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Mary L. Tracy School Celebrates 100 Years

By Laura Fantarella – OTN Correspondent

Convivial nostalgia marked the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Mary L. Tracy building held recently at Grassy Hill Country Club. More than 200 people, including former students from as early as the Class of 1936, teachers, townspeople and friends attended the Centennial Gala. That so many in town still feel a connection with the Mary L Tracy building is evidence that it is a special place, according to former MLT teacher and Orange selectwoman Dorothy Berger. “I think the building is a link from the past to the future,” she said. “It is a tribute to our community that they chose to renovate the building in the 1980s and continue to take pride in its upkeep.”

The idea to hold a centennial celebration came to Ralph Nuzzo when he first took the position as MLT principal and noticed a plaque marking the opening of the school in 1910. “Mary L. Tracy School is a special place for me as well,” he said. “It was my first assignment in 1977 as the school psychologist when it was still a kindergarten through sixth grade school. “I feel a real history with the school.”

A town-wide Centennial Committee was formed two years ago headed by Susan Csjecka, who has three generations of her family who have attended the school.

Frank Clark Woodruff and Watson Stiles Woodruff donated the land in 1909 to be used to build a community school. It opened in 1910 as the Orange Center School serving students from first to eighth grades. On November 18, 1956, the school was re-named to honor former Orange teacher and principal Mary L. Tracy in appreciation for her years of devoted service to the children of Orange.

Since its rededication in 1989 as an Early Childhood Center, the school continues to house pre-school and district wide kindergarten classes for Orange students.

Several photo albums of former MLT classes spanning the 1940s to the 1970s documented the many changing hair and fashion trends of its stu-



1979 Staff Members of Mary L. Tracy School



Members of the Mary L. Tracy Centennial Committee

Hubbell Proposal Set for Public Hearing

ORANGE — Orange residents will have an opportunity to hear and comment on an affordable housing proposal by Hubbell Inc. for its 149 acre property that could add 225 clustered units under the state’s Affordable Housing Laws.

The Town Planning and Zoning Commission will be holding a Public Hearing on the proposal on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8 p.m. at High Plains Community Center. Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli stated “This issue should be of importance to each resident in the Town of Orange. All residents are invited to attend.” The OTN will have full coverage of the proposal as it goes forward.

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Chris Winkle, Class of 1939, enjoyed the evening reminiscing with fellow classmates who attended the school in the 1930s, several of whom were his cousins. Bobby Buckholz, Walter Hine, Walt Bospuda, Billy Connors and Winkle were just a few of the old-timers who attended the celebration. “We had a good time, everything was fine,” he said. “I think it’s great that the town has maintained the building when others, like New Haven, just knock down a school and put up a new one.”

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tool: the mobile License Plate Recognition System placed on two of its patrol cars that scans plates and matches them against state and federal databases to hone in on cars that are stolen, unregistered or connected with a crime.

Orange acquired the system from Warnock Fleet, a company that supplies municipal vehicles and equipment to accompany them. Warnock has provided the LPRS, which is manufactured by Vigilant Video, to several other towns in Connecticut, creating a regional bloc of municipalities now using the crime-fighting tool. That regionalization has afforded some cost savings for the involved municipalities, including Orange.

Police Chief Robert Gagne introduced the technology, saying, “This is going to be a great tool for law enforcement and it didn’t cost the taxpayers a dime.” The total cost of the LPRS was \$23,000, according to Gagne. Gagne said some of the funds for the purchase came from the US Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program, a program that disburses assets forfeited from criminal activities. That money can be used to support specific categories of law enforcement expenses, such as program support. The funds awarded to the town were the result of forfeitures related to crimes solved by the Orange police. Gagne explained that the system used cameras mounted on the police vehicle that could recognize license plates and read them into databases, such as the National Crime Information Center and the Connecticut Division of Motor Vehicles.

The camera reads the plates and also takes still photographs, even of moving cars, and shows the officer what type and the color of the car on which the questionable plate is mounted. The equipment recognizes license plates from all 50 states and Canada. Gagne said Orange is part of an exciting new system that allows the department to be part of a regional project and saved a lot of money as a result.

He said the Newington Police Department fronted the bills for all the background equipment including \$20,000 worth of computer databases and a server. He said the other departments taking part in the region include Newington, West Hartford, East Hartford and Wethersfield.

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Orange Town News Opens New Office Right in the Heart of Town

Orange First Selectman James Zeoli led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new offices of the Orange Town News located at 653 Orange Center Road, Orange (next to People's United Bank). Following the ribbon cutting, the Orange Chamber of Commerce held a Business After Hours which was attended by over 100 Orange business leaders and friends. The celebration included a wine-tasting event hosted by Ray Spaziani, New Haven Chapter President of the American Wine Society and fine musical entertainment by the Orange Chamber's own Tim Rogers. The event was co-sponsored by People's United Bank.

