley@att.net](mailto:shorelinetrolley@att.net).

## ARTS & LEISURE



### The Davis Gallery Holds May Exhibit

The Davis Gallery, located at 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab), is pleased to announce its May offering, "Reverie", watercolor illustrations by Natalie Fifer. Natalie Fifer is a recent graduate of Paier College of Art. She will be bringing her playful and imaginative watercolor paintings to show. Her show will be a family friendly event, so feel free to bring the kids. There will be an Opening Reception on May 14th, 1:00-4:00pm and will be running from May 14 through June 11th, 2011, 10:00am-6:00pm/Monday-Fridays and 10:00am-2:00pm/Saturdays. For more information, call 203.795.4705.



On April 30th a local artist Joy Haines' watercolor framed print "We Played for Peace" was auctioned off at "The Smooth Jazz for Scholars Concert" at the Parsons Complex in Milford. The Smooth Jazz Concert is in its 9th year and organized by nationally known musician, Jay Rowe of Milford. This annual benefit is held to raise money for the Milford school system music department.

## THEATER REVIEW

### "The People in the Picture" at Studio 54 on Broadway

by Zander Opper

"The People in the Picture," the new musical currently playing at Studio 54 in New York City, is one of the most beautiful and deeply moving shows I have ever seen. Starring the always wonderful Donna Murphy, this musical takes place simultaneously in New York City in 1977 and Warsaw, Poland during the time period between 1935 and 1946 and concerns both a Jewish grandmother and her family in the 1970's and a Yiddish theatre company desperately trying to survive in the war-torn 1930's. Though this may sound very confusing, it all works beautifully. On a gilt-framed set (with echoes of the original 1966 "Cabaret" setting), the story jumps back and forth in time, with Donna Murphy being the essential link as both the grandmother in 1977 and her youthful self in the 1930's. Leonard Foglia is the confident director of "The People in the Picture" and he keeps the action moving seamlessly; one is always aware of what time period the action is taking place in. A description of this show cannot begin to do it justice, however. The power of "The People in the Picture" is something that needs to be experienced firsthand and this wonderful show is most highly recommended.



Zander Opper

Perhaps the most astonishing thing about "The People in the Picture" is not so much the show itself, but how its group of inexperienced creators—who had never written a musical before—have succeeded so mightily their first time out. Iris Rainer Dart, a novelist most famous for having written "Beaches," is responsible for the book and lyrics and the pop songwriters Mike Stoller (of the legendary team of Lieber & Stoller) and Artie Butler have co-written the music. Stoller's closest previous connection to Broadway was the long-running musical revue, "Smokey Joe's Café," but that was simply a collection of his classic hit songs. So how in the world have these writers written songs for Yiddish theatre that sound so authentic (and yet remain theatrical) and an accomplished score with similarities to "Fiddler on the Roof" without ever copying in any way the actual music of that classic musical? This all may remain a mystery, but what is very much tangible is that this team of writers have written a deeply emotional show that is, by turns, heart-stopping, extremely funny, and always astounding, with characters that one cares about deeply and a story that is riveting from beginning to end.

Happily, the acting in "The People in the Picture" is up to this high standard. The brilliant Donna Murphy, as the main character, is allowed to show off her various gifts as a performer in this dual role. In addition, as her granddaughter Jenny, Rachel Resheff also makes a significant contribution, with her relationship with Murphy being extremely moving. Alexander Gemignani and Christopher Innvar, as the men most important to Murphy's "younger" self, could not be bettered and perhaps the most complicated character on-stage is Red (the fine Nicole Parker), the grown daughter of Murphy's, who holds a secret (not to be revealed here) that adds unexpected layers and feelings to a show that is already emotionally gripping.

Indeed, even at an early preview performance of "The People in the Picture" was nearly flawless and I cannot remember the last time I heard so many snuffles throughout the theatre (mine included). "The People in the Picture" is a cathartic and powerful musical and, while it is still uncertain what the critical and commercial response will be to this show, it is one of the most confidently staged and written Broadway musicals I've ever experienced. New musicals, especially original ones, rarely come along with the emotional depth and deeply felt characters that this show contains, and, as such, "The People in the Picture" ultimately must rank as a must-see. One can order tickets by calling (212) 719-9393 or by going to RoundaboutTheatre.org.

Happy Mother's Day

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Make Time to Breathe

#### New Yoga Center Opens in Orange

Yoga brings about positive change, not only in how you see life, but in how you live life. Dharma Yoga of Connecticut, a 2,000 square foot, state of the art yoga center located at 206 Boston Post Road in Orange, recently opened its doors, bringing healing aspects of yoga to students of all abilities, ages 15 and up.

Unlike classes taught in fitness centers, Dharma Yoga Center provides a non-competitive, tranquil, stress-free environment. Students are encouraged to grow physically, while focusing on self knowledge and increasing flexibility. In addition to a radiant heated bamboo floor, there are extensive props, including zero gravity swings.

Founder Tony Urbano, a certified yoga instructor inspired and trained by Master teacher Sri Dharma Mittra of New York City, feels that practicing yoga regularly results in healthy life transformations. "We offer beginning, intermediate and advanced classes that incorporate breathing techniques, body nurturing and strength building; helping to regulate body functions and heal ailments, while creating balance on many levels."

Private sessions are also available and discounted packages are offered for students and seniors. For more information, fees and schedule, visit the website at: [www.dharmayogaofct.com](http://www.dharmayogaofct.com), or call 203-815-6013.

### Booths Still Available at the Orange Business and Community Expo

The Orange Economic Development Corporation is excited to announce the 10th Annual Orange Business and Community Expo, "10th Anniversary Celebration," will take place on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Expo will once again be held at the Yale University West Campus, 141 Frontage Road, Orange, CT. Paul Grimmer, Executive Director stated, "We are pleased to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Expo."

Exhibitor space is limited to 64 exhibitor booths and 15 booths are available at this time. Space is reasonably priced at \$300 for a fully furnished booth. All exhibitors will be provided with an 8 foot booth space with pipe and drape, linen topped table, and 1 chair. Exhibitors will have their business information listed in the Expo Program Book, marketing materials placed in Welcome Bags, company name listed in OrangeLife Magazine (sign-up before it goes to print), and will be invited to activities. Electricity, which is very limited, may be provided for an additional \$100. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, you may register on-line at the OEDC website, [OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm](http://OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm) or call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045.

If you cannot participate in the Expo this year, your business can still have a presence. For just \$75, we will include your marketing materials in the Welcome Bags which will go to attendees and vendors. You may also place an ad in the Program Booklet; sizes and prices vary. Please call our office at 203-891-045 or visit the OEDC website at [OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm](http://OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm) for information on both opportunities.

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

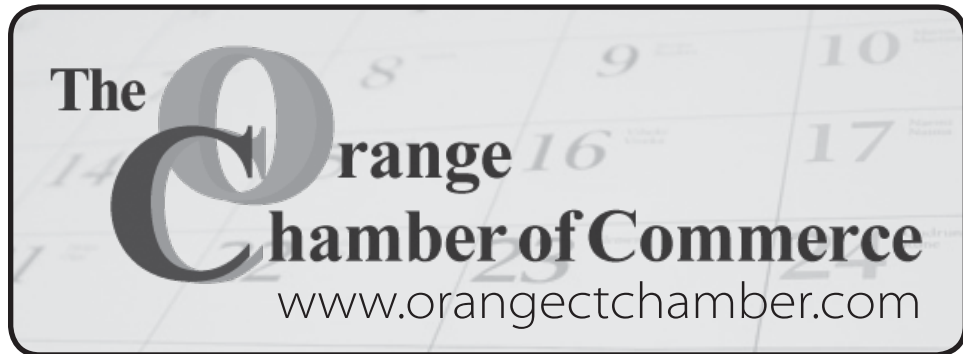
- Raffle – Visitors and exhibitors can enter to win an Apple iPad 2. Sign up for the OEDC Newsletter as you arrive at the Expo and you will be entered to win. Drawing will be announced at 3:30 p.m.
- Food – Available from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy food from: Bruegger's/Jamba Juice, Chip's Family Restaurant, Julia's Bakery, Orange Ale House, Racebrook Market, and Reno's Pizzeria.
- Anniversary Celebration – Special anniversary cake prepared by Julia's Bakery will be available at 3:30.
- More Activities to come - Please note that more activities are being planned at this time.