OTN publisher Rocky Salperto stated, "We were overwhelmed by the turnout for our event. The outpouring of support for the OTN is a tribute to our great staff and the community's support for having its own hometown paper. I am particularly happy with the location of our new offices, right in the center of town. I hope that Orange residents find it convenient and stop by and see us with their article & photo submissions to the Orange Town News." The ribbon cutting and BAH also celebrated the opening of the law firm of Riordan, Cutting & Shore at the same location.

Orange Town News

Below are the next two Orange Town News Issue dates and deadlines for your convenience. Thank you for all of your submissions to the paper.

<u>Upcoming Issue Deadline</u>	<u>Upcoming Issue Dates</u>
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June 25th.....	July 2nd

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

Orange Elementary Schools Participate in 4th Annual Olympic Festival

On June 1, 2010, over 150 elementary school children in the town of Orange will compete in the fourth annual "Orange Elementary School Olympic Festival". The Festival will run for one day only from 4pm to 7pm at the High Plains Community Center. Athletes must qualify in order to compete against their peers from the three Orange elementary schools in one or more of the seven festival events. A raindate of June 3rd for the same time as been set.

One of the goals of the program is to give children an opportunity to display their athletic talents in a school-affiliated venue. Our hope is that many of these children will associate this positive experience with their academic experience, creating feelings of confidence and pride in their work, thus producing the foundation for the development of true student-athletes.

Bring your appetites!! Food will be available to be purchased under the pavilion during the event for spectators. An international flavor will be served with local vendors like Reno's, On The Border and Chips Restaurant representing the continents of North America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

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Race Brook Elementary Launches Month-Long Bottle Drive

Race Brook Elementary School is launching a month-long bottle drive to collect empty water bottles and soda containers as part of its Earth Day activities. Realizing the importance recycling has on the environment, Race Brook will take advantage of the hands-on learning opportunity for its students.

Children and faculty drink a lot of water throughout their day at school and many do it from water bottles, which now have monetary value when empty. Now that water is a part of the Connecticut Bottle Bill, there is a greater opportunity for schools to raise money, by collecting those empty containers. "The bottle drive is serving multiple purposes: To teach children the importance of recycling, to reduce trash, to remind the students/parents that water bottles now have a deposit value and are recyclable under Connecticut's bottle bill, and, at the same time, raise money for Race Brook's Student Council to fund activities that benefit the school," said Race Brook Principal Michael Gray.

The school delivered a presentation on April 20 that explained to students how used plastic, glass and aluminum beverage containers can be turned into new and useful products – such as shirts, jackets, blankets, hats, new glass bottles, pens, even car parts, according to Gray. "To reinforce the importance, and understanding, of recycling, each child received a ruler and pencil made from 100% recycled materials as well as crossword puzzles, word searches and matching games," he added.

McConville & Zandri to Be Honored

A retirement party in honor of Debra McConville and Gene Zandri from the Orange Elementary Schools will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 4:30-8:30pm at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven, CT. The contact person for information is Erin Knight at Race Brook School and her email address is eknight@orange-ed.org.

Race Brook School Reduces Food Waste

Earth Week activities at Race Brook School (April 19-23) featured a daily lunch room "weigh-out". Students weighed the total amount of food, milk, and juice that was thrown out during each lunch period. On the first day of the "weigh-out", the students were surprised to find that they had thrown away 110 pounds of food, milk, and juice in just one day! They also had tossed 36 pounds of other trash for a total of 146 pounds of garbage!

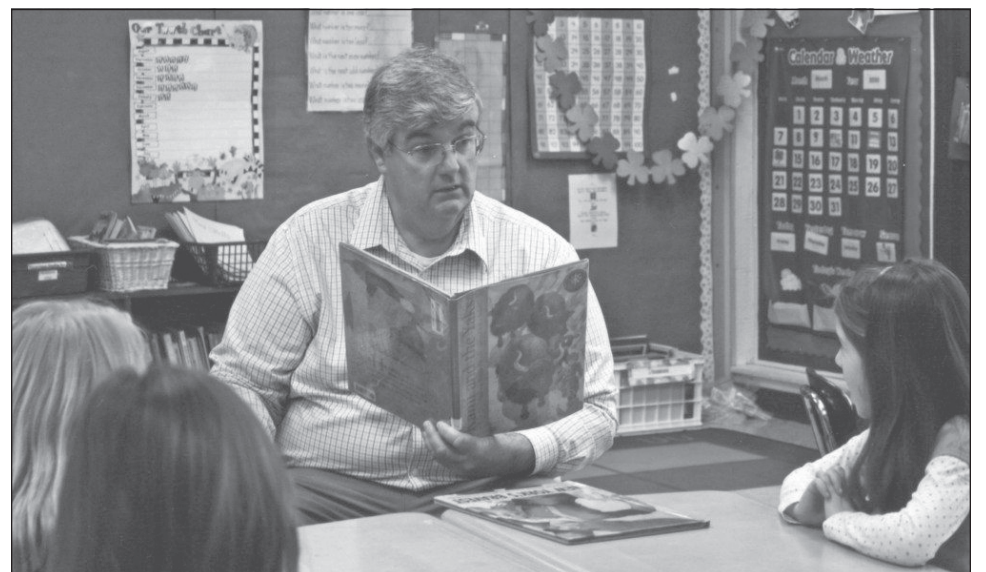
At a school assembly that afternoon, students were challenged to bring that number down during the week. They were encouraged to make good decisions about food - to take only what they could eat and to drink all of their beverages. Principal Michael Gray told the students that much energy is used in making the food that is transported to Race Brook School for lunch and in hauling the garbage away from the school. He encouraged students to think about how the decisions they make about food impact not only their health, but the world.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Earth Week, Race Brook School students threw out an average of 76 pounds of food per day, a reduction of 31%! If this reduction can be maintained or lowered further, Race Brook School may be able to reduce the cost of garbage removal. More importantly though, Race Brook School students have a better appreciation of how garbage created in our community impacts the environment.