The Expo is free and open to the public. Business owners, their employees, and area residents can look forward to product demonstrations, activities, raffles, food, and a special anniversary celebration. Visit vendors such as: Absolute Tan, Amity Insurance and Financial Services, Gutter Topper of Connecticut, Morgan Stanley, Sign-A-Rama, Smoking Gun Research Agency, Urgent Care Center, and many more. A complete list of vendors is available on our website: [www.OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm](http://www.OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm).

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The Orange Chamber of Commerce welcomes our new members who joined during the recent Board of Directors' Membership Recruitment Drive:

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| • Ace Carting, LLC                                       | • Media Arts Center of Orange            |
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| • Center Podiatry  | • New York Life Insurance Co.            |
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| • Harbor Freight Tools                                   | • Sales Management Associates            |
| • Hibachi Grill Supreme Buffet                           | • Savers Orange                          |
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| • Knight Productions                                     | • VNA of South Central Connecticut, Inc. |
| • Material Girls   |  |

Visit the Chamber website, [www.orangectchamber.com](http://www.orangectchamber.com), for more information about these businesses and all members of the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

### SCORE Holds 2 Business Workshops

**Pre Business Workshop:** Wednesday, May 11, 2011. New Haven SCORE, serving all of New Haven County, is presenting a pre business workshop for all those planning to go into business. There is no fee required to participate in this workshop thanks to sponsorship by the SBA.

Professionals will present essential business information on how to write a business plan, insurance needs of a business, financing, bookkeeping, legal aspects of business, Connecticut taxes, marketing tips and websites. This workshop will be held from 8:15 am-12:45 pm at Gateway Community College, Long Wharf, Room 160. No pre-registration is required. For a complete list of workshops and seminars go to [www.newhavenscore.com](http://www.newhavenscore.com) or you can call 203 865-7645.

**"How to Build an Effective Website":** Wednesday, May 18, 2011 from 6:45 to 9:00 PM at Gateway Community College, Long Wharf, Room 207B, in the Small Business Center, New Haven SCORE presents an evening seminar discussing effective website development. This seminar is part of our regular monthly series of specialty business topics and is offered at no charge to you by the New Haven chapter of SCORE. For a complete list of workshops and seminars go to [www.newhavenscore.com](http://www.newhavenscore.com) or you can call 203 865-7645.

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## HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS



### Events at Temple Emanuel

All are welcome to share joy and music at Temple Emanuel's final two musical Shabbat Services for spring 2011 scheduled for May 20 and June 24 at 8pm. The Temple Emanuel band includes 17 temple member musicians who range in age from 10 to 60-something. The band is comprised of a rhythm section, a string quartet and a wind section made up of saxophones, clarinet and euphonium. The members include several parent/child groups and two Rabbis. The band is lead by Rabbi Michael Farbman and Laurel Shader; the music, ranging from contemporary to traditional, is arranged for the band by Laurel Shader.

Temple Emanuel ([www.templemanuel-gnh.org](http://www.templemanuel-gnh.org)), located at the corner of Dogwood Road and Derby Turnpike (Route 34) in Orange, is an open and affirming Reform Jewish congregation of approximately 150 families from more than 12 towns in greater New Haven and the Housatonic River Valley. Please visit the Temple Emanuel website and calendar [templemanuel-gnh.org](http://templemanuel-gnh.org) for more information or to request a membership packet, call 397-3000.

The Temple Emanuel Purim Players and members of Temple Emanuel enjoyed the Purim spiel in traditional masquerade. A Purim spiel acts out the story of Esther with satire, music and dance to bring cheer and comic relief to its audience. A full celebration of the Purim holiday includes the mitzvah of giving to charity. This year, Temple Emanuel congregants collected needed food for a donation to the local food banks.

This Purim tradition will continue in 2012. Check the Temple Emanuel website and calendar next year [templemanuel-gnh.org](http://templemanuel-gnh.org) and join the festivities!

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### Bake Sale Fundraiser

On Sunday, May 29, 2011 the Orange Congregational Church Nursery School Parents' Association will hold its annual Bake Sale Fundraiser during Orange's Memorial Day Parade, from 11:00 a.m. through the end of the parade. Hot dogs, chips, baked goods, coffee, juice, soda and water will be available for sale. The bake sale tent will be located outside the Orange Congregational Church and on the Town Green. Your support is appreciated



Congregational Church

### Holy Infant Religious Education Update

If you are a member of Holy Infant Church and have a child entering the first grade in September, 2011 please contact the Religious Education Department so we can mail you a registration packet. Currently enrolled families will automatically get a packet in the mail. To obtain a new packet please email Mrs. Connie Gustafson, DRE at [infant@sb-cglobal.net](mailto:infant@sb-cglobal.net).



Holy Infant Church

### Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events:

All events are open to non-members.

**Martinis & Mah Jongg:** Thursday, May 19, 7:30 PM: Come to our Sisterhood's annual Mah Jongg event whether you already know how to play or would like to learn. This is your opportunity to learn how to play or if you already know how to play, you can get together with a group and play the game for the evening. A donation of \$5 per person will be collected at the door. Advance reservations are requested so please call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.



Congregation Or Shalom

**Golf & Tennis Tournament:** Wednesday, June 1: Our major fundraiser of the year will be held at the Country Club of Woodbridge and includes lunch and dinner. Call the office for more details or visit our web site at [www.orshalomct.org](http://www.orshalomct.org).

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

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

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

 **Happy Mother's Day**

## LOCAL SPORTS



### Astrachan Wins Tennis Tournament

Brian Astrachan, a resident of Orange, outshined his competitors in last weekend's USTA-sanctioned tennis event and left as the best player in his category in the Spring Championships at Yale. Astrachan, No. 3-seed, outlasted No. 2-seed competitor Brandon Roode of Griswold in a grueling match, emerging with a 7-6, 6-4 victory. Astrachan, participating in the 18-year-old boys singles division, also stunned top-seed Cameron Trosin of North Hampton, NH with a 6-3, 6-0 victory in the semifinals match.



USTA New England is a not-for-profit organization committed to promoting the game of tennis by offering quality recreational and competitive programs for people of all ages and abilities in the six New England states. USTA New England boasts more than 34,000 individual members and 450 organizational members.

### Free Family Fun Event

Is your child into sports? Are you looking for a great way for you and your child to spend a spring afternoon? If so, Fun Sportz America (sponsored by the Orange Park & Recreation Department), is offering a FREE Family Fun Day at the High Plains Community Center on May 21st from 12pm-1pm. Fun Sportz offers quality sports programming for kids from grades K-6. The motto of Fun Sportz is "We put the FUN into SPORTS!" At this special session, each child will be able to participate in a typical Fun Sportz session playing sports such as baseball, basketball, football and soccer. Also, information about Fun Sportz Summer Programs will be available. Additional information about Fun Sportz and its programs can be found at [www.funSPORTz-america.com](http://www.funSPORTz-america.com). If you have any questions about this event, please contact Fun Sportz Program Director Jason Kirck at [jkirck@funSPORTzamerica.com](mailto:jkirck@funSPORTzamerica.com).

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### Alumni Hall of Fame Set to Induct Five

The Amity Athletic Alumni Hall of Fame will induct five new members at the annual Amity Block A dinner June 12th at Grassy Hill Country Club at 5:00 p.m. The 2011 inductees include Greg Burkus, Lori Hamilton Ricks, Debbie Marlowe Criscuolo, Paige Jordan Reinwald and John Barton.

**Greg Burkus** ('77) played football (3) and baseball (3) during his three years at Amity. In football, Greg made First Team All Housatonic and First Team All State in his senior year. In baseball, Greg was a very talented catcher. He captained both the football and baseball teams in his senior year. Greg was Amity's Male Athlete of the Year for 1978.

**Lori Hamilton Ricks** ('78) played field hockey (2), basketball (3) and track (2) during her three years at Amity. In basketball, Lori made Second Team All Housatonic in her sophomore year and First Team All Housatonic in her junior and senior years as well as Honorable Mention All State leading her team to two Housatonic League Championships in '77 and '78. Lori was Block A MVP for basketball for three years. She was captain of the basketball team in her senior year.

**Debbie Marlowe Criscuolo** ('89) was a runner in cross country (3), indoor track (3) and outdoor track (3) during her three years at Amity. In cross country Debbie earned All New Haven County and All Housatonic League honors. She also placed 5th in the State Open and was a New England Qualifier. In indoor track Debbie earned All State Honors for the 4X800 meter relay team and 1600 meters. In outdoor track Debbie was Housatonic League and Class L State Champion for the 1600 meters. She was also the first Connecticut finisher for the New England 1600 meter championships. She was captain of the cross country and outdoor track teams in her senior year. Debbie was Amity's Female Athlete of the Year for 1989.

**Paige Jordan Reinwald** ('91) played volleyball (3), basketball (3) and softball (3) during her three years at Amity. In volleyball Paige won All Housatonic Honorable Mention in her senior year. She helped lead her team to two Housatonic League and two State Volleyball Championships in 1989 and 1990. Paige was Block A MVP for volleyball and softball in her senior year and captain of all three sports. Paige was Amity's Female Athlete of the Year for 1991.

**John M. Barton** (Supporter of Amity Athletics) for more than 30 years, John has been a supporter to the youths of Orange and Amity High School. During these years John has coached baseball in the Orange Little League, served as its president in 1976, coached baseball for the Orange American Legion Post 127. At Amity, John was an assistant basketball coach for many years. He served on the Amity Educational Foundation Board of Directors. From 1983-1987 John served as Chairman for the Amity Regional Board of Education and a member of the Amity Booster Club. A star basketball player himself, John is enshrined in both the William Hall High School and Trinity College Basketball Hall of Fames. In the community, John has served on the Orange Historical Commission, ACES Foundation Board of Directors, Rotary Club of Orange President 2003-2004 and Commissioner of the Orange Police Department.

### Orange Park & Recreation Tennis: Spring 2011

Orange Park & Recreation is offering tennis programs through Fairfield County Tennis for children and adults. The five week spring tennis session will begin the week of May 2nd. Pee Wees (ages 4 & 5) and Juniors (ages 6-8 and 9-12) will meet either Monday or Wednesday afternoon. Adult sessions are offered for Beginner/Advanced Beginner or Low Intermediate/Intermediate players either Monday morning or Wednesday evening. All tennis is played at High Plains Community Center Tennis Courts. For availability, please call Orange Recreation Department at 203-891-4790. Program details for spring and summer are available at [www.fairfieldcountytennis.net](http://www.fairfieldcountytennis.net) or call 203-640-1724

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LOCAL SPORTS



"The 7th/8th Grade Orangemen boys travel basketball team finished up a successful 2010-2011 campaign playing more than 60 games in 4 local leagues and 8 tournaments. Pictured above is the squad after a strong finish in the St. Theresa's of Trumbull tournament. From left to right: Assistant Coach Bret Schneider, Andrew Tudino, Michael Stewart, Evan Lumpinski, Michael DiMartino, Austin DiMartino, Joe Ferraiolo, Tyler Woodward (standing with trophy), Eddie Whitman, Head Coach Jeremy Stewart, Pasquale Villano, Bret Schneider, Ken Graham (kneeling) and, not pictured, Assistant Coach Ed Whitman."



Old Tavern Complex "Phase 1" Improvements Complete

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Newly paved driveways and 61 new parking spaces made for a smooth start to opening season at the Old Tavern ball fields. The town spent about \$215,000 renovating the popular town site in hopes of relieving traffic congestion, parking issues and making the area more attractive.

"The complex is a busy place," said Park and Recreation Director Dan Lynch. "There's a lot of activity beginning in the spring and lasting right through the fall." The fields are home base for the town's Little League, Senior Baseball and American Legion and Junior Legion baseball leagues. It is also used by the Amity High School baseball and softball varsity teams.

The project, which was funded by state grants and the town's capital improvements budget, included repaving the entrance to the complex and roads leading to the upper fields, and adding a new 61-spot parking area. Lynch said the project has been in the works for almost ten years and he's glad the first phase is almost completed. "People are in and out of the fields all day and night and we needed organization to the traffic flow and parking. People would park their cars everywhere because there weren't enough parking spaces," Lynch said. "This won't alleviate the problem, but it will be a big improvement." Lynch hopes eventually the department will receive funding to complete "Phase Two" of the project -- repaving the rest of the complex and widening the roads behind the Goldberg and Stankye fields.

"The current improvements have made the whole area more attractive. It's good for the town and the community," Lynch said.

CT Junior Volleyball Program

The Connecticut Junior Volleyball Association is now accepting applications for its summer volleyball programs for girls in grades 4-12. All programs are run in Woodbridge at the CT Sports Center with additional programs offered at Staples High School in Westport. For more information, please visit our website at [www.ctsportscenter.com](http://www.ctsportscenter.com) or call (203) 387-1181 for a FREE brochure.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Who was the first Latin American to win the A.L. Cy Young Award?
2. Name the last baseball team to win the College World Series in its first time there.
3. In 2009, New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees set an NFL record for single-season completion percentage (70.62 percent). Who had held the mark?
4. When was the last time before 2010 that St. Mary's College men's basketball team won an NCAA Tournament game?
5. Sixteen NHL coaches have compiled at least 500 career victories. How many did it with only one team?
6. When was the last time before 2010 that the Italian men's soccer team was ousted in the first round of the World Cup?
7. Who was the youngest super welterweight boxing champion before Saul Alvarez, 20, won the WBC belt in 2011?

- Answers**
1. Baltimore's Mike Cuellar, in 1969.
  2. Minnesota, in 1956.
  3. Cincinnati's Ken Anderson had a 70.55 percent completion rate in 1982.
  4. It was 1959.
  5. Two -- Montreal's Toe Blake (1955-68) and Buffalo's Lindy Ruff (1997-present).
  6. It was 1974.
  7. Fernando Vargas was 21 when he won the 154-pound title in 1998.

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THIS TECHNIQUE HAS OFTEN SMOOTHED MY STROKE AND RE-ESTABLISHED MY CONTROL OVER THE PUTTERHEAD, MOSTLY BY IMPROVING MY TEMPO. CHANCES ARE IT WILL DO THE SAME FOR YOU.

## Taking Your Retirement to Monte Carlo

By Roberta L. Nestor

Frankly, if someone mentioned Monte Carlo and the word retirement in the same sentence I would be concerned. It sounds too much like gambling, roulette or blowing it all at the casino. The fact is that Monte Carlo "simulations" are very popular and credible tool in evaluating the likelihood of success of your retirement plan carrying you through your golden years.

Monte Carlo simulations have been used for nearly 50 years in business and finance. It calculates the many possible outcomes of a situation and helps businesses make decisions given uncertainty in market trends. Using Monte Carlo simulations are very common with financial advisors when they want to examine the potential success (or failure) of a retirement income plan. Because results will vary with each set of hypothetical returns and over time, this analysis is best used several years before your actual retirement date. The simulation enables you to model situations that present uncertainty.

America faces a complex challenge of securing incomes that last a lifetime for a rapidly growing population of retirees. U.S. Census Bureau projects that American's over-65 population is on track to double by 2040 to more than 80 million people. With longer life expectancies comes more years in retirement and now the average retirement lasts 25 to 30 years. Longevity risk, inflation risk, asset allocation risk, withdrawal risk and health care expense risk are the five key risks in providing lifetime income.

Part of the Monte Carlo process is to evaluate these risks and the effect they may have on your retirement. Your asset allocation is a key part in determining the success of a long term income plan. Asset allocation begins with understanding the "Modern Portfolio Theory" which was developed from the 1950s to the early 1970s. Modern Portfolio Theory is a mathematical formulation of the concept of diversification with the aim of selecting a collection of investment assets that has collectively lower risk than any individual asset. This possibility can be seen intuitively because different types of assets often change in value in opposite ways. For example, as prices in the stock market move independently from prices in the bond market, a collection of both types of assets can therefore have lower overall risk than either individually. But diversification lowers risk even if assets' returns are not negatively correlated—indeed, even if they are positively correlated.