If other schools are interested in doing this project in an effort to educate students and reduce cartage expenses, please contact Dan Cortright (795-9714). This project was run by volunteers from the Race Brook School PTA at no cost.

Race Brook School would like to thank Mr. Dan Cortright for his efforts in coordinating all of the Earth Day activities for students. Very special thanks to Mrs. Debra Satonick and Mrs. Bonnie Zehnder, Cafeteria Aides at Race Brook School. Their expert ability to work this project into the regular lunch period made it a success. Also, thanks to the Cafeteria staff, Mrs. Mary Post, Mrs. Ann Friend, and Mrs. Laura Erlacher, and Mr. Dan Conaras, Custodian, for their assistance.

Race Brook School also heard a great presentation on recycling from Amy Esposito. On Friday, students cleaned up trash from the school grounds and planted wildflowers and bulbs around the campus. We hope to see some beautiful flowers this spring!



Racebrook School Celebrates Read Across America

Racebrook school celebrated "Read Across America" last month as special guest readers visited each classroom and read them a special book. First Selectman Jim Zeoli (pictured above) was one of the guest readers for the children.

Schectman Achieves "Presidents List" at Bentley

Claire Schectman completed her freshman year at Bentley College in Waltham, Massachusetts, achieving the "President's List" for both the First and Second Semesters. Claire is double majoring in Business and Global Perspectives at Bentley. The OTN congratulates Claire on her accomplishment.

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Mr. Slie Set to Retire from "The Best Job in the World"

By Laura Fantarella - OTN Correspondent

Orange Middle School Principal Bob Slie has mixed emotions about retiring from "the best job in the world" at the end of this month. The popular educator and administrator has taught in the BOW school district for his entire 40-year career, 35 of them in the Orange Middle School. "It is a happy and sad time for me," he said. "I don't know how I'll feel on June 30."

While the teachers, students, parents and fellow administrators have been like family to him all these years, Slie, 61, is retiring to spend more time with his own family. He expects to devote his time to his wife, two daughters, and especially his three-year old twin grandsons. And he hopes to leisurely tend to his yard and garden at his Oxford home, do a lot of fishing, maybe take up golf, and add to his already extensive collection of antique milk bottles.

Slie came to what was then Orange Junior High as a student teacher while he was a senior at Southern Connecticut State College. He was offered a position as a Social Studies teacher at the school for the fall following his graduation and spent the next 18 years in the classroom teaching history to junior high school students. He was also actively involved in athletics, coaching the baseball and football teams for many years.

In 1988, he left Orange for four years and transferred to the Bethany Junior High School to take on his first administrative position and spent one year as assistant principal at Amity Senior High School.

But it is the middle school that has Bob Slie's heart. When the principal post at the Orange Junior High opened up in 1993, he jumped at the chance. "When I was a teacher, I regretted that I didn't get to know all the kids in the school. As principal they are ALL your kids and I am able to set policies and make decisions that affect everyone here. This is the place where you can do your best work -- really influence the kids and maybe help them to turn a corner if they are heading down the wrong path," he said. Indeed, no child goes unnoticed; Slie knows each of his 400 plus students, and most of their parents as well. "One of the nicest aspects of the job is that I've taught so many kids over the years and then I've been a principal for hundreds of their kids!" he said. He said he loves the Orange community and couldn't have worked in a nicer town.

It is the students that truly make his job special. "I have fun at my job every day," he said. "If I'm having a difficult day, I just walk down the hall or stop in to a classroom and talk to the kids. They keep me feeling young and connected." He believes kids haven't changed much over the generations, but the issues they face are different. He cites the decline of the manufacturing industry has left kids with fewer options for the future. "Many kids feel anxious that they must excel academically and go to a good college," he said. Their time is also more organized with structured activities and less "play time." "When I was young you went outside to play and there were pick up games of basketball or baseball. Now kids are used to playing sports where there are officials and referees and parents there to resolve issues that kids used to settle among themselves."

The biggest change in education since he began teaching is the growth of technology and how that is revolutionizing classroom learning. "Kids can use an IPOD to download notes and do their homework," he said. "There are so many new tools that help make learning more interactive and student focused." He is most proud of the renovation of the school building and its conversion from a junior high to a true middle school.

Everyone from parents, former and current students, teachers, office staff and fellow administrators say they will miss Slie's soft-spoken leadership. "He's just a wonderful, compassionate person," said V. Gibbons, Slie's assistant principal who has worked with him for 11 years. "He's a schmoozer and I mean that in the best way, he just genuinely cares for people. Whenever anyone proposed an idea he would always say, 'How does that benefit the children?'"

Eighth graders Lyle Luth and Demery Ormrod are glad they are moving to the high school when Slie leaves. "I am glad he was here for my last year," said Ormrod. "He knows all of us and relates to all of us and always gets things done." Luth agreed, adding, "He's fun and nice. He never yells, but you know when he's disappointed."

As Slie prepares to start a new phase in his life, he admits he probably won't be too far from a classroom. He hopes to stay involved in mentoring young teachers or consulting after retirement. "I've always loved being involved in classroom instruction and haven't always had enough time to do it justice with all the other competing responsibilities of an administrator," he said.

A retirement dinner in Slie's honor will be held at Racebook Country Club in June.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE ORANGE SENIOR CENTER

By Joanne Byrne

Friday at the Movies

"The Blind Side", starring Sandra Bullock will be shown on Friday, May 21 at 1 pm. in the senior lounge. This movie is based on the true life story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential. As a football player and student, Oher works hard and, with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an All-American offensive left tackle. It is a touching and up-lifting story. Don't miss it. Popcorn and soda served. Call the center at 203-891-4784 for reservations.

Dr. David Katz Speaks at the Senior Center

Dr. Katz, an internationally renowned authority on nutrition, weight management, and the prevention of chronic disease, will speak at the combined meetings of Ladies, Lunch and Learn and Men's Club on Wednesday, June 2 at 10:30 am. at the senior center. Dr. Katz is a recognized leader in integrative medicine and patient-centered care. He is the Director and founder of Yale University's Prevention Research Center; Director and founder of the Integrative Medicine Center at Griffin Hospital; founder and president of the non-profit Turn the Tide Foundation, and formerly the Director of Medical Studies in Public Health at the Yale School of Medicine. Many enjoy his weekly column in the New Haven Register and have seen him on the Oprah Winfrey Show and with Dr. Oz. Seating is limited and reservations are necessary for this presentation by calling the center.

Tickets on sale now for Radio City Christmas Show

Reservations and deposits are now being taken for the center's Thursday, December 2 trip to Radio City Music Hall in New York City for the annual spectacular Christmas Show starring the world-famous Rockettes. Orchestra/first mezzanine seats are being held for this favorite holiday tradition. A full-course lunch will follow the show at the Mont Blanc Restaurant. The total cost for the trip is \$118 and requires a \$50 deposit at the time of registration in order to assure a spot. Don't hesitate to sign up as soon as possible, since these seats sell out fast.

May is Stroke Awareness Month

Griffin Hospital Community Outreach & Parish Nurses will come to the Orange Senior Center on Thursday, May 27 from 10 am to 12 noon to do free stroke assessments on the Mobile Health Resource Van. The assessment includes a stroke risk factor assessment, cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, and a pulse & carotid artery check with a stethoscope. Please call the senior center at 203-891-4784 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins will be permitted. Blood pressures will also be available for those who do not wish the full stroke assessment. This free health screening is made possible through funding from the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut.

Premier Showing of Video about the Orange Senior Center

Come for a premier showing, Academy Awards Style with Red Carpet and all on Wednesday, May 26 from 4 to 6 pm in the senior center café. The Department of Social Services awarded the Orange Senior Center a grant in 2008 to produce a promotional video with the purpose of creating a positive image of aging and of senior centers. We have been working with Ron Davis of Videolab who produced the video. Marge Gloria and Baxter Walsh did the narrative for the video. The public is invited to attend this "Academy Awards" premier. Refreshments will be served. Please call the center at 203-891-4784 to let us know you are coming.

Trip to Stonington for last Sergio Franchi Concert

Eva Franchi will host the last Sergio Franchi Concert on her estate in Stonington on Saturday, August 14. Grand winners of the Sergio Franchi Scholarship will perform with a 32 piece orchestra. The grounds are open before the concert for picnicking and tours of the estate. Cost to members of the center is \$60 and includes the entrance fee, transportation on a motor coach from the senior center and driver gratuity. A box lunch can be ordered for an additional \$8.75. Reservations must be made by June 15 with full payment. After June 15, check for availability. There will be no refunds due to weather or cancellation of concert.

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-- senior volunteers who advise other seniors on how to detect fraud in Medicare. As an example, if you receive medical goods you didn't order, such as special equipment you don't need -- but that Medicare will probably have to pay for -- the Patrol can help investigators get to the bottom of it.