While inflation has not been on the forefront, it exists! Twenty years ago a gallon of milk was \$2.16, today it costs more than a gallon of gas! If our dollars lose half of their purchasing power every 10 years; that means your \$3,000 of fixed income at retirement may only buy \$1,500 worth of goods after 10 years into retirement. Inflation also speaks to asset allocation, what if all of your retirement income is fixed and does not have any potential to increase? For example, retiring with a \$3,000 monthly pension check and social security may cover your expenses now, but what about 20 years from now?

So, how does a Monte Carlo simulation help?

Basically, you provide your projected monthly expenses at retirement - how much monthly income do you think you will need? Then we evaluate your potential sources of income at retirement, maybe you will transition into full retirement and work part-time for several years, perhaps you are looking at early retirement? Many pre-retirees plan on relocating (CT is not "retirement friendly") and will use the proceeds from sale of home (downsizing); maybe a large budget for vacation is important to you. Just about any variable you can think of can be a part of these simulations. Is it important to leave money to your children? Will you need to buy a car during retirement? The simulator allows for all of this and more.

At the end of all the data input your retirement income evaluation will tell you the likelihood of success. A good plan will have an 80% or better chance of success. When the evaluation comes back with only a 20% likelihood of success, you really need to evaluate your plan. It could be as simple as saving more or spending less. Fixed sources of income are becoming less and less with the loss of pension plans. Evaluate your sources of income and see how you can use your investments to provide more fixed income for those essential expenses.

The most common question asked by pre-retirees is "will I have enough money to retire"? Don't wait! Find out now and test your plan "Monte Carlo" style.

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## Dollars and sense

## Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



## Every Day is Family Day

Remember when you were a kid and wondered to yourself, "If there's a Mother's Day and a Father's Day, why isn't there a Children's Day?" Did you actually ask your parents? I did, and got the typical answer: "Every day is Children's Day!" What I've come to believe since then is that every day is Family Day. If we're nothing else, we're all part of a family, but family is an entity that we often take for granted. Mothers and Fathers deserve a special day; but I also like the idea of honoring the concept of family. And with the busy lives we all lead, what better way to celebrate family than on a cruise?

A family cruise is an ideal way to spend quality time together. There's an incredible array of activities and amenities to take advantage of on a cruise: swimming, fitness, ice skating, rock climbing, surfing, bowling, reading, stage shows, movies, shopping, enrichment classes, spa treatments, afternoon tea, family games; these are just a sampling of the many activities families can participate in. There are several family dining choices, from casual pizza and burgers to fine dining in the ship's dining rooms and specialty restaurants. Itineraries run the gamut from short relaxing cruises to the Bahamas, to seven night cruises to the Caribbean or Alaska, to longer more exotic cruises to Europe, Asia or South America. Truly something for everyone! And don't forget, when sailing with your extended family, you have the added benefit of special group rates and amenities.

There are some exciting family cruise deals available right now, call me for more information on Norwegian Cruise Line, if you book between May 1-7 on select sailings to Alaska, Bermuda, Hawaii or Europe, kids sail FREE. On select Disney Cruises to Alaska kids sail FREE. Royal Caribbean's Summer Pandamonium package provides guests on select summer sailings with the opportunity to watch "Kung Fu Panda 2" in 3D at sea while the movie is still in theaters as well as receiving a plush pal, two Coca Cola Fountain packages, two free cupcakes from the Cupcake Cupboard, a free 8x10 photo with Dreamworks characters and meet & greet and photo opportunities. What fun!

As you can see, a cruise is a great way to pay tribute to your family. Whether you're honoring your mother or being honored by your children, I wish you a Happy Mother's Day.

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**Town of Orange, Connecticut**  
**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE**

May 2011

On behalf of the Honorable James M. Zeoli - First Selectman and the Orange Board of Finance, I submit our recommended Town of Orange General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. This document is the result of many hours of careful consideration by the Board of Finance, department heads, Town Boards and Commissions, and management and staff. The focus of the 2012 budget is to continue to offer the level of services to which our citizens have become accustomed, tempered by the ability of our taxpayers to pay for those services.

This budget cycle has presented significant fiscal challenges not seen in Connecticut for decades. Federal pass-through funds and State initiated funding have been frozen at last year's levels and, in some cases, reduced or eliminated entirely. Combined with a negative growth Grand List and significantly reduced interest investment earnings, the current State and National economic conditions have resulted in the lowest revenue projections we have seen in recent times. We have carefully designed this financial plan to balance the growing request for municipal services, the needs of the Town's infrastructure, public safety, and community health and welfare while maintaining our commitment to the education of our children: the leaders of tomorrow.

**The Budget Process**

The budget process begins in early November with the preparation and submission of departmental budgets to the Director of Finance. Each departmental request is reviewed and evaluated together with the First Selectman for submission of a recommended budget to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance then conducts individual hearings and discussions with department management as required. There are inevitably some unanticipated costs that occur when projecting expenditure some eighteen months into the future. Toward that end, it is incumbent on the administration of any municipality to maintain a sufficient undesignated fund balance to provide for such unplanned events and circumstances.

**Fund Balance**

The Town's Fund Balance is a measure of its capacity to withstand financial emergencies or to provide for unforeseen emergent projects and expenditures. I am projecting the undesignated fund balance at June 30, 2011 to be approximately \$7.15 million, or 12.6% of the 2011-2012 operating budget. This reserve is in keeping with the Town's policy of maintaining approximately a 12.5% fund balance despite these trying times. Responsible fiscal management dictates that we do not use non-recurring revenue to support recurring expenses, however, in difficult economic times this practice may need to be temporarily reconsidered.

**Revenue**

The net taxable grand list for October 1, 2010 (adjusted for phase-in) equaled \$1,753,472,210 which is compared to the October 1, 2009 net grand list as below:

Category	2010 Net Grand List	2009 Net Grand List	Change
Real Estate	\$1,547,783,608	\$1,551,171,162	(\$3,387,554)
Personal Property	89,266,802	91,865,891	(2,599,089)
Motor Vehicles	116,421,800	112,177,300	4,244,500
	\$1,753,472,210	\$1,755,214,373	(\$1,742,143)

Real Estate valuation (adjusted for phase-in) decreased by .2184% from 10/1/2009 while Business Equipment & Fixtures decreased by 2.8292%. Motor vehicle valuation increased by 3.7837% for a net overall decrease in the net grand list of \$1,742,143 or .09925%

Residential property comprises approximately 70% of the grand list and the modest decline growth in the real estate section of the 2010 grand list reflects both the regional slow down in new construction and the general economic downturn. On June 1, 2009, the Board of Selectmen adopted SB #997, also known as Public Act 09-60, which effectively suspends the phase-in process and freezes real estate assessments at the second year level of the phase-in until the next scheduled general revaluation.

**Operating Expenditure:**

The budget for general town operations has decreased by 1/2% while our share of the Amity budget increased by \$641,527 or 3.32%. The Orange Board of Education came in at an increase slightly over 1/2%. The aggregate increase in the budget for the fiscal year ended 6/30/2012 is \$647,875 or 1.16%.

**Capital Expenditure:**

All but the most essential capital expenditures and replacements were put on hold for the coming year because of the uncertainty in State and Federal funding; however, the undesignated fund balance is sufficient to provide for emergency capital requirements that may arise. Capital items included in this budget are the acquisition and outfitting of four replacement police vehicles, and the first year of a five-year lease purchase of a new backhoe for the public works department.

The annual budget development is an intensive task that requires a concerted and coordinated effort on the part of all. I want to express my personal gratitude for the support and cooperation from all of our professional department managers and their staff. On behalf of First Selectman Zeoli and the Board of Finance, I want to acknowledge the many dedicated professionals who selflessly serve on our Boards and Commissions without compensation. It is that kind of public spirit that makes Orange a unique and special community in which to live.