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Plans are under way for the 6th annual Spring Flower Sale, hosted by the Holden family of Orange, to benefit the American Cancer Society. The sale, to be held Friday May 14, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturday May 15 from 8:00 a.m. – 2 p.m., will feature an assortment of annuals in 2 ½ and 4 inch pots. Many colors and varieties of petunias, impatiens, begonias, dahlias, verbena, marigolds and coleus will be available for purchase, with 100 % of the proceeds going to the “Victoria’s Cancer Slayers” team that will participate in the Relay for Life in May. The plant sale will be held rain or shine at the Holden’s greenhouse at 870 Garden Road in Orange. Please call (203) 891-9128 for directions or further information.

OLT Guided Walk at Housatonic Overlook

The Orange Land Trust will be holding a Spring Guided Walk at the Housatonic Overlook area on Saturday, June 19th, at 9:30 a.m. This will include a view of the Housatonic River from Tucker’s Ridge and walking the trails that are lined with mountain laurel (Connecticut’s State flower) in many areas. It is hoped the laurel will be in bloom for the walk which should take approximately two hours. People should meet at the end of High Ridge Road.

This walk is moderately difficult in some areas. The plan is to have two groups, one with the more difficult area included and one using the more level trails. Due to the possibility of ticks, long pants (that you can tuck into your socks) are recommended. All are welcome, and please bring a friend. For information, call Judy at 203-799-6321.

Boat Safety Course Available

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-11 is offering a one-day Boating Safety Course on Sunday, May 16, 2010 beginning at 8 a.m. This fun and comprehensive course has been approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. After successful completion, the participant will qualify to apply for the State of Connecticut Boating Safety Certificate (License) including 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 \$65. For further information contact Charlie Phippen at (860) 828-5438 or (860) 916-3379, or visit www.a0142411.uscgaux.info.

Local Restaurants Support the Orange Lions Club!

The Orange Lions Club will host its annual “Taste of Amity” fundraiser on Thursday, May 20th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the Holy Infant Church Auditorium on Racebrook Rd. (RT. 114) in Orange. Join us for a wonderful evening of delicious food, beverages, and entertainment as you help us with our blindness aid and prevention programs. Included in your ticket price will be samplings from restaurants such as Lisiano’s, Chips, Bear and Grill, Equinox, Gabrielle’s. Thai House, China Pavilion, Coromandel’s, Orange Ale House, Timothy’s, Racebrook Market, Reno’s. Racebrook Wine, Applebee’s, TGI Fridays, and On the Border. A raffle with great prizes will also be available. Tickets are \$25 in advance and can be obtained by calling Ron Ruotolo at 203 996-0989 or Marianne Miller at 203 799-6526. You can also mail your check for tickets or tax-deductible donations made to Orange Lions Charities at P.O. Box 824 Orange, Ct. 06477.



Woman’s GOP Club Holds Annual Spring Luncheon

The Woman’s Republican Club of Orange held its annual spring luncheon on Saturday, May 1st at Grassy Hill Country Club, Orange. The guest speaker for the event was Ginny Reinhard, President of the Orange Historical Society. Ginny spoke of “Orange Women That Have Made a Difference”. Pictured (l-r): Ginny Reinhard, Jim Zeoli, Patty Logiocco and Carolyn Roth.

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May 16th Is The Doodlebug Spring Pull!

On Sunday, May 16th at the Orange Country Fairgrounds, the area's best doodlebug drivers will gather for a spring pull. Participants will be vying for bragging rights as they warm-up for the "big event" at the Orange Country Fair, September 18 & 19, 2010.

Doodlebugs have long been a crowd favorite at the Orange Country Fair. These unique machines, made from old trucks with heavy duty rear axles and two transmissions, are built for the sole purpose of dragging concrete blocks a distance of three feet.

Weigh-in for the trucks begins at 11:00 AM and the competition starts at noon. Join us at the fairgrounds for an afternoon of clutches burning, gears grinding, and axles twisting, and cheer on your favorite driver!

Memorial Day Honorees

The Town of Orange Memorial Day Parade Committee is proud to announce that it has selected the following people to be honored at this year's Memorial Day Ceremony.

Orange resident Trevor H. Davis, Sr. of Sarah Circle will be the Grand Marshal and Charles M. Robear of Meeting House Circle will be the Chief of Staff. The late Gertrude E. Noone of Juniper Drive will be honored as our Honored Veteran. At the time of her death in September, 2009, Gertrude was the oldest living veteran in the world. She was 110 years old when she died.

The Keynote Speaker this year will be Dr. Linda Spoonster Schwartz, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Veteran's Affairs.

This year's ceremony will be on Sunday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m. at High Plains Community Center Fairgrounds. Please make every effort to attend and support our fallen war heroes.



Police Department On Alert for Memorial Day

The Police Department will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint detail on May 28, 2010 as well as supplemental DUI enforcement patrols during the Memorial Day weekend. Funded in part by a grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation the Department wants to remind motorists that traffic begins to increase at this time of the year and motorists should plan accordingly. The Department will also be looking at traffic for cell phone use and other distracted driving issues. Police ask that you take the time to think before getting in your vehicle, keep your attention focused on traffic and have a safe start to the summer. If you see unsafe drivers please call the Department at (203) 891-2130.