Respectfully Submitted,

**A. W. Chiarenzelli**

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Director of Finance and Administration

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**TOWN OF ORANGE, CONNECTICUT**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-12**

GENERAL FUND REVENUE						
Classification	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11 Budget	FY 2011-12 Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease)	
	Audited	Actual			Amount	Percent
Property Taxes	48,821,580		50,810,370	52,090,679	1,280,309	2.52%
Property Taxes Prior Years	346,944		294,500	283,000	-11,500	-3.90%
Tax Interest & Liens	179,858		175,000	175,000	0	0.00%
Licenses, Permits & Fines	1,017,648		743,950	730,625	-13,325	-1.79%
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,670,481		2,078,850	1,902,900	-175,950	-8.46%
Program Revenue	117,216		666,300	201,050	-465,250	-69.83%
Investment Interest	114,707		270,000	118,189	-151,811	-56.23%
Facility & Service Charges	103,372		123,900	136,900	13,000	10.49%
Other Revenue	714,795		676,250	848,652	172,402	25.49%
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>53,086,601</b>		<b>55,839,120</b>	<b>56,486,995</b>	<b>647,875</b>	<b>1.16%</b>

BUDGET SUMMARY BY DEPARTMENT						
Classification	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	Audited	Actual	Budget	Board of Finance	Increase/(Decrease)	
					Amount	Percent
<b><u>General Government</u></b>						
01-001	Selectmen	178,084	190,267	190,037	-230	-0.12%
01-010	Probate Court	6,368	7,325	4,508	-2,817	-38.46%
01-030	Accounting	88,087	98,995	86,654	-12,341	-12.47%
01-031	Assessor	143,516	140,856	169,196	28,340	20.12%
01-032	Board of Assessment Appeals	138	2,250	600	-1,650	-73.33%
01-033	Director of Finance	208,019	230,252	230,252	0	0.00%
01-035	Tax Collector	126,585	134,294	133,514	-780	-0.58%
01-036	Treasurer	39,732	53,585	48,870	-4,715	-8.80%
01-037	Board of Finance	1,746	2,574	1,900	-674	-26.18%
01-039	Pension	200	200	200	0	0.00%
01-040	Legal	261,488	245,000	245,000	0	0.00%
01-050	Town Clerk	132,083	160,933	148,483	-12,450	-7.74%
01-055	Voter Registrars	42,069	48,350	47,510	-840	-1.74%
01-170	Town Hall	136,183	157,250	146,450	-10,800	-6.87%
01-200	Planning & Zoning	97,997	104,254	105,404	1,150	1.10%
01-201	Zoning Board of Appeals	1,622	2,400	1,650	-750	-31.25%
01-202	Economic Development	68,260	68,100	68,100	0	0.00%
01-204	Inland-Wetlands Agency	39,970	42,120	41,320	-800	-1.90%
01-205	Conservation Commission	734	2,395	900	-1,495	-62.42%
01-206	Building Inspection	94,625	99,199	114,955	15,756	15.88%
	<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>1,667,506</b> ✓	<b>1,790,599</b> ✓	<b>1,785,503</b> ✓	<b>-5,096</b>	<b>-0.28%</b>
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>						
02-100	Police: General Services	569,376	704,322	599,425	-104,897	-14.89%
02-101	Police: Uniformed Patrol	2,549,082	2,835,682	2,854,130	18,448	0.65%
02-102	Police: Investigative Services	360,933	380,714	379,914	-800	-0.21%
02-103	Police: Communication/Dispatch	211,043	236,388	259,307	22,919	9.70%
	<b>Sub Total: Police Services</b>	<b>3,690,434</b> ✓	<b>4,157,106</b> ✓	<b>4,092,776</b> ✓	<b>-64,330</b>	<b>-1.55%</b>
02-120	Fire Marshal	179,643	185,540	175,152	-10,388	-5.60%
02-121	Emergency Medical Service	219,696	236,090	244,552	8,462	3.58%
02-122	Fire Suppression: Water for Hydrants	329,976	325,000	350,000	25,000	7.69%
02-122	Volunteer Fire Department	166,519	160,000	156,500	-3,500	-2.19%
02-130	Emergency Management (Civil Def.)	3,718	6,000	3,150	-2,850	-47.50%
02-135	Animal Control	109,026	111,277	116,309	5,032	4.52%
	<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>4,699,012</b> ✓	<b>5,181,013</b> ✓	<b>5,138,439</b> ✓	<b>-42,574</b>	<b>-0.82%</b>
<b><u>Public Works &amp; Public Buildings</u></b>						
03-150	Administration & Engineering	369,985	373,659	374,507	848	0.23%
03-155	Roadways	695,013	786,406	725,852	-60,554	-7.70%
03-157	Snow Removal	219,688	151,200	58,600	-92,600	-61.24%
03-158	Vehicle Maintenance	274,186	316,462	315,196	-1,266	-0.40%
03-161	Refuse	984,862	959,273	956,789	-2,484	-0.26%
	<b>Sub Total: Public Works</b>	<b>2,543,734</b> ✓	<b>2,587,000</b> ✓	<b>2,430,944</b> ✓	<b>-156,056</b>	<b>-6.03%</b>
03-171	Community Center	341,166	376,704	385,101	8,397	2.23%
03-172	Clark Building	46,628	48,535	47,030	-1,505	-3.10%
03-173	Case Library Building	74,398	88,700	77,200	-11,500	-12.97%
	<b>Sub Total: Public Buildings</b>	<b>462,192</b> ✓	<b>513,939</b> ✓	<b>509,331</b> ✓	<b>-4,608</b>	<b>-0.90%</b>
	<b>Total Public Works &amp; Public Buildings</b>	<b>3,005,926</b> ✓	<b>3,100,939</b> ✓	<b>2,940,275</b> ✓	<b>-160,664</b>	<b>-5.18%</b>
<b><u>Culture &amp; Recreation</u></b>						
04-250	Library	496,435	539,243	509,887	-29,356	-5.44%
04-260	Parks & Recreation - Admin	192,776	204,448	196,313	-8,135	-3.98%
04-261	Parks & Recreation - Maint	213,602	249,044	246,300	-2,744	-1.10%
04-262	Parks & Recreation - Pool	271,412	384,585	312,848	-71,737	-18.65%
04-263	Parks & Recreation - Programs	3,296	3,620	3,650	30	0.83%
04-270	Amity Teen Center	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
	<b>Total Culture &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>1,187,521</b> ✓	<b>1,390,940</b> ✓	<b>1,278,998</b> ✓	<b>-111,942</b>	<b>-8.05%</b>
<b><u>Health &amp; Welfare</u></b>						
05-220	Environmental Health	160,950	171,431	172,656	1,225	0.71%
05-223	Drug & Alcohol Action	20,923	20,612	21,220	608	2.95%
05-226	School Nursing	211,110	232,780	232,780	0	0.00%
05-227	Director of Health	18,057	18,172	20,800	2,628	14.46%
05-228	Board of Health	627	850	850	0	0.00%
	<b>Sub Total: Health Services</b>	<b>411,667</b> ✓	<b>443,845</b> ✓	<b>448,306</b> ✓	<b>4,461</b>	<b>1.01%</b>
<b><u>Community Services</u></b>						
05-241	Community Services-Administration	123,901	132,397	133,234	837	0.63%
05-242	Community Services-Disabilities	3,432	4,525	3,725	-800	-17.68%
05-243	Community Services-Youth	46,985	40,633	39,345	-1,288	-3.17%
05-244	Community Services-Transportation	78,382	76,310	82,349	6,039	7.91%
05-245	Community Services-Elderly	107,367	118,529	108,771	-9,758	-8.23%
05-246	Community Services-Counseling	63,348	85,614	75,000	-10,614	-12.40%
	<b>Sub Total: Community Services</b>	<b>423,415</b> ✓	<b>458,008</b> ✓	<b>442,424</b> ✓	<b>-15,584</b>	<b>-3.40%</b>
	<b>Total Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>835,082</b> ✓	<b>901,853</b> ✓	<b>890,730</b> ✓	<b>-11,123</b>	<b>-1.23%</b>
<b><u>Employee Benefits</u></b>						
06-300	Employee Benefits	3,451,453	4,012,678	4,192,139	179,461	4.47%
	<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>3,451,453</b> ✓	<b>4,012,678</b> ✓	<b>4,192,139</b> ✓	<b>179,461</b>	<b>4.47%</b>
<b><u>Town Services &amp; Debt Service</u></b>						
08-034	Property Insurance	207,685	285,750	289,550	3,800	1.33%
08-249	Government Access TV	56,493	66,640	66,640	0	0.00%
08-320	Town Services and other	176,334	173,550	168,070	-5,480	-3.16%
10-290	Debt Service	2,014,609	2,111,685	2,022,813	-88,872	-4.21%
09-325	Capital Projects	152,053	0	147,902	147,902	100.00%
	<b>Total Town Services &amp; Debt Service</b>	<b>2,607,174</b> ✓	<b>2,637,625</b> ✓	<b>2,694,975</b> ✓	<b>57,350</b>	<b>2.17%</b>
	<b>SUBTOTAL - TOWN BUDGET</b>	<b>17,453,674</b> ✓	<b>19,015,647</b> ✓	<b>18,921,059</b> ✓	<b>-94,588</b>	<b>-0.50%</b>
<b><u>Education</u></b>						
07-090	Orange Public Schools	17,178,791	17,482,274	17,582,010	99,736	0.57%
07-095	Amity Regional Schools	19,037,581	19,302,899	19,944,426	641,527	3.32%
07-095	Amity-School Resource Officer	38,090	38,300	39,500	1,200	3.13%
	<b>Total Education</b>	<b>36,254,462</b> ✓	<b>36,823,473</b> ✓	<b>37,565,936</b> ✓	<b>742,463</b>	<b>2.02%</b>
	<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>53,708,136</b> ✓	<b>55,839,120</b> ✓	<b>56,486,995</b> ✓	<b>647,875</b>	<b>1.16%</b>
	<b>control totals</b>	<b>53,708,136</b>	<b>55,839,120</b>	<b>56,486,995</b>		