O.V.F.D. Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast

This year, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 14th annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 12th from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Fire Station, 355 Boston Post Road. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon, potato patties and all you can eat pancakes prepared for you by the Orange Volunteer Firefighters. Orange juice, milk, coffee and tea will also be served.

Prices are: \$7.00 for Adults, Children ages 5-12: \$5.00, Age 5 and under is free with a paying adult. Purchase tickets in advance and save \$1.00 per person. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc., 286 Boston Post Road. All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department.

This fundraiser has been moved to Saturday morning. Don't forget!

For further information, contact Lynn Knight @ 203-799-2592 email lmk415@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.orangevfd.com.

From the Youth Services Coordinator

John Ulatowski

Youth Services Job Bank Assists Orange

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, washing windows, cleaning attics/basements, snow shoveling, painting, general housework, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper...and more.

The Job Bank has been a program that has been very successful over the years in meeting residents' specific employment needs. The program provides area residents with a Job Bank student/parent connection to assist with a successful jobs match.

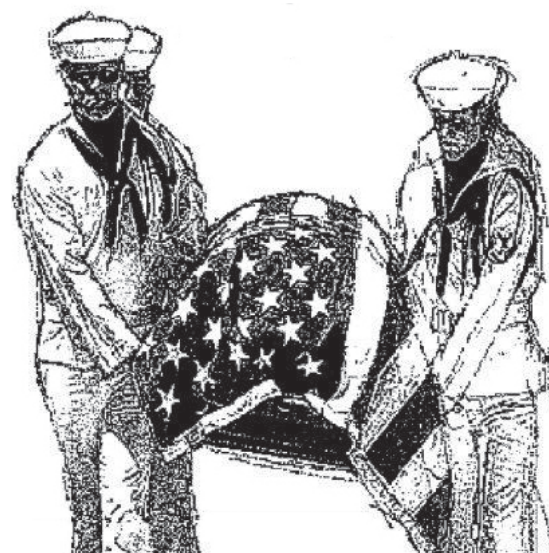
For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785 between 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.

OVNA Healthline



The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinics will be held at its office at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library. Monday, May 17 and on Thursday, June 3, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm. No appointment is necessary.

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



Memorial Day

Monday,
May 31

Milford/Orange Senior Wish Society to hold Fundraiser

By Laura Fantarella OTN - Correspondent

A roof repair, payment of a UI bill, home care, and even the purchase of an urn are just a few of the wishes granted to local senior citizens with the help of the Senior Wish Society of Milford and Orange.

The Wish Society is a grassroots organization that was established in 1999 to help eligible seniors make purchases and pay for expenses they might not otherwise be able to afford. The Society is supported by corporate and private donations and fundraisers.

Dennis Marsh, Elderly Outreach Worker at Orange Elder Services, said he may identify a need when he is visiting seniors or they make their own requests. The Society recently provided funds for Orange elderly to purchase a bathtub bench; pay for a handyman, install a railing and purchase an air conditioner. The Society is usually able to help with most requests with a \$500 limit. "Luckily most people are not disappointed and we are able to help," Marsh said.

The next fundraiser is "A Taste of Newport RI Bus Trip," that will take place Sunday, May 23. Cost is \$84 and includes round trip bus transportation from Carrie Travel to Newport; Brunch at the Atlantic Beach Club by the ocean, Newport Vineyards tour and wine tasting, and time to shop and visit downtown Newport. Bus leaves promptly at 8:30 a.m. and returns around 8:30 p.m. Space is limited; call Carrie Travel, 203-874-0600 or 800-732-6924.

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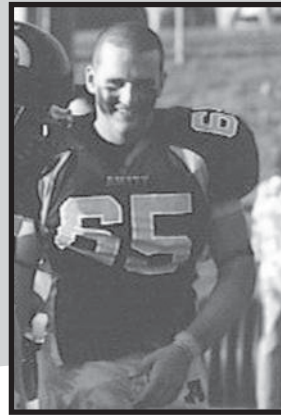
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Please make checks payable to:

The Salvatore Semmonella Memorial & Scholarship Fund, 305 Knight Lane, Orange, CT 06477
or call 203-795-8025 for item donations.

Your support of this golf tournament will help provide scholarship funds to deserving students from the Amity Regional High School in the name of Sal Semmonella who tragically passed in the winter of 2008.

Schedule of Events

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8:00AM
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Blood Pressure Clinic presented by Gentiva & Laurel Estates, 1st Thursday of every month, Laurel Estates, 245 Indian River Road, 1:30-2:30pm in the Community Room. No appointment necessary.

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

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 May 18th.

Ballroom Dance Cardio Classes, Wednesdays 9:00-10:00am, Saturdays 10:00-11:00am, and Sundays 11:00am-12:00noon; Let's Dance in Rhythm, Branford Theatre Building, 19 South Main Street, 2nd floor, Branford. No partner needed, classes \$12/pp. For more information, call (203)481-1333 or visit www.letsdancebranford.com.

Art In the Library, May 1-28, 2010, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road; featuring works by Barbara Mazur, Margaret Ulecka-Wilson and Joan Lakin. For more information, contact the library at 203-891-2170.

Orange Park & Recreation Karate Classes, ages 4-adult, started May 11, 2010, HPCC. For more information, contact Chris Sansonetti at 203-783-9768 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.

Rabies, Microchip Clinic Sponsored by Amity Animal Rescue Fund & Country Companions Veterinary Services, Saturday, May 15, 2010, 1:00-3:00pm, 9 Amity Road, Bethany, \$12/rabies inoculations (bring proof of current inoculation); \$15/microchips plus activation fee while supplies last. For additional information, call 203-389-1996.

Davis Gallery Watercolor Group Show by the Students of Audrey Galer, Saturday, May 15, 2010 - June 12, 2010; 200 Boston Post Road (in the lobby of VideoLab), Opening Reception Saturday, May 15, 2010, 1:00-4:00pm; free and open to the public. For more information, call 203-795-4705 or visit www.DavisGalleryCT.com.

Orange Lions Club "A Taste of Amity", Thursday, May 20, 2010, 5:30pm-8:30pm, Holy Infant Church, Racebrook Road, \$25/pp in advance by calling 203-996-0989, 203-988-6534 or sending a check to Orange Lions Charities, P.O.B. 824, Orange, CT 06477.

Relay for Life of Bethany~Orange~Woodbridge, Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, 2010, High Plains Community Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road. For more information, contact Debbie Davis at debbie.davis@reg5.k12.ct.us.

OACC 2nd Annual Youth Concert, Sunday, May 23, 2010, 3:00pm, East-bound Theater (Milford Fine Arts Facility), 40 Railroad Avenue, Milford. Tickets/\$15, \$10 for Orange Arts Council Members, seniors and students. For reservations call 203-397-8915 or 203-795- 3127.



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Are you a stay-at-home mom, part-time working mom or a mom who works from home interested in meeting other moms who have children similar in age to your children?

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For more information about the MOMS Club of Orange
or to find out how to become a member, please contact:

Susan - Membership Vice President at 795-9800 or email momsfororange@hotmail.com

Orange Congregational Church Presents The New England Ringers, Sunday, May 23rd, 2010, 4:00pm, Sanctuary, 205 Meeting House Lane, Tickets/\$20.00 per person, Seniors and students/\$15.00. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets may be ordered through the Church Office at 203-795-9749.

Smart Living Center Seminar, "Sustainable Investing - Going Green With Your Green", Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 6:00-7:30pm, 297 Boston Post Road. Reservations required, call 203-799-0460.

Laurel Gardens Assisted Living Memorial Day Picnic, Friday, May 28, 2010, 12:30pm, 245 Indian River Road, picnic lunch, cocktails, and live music; free to the public, reservations required. To reserve a seat, call 203-795-3117 or go to www.laurel-estates.com.

Orange Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, May 30, 2010 on Orange Center Road. Ceremonies commence at 10:30 am at the High Plains Community Center Fairgrounds.

Orange Congregational Church Nursery School Parents' Association Annual Bake Sale, Sunday, May 30, 2010, 11:00 a.m. through the end of the parade outside the Orange Congregational Church and on the Town Green.

TPZC Public Hearing on Hubbell Affordable Housing Project, Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 8:00pm, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road. All residents are invited to attend. For more information, contact the TPZ office at 203-891-4731.

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when he first gravitated to the piano at the home of a family friend. "I guess she heard something because she told my parents to put me in music. I was the only one she would let play her piano," he said. He quickly fell in love with the instrument. "I was fascinated by all the sounds I could create when I pressed the keys. I thought it was amazing," he said.

At the time he would just listen to a piece of music and play it back by ear. "Now that's a little harder. Maybe it's an age thing," he said. While a student at Turkey Hill School, music instructors, teachers, classmates and anyone who heard him play were taking notice of his incredible talent. His style seemed to develop naturally as he instinctively improvised while playing classical piano. "My teacher would say 'that's not how it goes!' and she told my parents to 'Put him in jazz!'" he recalled. By age 11 he was a regular performer in jazz clubs, restaurants, concert halls and clubs.

A confident performer, Sands said he has never been plagued by nerves. "I've always been comfortable playing for an audience, I never get stage fright. I compare it to how an athlete feels playing sports. I have an adrenaline rush and go out there to perform and do my best. When the audience is feeling good and I'm feeling good, everything works," he said. Today the melodies play on in his head as he is inspired by the sounds of everyday life. "It may be a train going by or someone I meet," he said. "There's always something to learn, something getting reinvented. Everything influences me."

He admires the work of jazz great Thelonious Monk and hopes one day to collaborate with pop artist Sting. He is currently completing his junior year at the Manhattan School of Music, concentrating on the intellectual side of his music. He lives in New York City, coming home often to visit his parents in Orange.