*A three year old Ugandan child fetching water to carry back to her village.*

## Where Does Your Water Come From?

*by Mary Schwartz, CPT*

Drinking water is so important to our overall health and vitality. Although we don't have to go very far to find a cool, refreshing glass of water, many people find it difficult to drink the amount of water their body needs. Since water is so readily available in the United States, we hardly give it a second thought. So, let's consider for a moment where our water comes from. If you wanted a glass of water right now, where would you get it from? A plastic bottle? Your refrigerator? Your kitchen faucet? A water bubbler?

Now, imagine if you had to walk for several miles to a river or stream to fetch your drinking water. How difficult would it be to get in your 8-10 glasses of water a day? Well, this is exactly what many people around the world have to do, just to get a glass of water. Although, I knew that people from other countries did not have all the amenities that we enjoy here in America, I honestly did not think about it very often, that is until I spoke to Jane.

Jane Holler, one of my running clients, told me about a trip she had taken to Africa. She shared her experiences with me and educated me about the living conditions she encountered while traveling to the local villages. I learned that many rural villages in Uganda don't have electricity or running water. The villagers must walk several miles to fetch water, carrying it back to their village in large, plastic jugs that weigh more than forty pounds when full. The task of retrieving the water would be difficult for most adults to accomplish, yet the job of fetching the water is usually the responsibility of the children, leaving them with little or no time for school work.

Jane asked me if I would help her organize a 5K race to raise money for a solar-powered water pump for the village of Rwesigiire, Uganda. I agreed. A committee was formed and we began the process of organizing the race. Over the past year, I have learned more about Jane's mission. Jane Holler, together with her husband, Daniel Marecki created a 501(c)(3) organization, Uganda Farmer's Inc. The mission of their organization is to provide fresh, running water to Rwesigiire, Uganda. Last year, Uganda Farmer's Inc. brought fresh, running water to Kyarusozzi, another rural village in Uganda.

Uganda Farmer's, Inc. chose Rwesigiire, Uganda as the next village to receive a solar-powered water pump after meeting Father Emmanuel Byaruhanga last summer at Saint Gabriel's Church in Milford, where he served as a visiting priest. It was Father Emmanuel's first visit to the United States and he was overwhelmed by the many conveniences available here, especially our abundant supply of water. I met Father Emmanuel Byaruhanga on several occasions and I am proud to be able to help raise money to provide his village with fresh, running water, something we all take for granted here in the United States.

If you would like to help this cause, please join me on Saturday, June 4, 2011 for the 1st Annual Running Water for Africa 5K Run/Walk and ½ mile Kid's Fun Run. The 5K race begins at 9:00 a.m. at Foran High School in Milford and runs along the water. The ½ mile kids fun run will take place on the track and begins at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to participate in the race, volunteer, or become a sponsor, please visit [www.ugandafarmersinc.org](http://www.ugandafarmersinc.org) or contact me at (203) 824-3913 or e-mail me at [mary@workoutwithmary.com](mailto:mary@workoutwithmary.com).

*Mary Schwartz is a Certified Personal Trainer and owner of Mary Schwartz Personal Training located in Orange, CT.*

## Death Notices



Orange Town News

### Death Notices

The Orange Town News will publish death notices for Orange families free of charge as a service to our readers. Family members please email notice (limit 250 words, please) to: [edit@orangetownnews.com](mailto:edit@orangetownnews.com)

## Bridges Introduces Mental Health First Aid Training to Area

Bridges...A Community Support System, Inc. will offer a free course in Mental Health First Aid in honor of national "May is Mental Health Month." On May 13 and May 20, the agency will train twenty-five business and public officials, school personnel and other community members from Milford, Orange and West Haven to improve mental health literacy – helping them to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness.

"We are thrilled to bring Mental Health First Aid to our community," said Barry Kasdan, Bridges President. "This important educational effort goes a lot further than emergency intervention; it really helps people understand the shroud of fear and misjudgment facing individuals and families who experience mental illness and addiction. It will help rid the community of the associated stigma and move more people toward recovery."

Mental Health First Aid is a 12-hour interactive training course designed to give members of the public key skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Similar to CPR training, Mental Health First Aid training helps an individual who doesn't have clinical training assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis. Clinical and qualitative evidence behind the program demonstrates improved outcomes for individuals experiencing these illnesses when they receive this triage type of help until professional resources are in place.

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, the organization that brought Mental Health First Aid to the United States in 2008, certified Bridges to provide the training in 2009. Bridges conducted the first training for local first-responders and others in January, 2011. The agency intends to develop the program as a regularly scheduled course for area professionals and residents who wish to become certified.

Bridges is a private, non-profit comprehensive behavioral health agency serving over 6,500 adults and children in Milford, Orange, West Haven and the surrounding communities. Bridges is the designated Local Mental Health Authority for the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service. For more information or to participate in Mental Health First Aid training contact Dawn Roy at Bridges, 203-878-6365, ext. 406 or email [droy@bridgesmilford.org](mailto:droy@bridgesmilford.org).

## Seminar for Local Businesses or Entrepreneurs

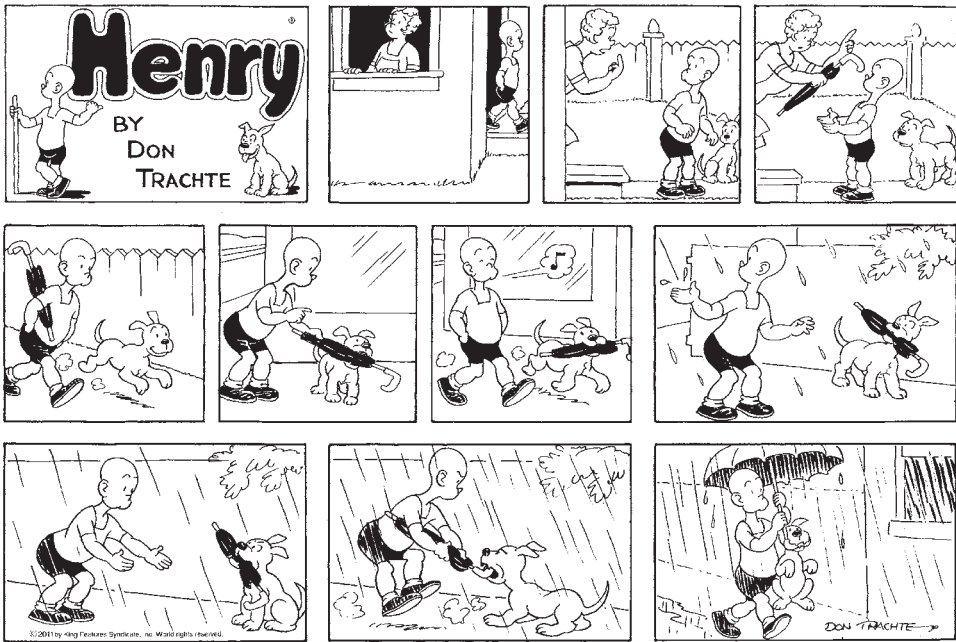
The Orange Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Fusion Group presents the third session in this breakfast seminar series on Tuesday, May 10th with "Launching or Growing A Business: A Guide to Making the Right Legal, Financial and Property Decisions."

Presenters for this session include: Allison DePaola, Attorney, Cantor Floman Attorneys & Counselors at Law, Frank Perry, Senior Small Business Specialist, Sovereign Bank, and Kevin Weirsmann, Broker/Vice President, Colonial Properties. Participants will learn about topics such as choosing the right type of organization to form, preparing your finances and funding, and how to find a property that's right for your business.

The seminars are FREE for members of the Orange Chamber and \$5 for nonmembers and will be held at the Smart Living Center, 297 Boston Post Road, Orange. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8:15, the seminar and Q&A will run from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The first 15 registrants receive a FREE 10 minute consultation with one of the seminar presenters.

To register, contact the Orange Chamber of Commerce at 203.795.3328 or via email to [mary@orangectchamber.com](mailto:mary@orangectchamber.com). When registering via email, please include all contact information. Nonmembers may pay in advance or at the door.

# COMICS / CROSSWORD / HOLLYWOOD



## HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Jack Allan Allocco, Jeanne Cooper, Warden Neil

**HOLLYWOOD** -- Jeanne Cooper, the ultimate diva as Kay Chancellor on "The Young and The Restless," came to Chevalier's Bookstore in Los Angeles to support Jack Allan Allocco, Warden Neil and myself at a book signing of our children's book, "It's All About Dorothy." It is a 36-line song that tells the classic story of "The Wizard of Oz," brought to life by Warden's brilliant illustrations.

Jeanne said she came to support Jack (who has won five Emmy Awards and been nominated 16 times for writing original music for "The Young and The Restless and "The Bold and The Beautiful") and myself. She bought four books and admitted, "I wanted them for my grandchildren and to be sold at charity auctions to raise money!" Her sister, Evelyn, also bought a book, as did Y&R stars Kate Linder (Esther Valentine) and Michael Corbett (the former David Kimble on the Y&R). Michael, who has written three books on real estate, shows homes of the rich and famous on "Extra," hosted by Mario Lopez. He revealed that he has been asked to join "The View" as ITS real-estate guru.

Jack, Warden and myself were signing books for people who couldn't wait to share our vision with their children and friends. The legendary Sally Struthers -- a friend of mine since "All in the Family," and more recently a regular on "The Gilmore Girls" -- wore Warden Neil's clothes when he was costume designer for "Gloria," her series spin-off of "All in the Family," sent regrets. "I'd

love to be there to celebrate with you guys, but I have to be in New York to work up a new show I'm involved in." They don't come any nicer than Sally. You can check out our book at the website: itsallaboutdorothy.com.

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Sad to learn that "All My Children" will be gone from ABC by Sept. 1 and "One Life to Live" after the first of next year. Your cards and letters may be the only thing that can save either or both shows. Maybe a cable network will pick them up.

James Bond will be back! Not only will Daniel Craig be back as 007 in "Bond 23," as they are calling it right now, but he also will star in "Bond 24." "Bond 23" has Oscar winner Sam Mendes ("American Beauty") set to direct, and it also boasts Ralph Fiennes, Javier Bardem and Judi Dench as co-stars. It will be released in November 2012. As for "Bond 24," it is planned for a release in 2014. How can anyone plan for the year 2014. Do any of us know where we'll be then?

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

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Actor McBride
- 4 Church section
- 8 Taj Mahal city
- 12 Baltimore newspaper
- 13 Hammer-head part
- 14 "Let's Make a Deal" option
- 15 Opposites
- 17 Source
- 18 Sandwich treat
- 19 Moment
- 20 Hearty drinks
- 22 College VIP, for short
- 24 Mexican entree
- 25 Cake enhancement
- 29 Guitar's cousin
- 30 Shine
- 31 Born
- 32 Represent in words
- 34 Microwave, e.g.
- 35 Aspire
- 36 Intelligent
- 37 Fix software
- 40 In the thick of

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- 41 Winged
- 42 Party guests
- 46 Bath powder
- 47 Swerve
- 48 Agt.
- 49 Pharaoh's symbol
- 50 Lancaster foe
- 51 Firmament
- DOWN**
- 1 Helgenberger series
- 2 Attila, e.g.
- 3 Bills
- 4 --ski
- 5 Mexican money
- 6 Witness
- 7 Type measures
- 8 Aimless
- 9 Slip-up
- 10 Santa's runway
- 11 Pretentious
- 16 Therefore
- 19 British singer Stone
- 20 Poker variety
- 21 Aftermath
- 22 Investigate
- 23 Got up
- 25 Turn over
- 26 Sci-fi villains, often
- 27 --do-well
- 28 Bloke
- 30 Rum recipe
- 33 House of worship
- 34 Leave out
- 36 Smug look
- 37 Information
- 38 Verve
- 39 Pitcher's boo-boo
- 40 State with certainty
- 42 Wall climber
- 43 Keanu, in "The Matrix"
- 44 Comic-strip squeal
- 45 Bond, for one

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**TOWN OF ORANGE  
 LEGAL NOTICE  
 OF REFERENDUM**

Pursuant to Section 2.6(c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Orange, notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Town of Orange who are qualified to vote in Town Meetings, that a referendum will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange CT for the purpose of voting on the following question:

SHALL THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,486,995 BE ADOPTED? YES NO

Voters approving the question shall vote "YES." Those voters opposing the question shall vote "NO."

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.)  
 Voters will cast their votes at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT

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

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

Dated at Orange, CT this 2nd day of May 2011.

*Patrick B. O'Sullivan, Town Clerk*

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF ORANGE  
 NOTICE OF  
 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters and those persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings of the Town of Orange, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT for the purpose of taking action at that time upon the following matters:

1. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and convey land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax liens or by deed in lieu of foreclosure of tax liens.
2. To determine in accordance with Sections 12-142 and 12-144(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the installment due dates for all property tax including the property tax on motor vehicles.
3. To receive and discuss the report of the budget prepared by the Board of Finance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

By virtue of Town Charter Section 2.6(c) and a vote of the Board of Selectmen, Item 3 shall be voted on by machine ballot at an adjourned Town Meeting-Referendum to be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (E.D.T.) at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477.

Dated at Orange, Connecticut this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2011.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



- 1. Rio (PG)**  
animated
- 2. Scream (R)**  
Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox
- 3. Hop (PG)**  
Russell Brand, James Marsden
- 4. Soul Surfer (PG)**  
AnnaSophia Robb, Dennis Quaid
- 5. Hanna (PG-13)**  
Saoirse Ronan, Eric Bana
- 6. Arthur (PG-13)**  
Russell Brand, Helen Mirren
- 7. Insidious (PG-13)**  
Patrick Wilson, Rose Byrne
- 8. Source Code (PG-13)**  
Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Monaghan
- 9. Conspirator (PG-13)**  
Robin Wright, James McAvoy
- 10. Your Highness (R)**  
Danny McBride, James Franco



- 1. Black Swan (R)**  
Natalie Portman
- 2. The Tourist (PG-13)**  
Angelina Jolie
- 3. Tangled (PG)**  
animated
- 4. The Fighter (R)**  
Mark Wahlberg
- 5. Skyline (PG-13)**  
Eric Balfour
- 6. How Do You Know (PG-13)**  
Reese Witherspoon
- 7. Yogi Bear (PG)**  
animated
- 8. The Switch (PG-13)**  
Jennifer Aniston
- 9. Hereafter (PG-13)**  
Matt Damon
- 10. The Next Three Days (PG-13)**  
Russell Crowe



### Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Katy Perry feat. Kanye West**  
"E.T."
- 2. Rihanna**  
"S&M"
- 3. The Black Eyed Peas**  
"Just Can't Get Enough"
- 4. Cee Lo Green**  
"Forget You"
- 5. Lady Gaga**  
"Born This Way"
- 6. Jeremih feat. 50 Cent**  
"Down On Me"
- 7. Chris Brown feat. Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes**  
"Look At Me Now"
- 8. Britney Spears**  
"Till the World Ends"
- 9. Jennifer Lopez feat. Pitbull**  
"On the Floor"
- 10. Adele**  
"Rollin In the Deep"



Darius Rucker

### Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Zac Brown Band**  
"Colder Weather"
- 2. Darius Rucker**  
"This"
- 3. Thompson Square**  
"Are You Gonna Kiss Me Or Not"
- 4. Kenny Chesney**  
"Live a Little"
- 5. Miranda Lambert**  
"Heart Like Mine"
- 6. Jerrod Niemann**  
"What Do You Want"
- 7. Sara Evans**  
"A Little Bit Stronger"
- 8. Jason Aldean with Kelly Clarkson**  
"Don't You Wanna Stay"
- 9. Billy Currington**  
"Let Me Down Easy"
- 10. Rascal Flatts**  
"I Won't Let Go"



Justin Bieber

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of May 10th, 2011.

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Justin Bieber: Never Say Never" (G)** -- Never? Seriously? Cuz I wanna say Never -- as in "I never want to watch this movie again." Not that this is a horrible movie (it isn't). It's just not meant for men of my age. "Never Say Never" is targeted at Bieber's base: 9 to 16-year-old girls. He is the 21st-century's Donny Osmond, a nice, non-threatening boy crooner. The film is little bit documentary, a little bit concert movie, telling the Bieber's story from his start as a YouTube sensation up to his sellout concert at Madison Square Garden. The DVD is loaded with special features, including "R.I.P. Hair Flip," a featurette about Bieber hacking off his

signature hairdo, which will have his legion of fans crying, "BabyBabyBaby NOOOO!!!"

**"No Strings Attached" (R)** -- Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman star as Adam and Emma in this predictable romantic comedy about "friends with benefits." Adam and Emma have known each other since high school. Now as adults, he works on a "Glee"-like TV show and she's a doctor. After a night of wild partying, they decide to try out the whole "friends with benefits" scenario; but after a while, Adam wants something more meaningful. She doesn't. But of course, this is a rom-com, so we all know how this sticky situation will resolve itself.

**"Something Wild: The Criterion Collection" (R)** -- Speaking of rom-coms, here's a good one. Jonathan Demme's 1986 offbeat road picture/romantic comedy stars Jeff Daniels and Melanie Griffith as wound-too-tight businessman and the manic pixie dreamgirl who go on a week-end of adventure that takes a turn for the worse when her a dangerous ex-husband (Ray Liotta) shows up.

**"Patton: 40th Anniversary Edition" (PG)** -- Written by Francis Ford Coppola, winner of seven Academy Awards and starring George C. Scott and Karl Malden, "Patton," is one of the great biopics of all time. From the infamous opening monologue with Scott backed by a massive American flag, through Patton's campaign against Rommel in North Africa, to the slapping controversy that nearly ended his career, to his unrelenting campaign across Europe and finally to Patton's unheroic death, "Patton" is not only an epic masterpiece about war, but a skillful and intimate look at a man who was larger than life.

1. Who is referred to in the title "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes"?
2. Name the artist who had hits with "If You Love Somebody Set Them Free" and "Fortress Around Your Heart."
3. Who are Genya Ravan, Goldie Zelkowitz and Patsy Cole?
4. Who is Signe Anderson?
5. Who sang "Knocked Out," and why is the song notable?
6. Who wrote and released "Money, Money, Money"?
7. Who sang "My Heart Can't Tell You No," and when?



1. Blue-eyed singer Judy Collins, girlfriend of Stephen Stills of Crosby, Stills and Nash. The song appeared on the group's self-titled debut album in 1969. 2. Sting, in 1985. Both songs went to No. 1 on the rock charts. 3. They're various names of the same person, Poland-born Genyusha Zelkowitz. She was lead singer of the all-female rock band Goldie & the Gingerbreads from 1962 to 1967. 4. The original lead singer of Jefferson Airplane. Her best known song on its debut album was "Chauffeur Blues." She left the group in 1966. 5. Paula Abdul, in 1988. It was her first release, peaking at No. 41 on the pop charts. 6. Swedish group ABBA, in 1976. 7. Rod Stewart, in 1988.

Sudoku answers on page 40

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	2	8	1				3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

# Oxygen Hose is No Chew Toy



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I have a 2-year-old cat, "Annie," who loves to chew on anything plastic -- particularly my wife's oxygen hose. How can I stop her from doing this? It gets costly. -- Dave F., via email

**DEAR DAVE:** It's not just costly in terms of replacing medical equipment, there's also the risk of Annie having to endure a costly surgery to remove bits of plastic lodged in her digestive tract. However, it can be tough to break a cat of certain habits, and many cats love to gnaw at certain textures and shapes.

If possible, you or your wife should come up with ways to move the oxygen hose (or hoses) out of Annie's reach, either by attaching to the chair with a strip or two of medical tape or, if carrying oxygen around, by looping the excess length of hose around the top of the tank or over one's shoulder.

Another method to consider is spraying the exposed length of hose with a cat repellent. Several types are available at pet stores and are used to deter cats from clawing or gnawing things like furniture or other fascinating protuberances.

In either case, constant vigilance is still required, as Annie will continue to try to bite the hose if she can get close enough (despite the presence of any stinky spray). When she makes a move toward the hose, distract her with a toy or by calling her. Or, by gently picking her up and placing her in another part of the room, ideally facing a favorite toy or scratching post on which she can take out her energy.

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool -- someone in authority knows what's happening.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance -- perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A relationship that survived some rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say, continue to improve.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



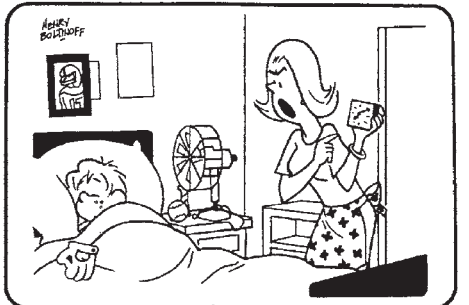
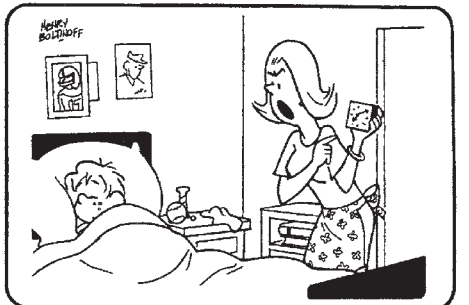
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HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Fan has been added. 2. Apron is different. 3. Portrait is gone. 4. Frame is black. 5. Baseball glove is on bed. 6. Books are missing.

## Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

**Happy Mother's Day!**  
Some things you can do for Mom are: clean and refill her bird feeders; scrub and refill the bird baths; buy her a new bird feeder or bird-friendly plant; or give her a gift card to her favorite place to shop for bird items.

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## top ten

### Mother's Day Movies

1. Erin Brockovich
2. The Incredibles
3. Mrs. Miniver
4. Stepmom
5. Baby Boom
6. The Sound of Music
7. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
8. Please Don't Eat the Daisies
9. Yours, Mine and Ours
10. Mask

Source: Kaboose

## top ten

### Household Spending Cuts

1. Restaurants
2. Mortgage interest
3. Gift wrap, stationery
4. Day care
5. Furniture
6. Towels, sheets, etc.
7. Baby clothes
8. Drugs
9. Amusement parks, movies
10. Charities

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