A highlight of his career was playing at the Grammy Awards in 2007, which he described as a week-long music festival featuring many music stars. While there, he was excited to literally bump into country star Carrie Underwood and meet rapper Coolio. "Coolio was a really interesting guy. He was wearing a big suit and a fedora with a hole cut out of it so his hair could come out," Sands said. And Underwood, besides being a talented performer, is really really pretty! he added.

Given a moment to reflect on his life, Sands said he loves getting e-mails from fans around the world. "It's great to share a part of me with the world, it's more than I could have asked for. I guess I didn't have a 'normal childhood' but it was still a lot of fun," Sands said. I had a great childhood."

Sands' music can be downloaded from iTunes or you can visit his website at christiansandsmusic.com.

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Orange Residents! Help me make this column a success. Send me your suggestions – if you think you may make an interesting subject, or someone you know should be featured, let me know. Please include your name and contact information and the name and contact information of your subject. Send all submissions to Laura Fantarella at laura@orangetownnews.com.

Habitat for Humanity Benefit Concert & Silent Auction

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

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

Jenny Liu Receives JSHS Scholarship

Amity Science Research student Jenny Liu, a Junior from Orange, was selected as the top presenter of the CT-Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS) for her project entitled: "Emotional Models Improve Human-Robot Interaction." Jenny's research presentation was judged to be superior in both the manner in which the research was carried out and the way that it was presented at the Symposium. Jenny will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to the college of her choice provided by the sponsoring Research Offices of the Army, Navy and Air Force. She is also being offered the Junior Science and Humanities Scholarship if she elects to attend the University of Connecticut. This scholarship has a value of one half of the in-state tuition for each of four years, or a total of more than \$14,400. In addition, Jenny has been awarded a Scholarship from UCONN valued at one half of the in-state tuition (this year valued at \$3,816), renewable annually for four years of full-time undergraduate study at the University of Connecticut, contingent upon maintaining a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50.

As the Connecticut winner, she received an all expense-paid trip to the 2010 National JSHS in Bethesda, MD, and an opportunity to present her research to over 400 participants in a program of educational and scientific exchange. Jenny's research presentation at Nationals on May 1st won 2nd Place overall in the Mathematics and Computer Science Category, earning her an additional \$8,000 towards undergraduate tuition scholarships.

Jenny also won the People's Choice gift award through CT-JSHS; a book for herself; and a book for her school library in her honor. Also, a \$300 gift from the CT Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) will be awarded to her school research program at the annual CASE meeting on May 20, 2010. Jenny will be presenting her poster to CASE members and invited guests at the new CT Science Center the evening of the meeting and awards banquet.

Additionally, Jenny won the award for the Most Outstanding Exhibit in Computer Science from the Yale Science and Engineering Association at the CT Science Fair. At Science Horizons, she placed 3rd overall for Senior Physical Sciences, as well as won the Naval Science Award and the Intel Excellence in Computer Science Award.

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Relay for Life to be Held on Orange Fairgrounds

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

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

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

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

Schedule of Events for Relay for Life



The BOW Relay for Life will be held on Saturday, May 22nd and Sunday, May 23rd at HPCC Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road, with the following events scheduled:

- 10:00 am Gates open. Entry from the rear by the pool.
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Team captain check in. All teams must check in at registration tent.
- 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm Luminary sales (\$5.00). Available at registration.
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm..... Survivor tent registration.
- 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm..... Raffle baskets - pick your prize.
- 2:30 pm - 3:05 pm..... OPENING CEREMONIES.
- 3:05 pm - 3:15 pm..... Survivor and care-giver honorary lap.
- 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm..... Kids Care Tent open.
- 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm..... Survivor reception.(Survivor tent).
- 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm..... Food concession open.
- 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm..... Special laps.
- 6:30 pm - 2:00 am..... Youth activities.
- 9:00 pm - 10:00 pm LUMINARY CEREMONY.
- 6:30 am - 7:00 am FREE BREAKFAST (SPONSORED BY CHIP'S OF ORANGE).
- 7:00 am Closing Ceremonies.

Individual walk-ins are encouraged to come and join us any time during this event.

35th Year Reunion of Amity Regional High School Class of 1975

Calling all classmates from Amity Regional High School class of 1975! We want you!

The 35th Year Reunion of Amity Regional High School Class of 1975 will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Race Brook Country Club in Orange. In addition, there will also be a "Reunion Warm-Up" cruise scheduled for Saturday, July 24th, 2010 on Lady Katherine Cruise Lines on the Connecticut River. If classmates are interested, contact Karen (Agapiou) Kerames at 203 799-3115 or kkerames@hotmail.com for more details.

CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Case Memorial Library - 176 Tyler City Road - Orange, CT 06477 - 203-891-2170 Reach us on the web at www.casememoriallibrary.org

In the Children's Department

Spring story hour schedule

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

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

Summer story hour will begin at the end of June.

Jack and the Beanstalk

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

Adults and Teens

Cooking with Chef John Bencivengo: Spring Vegetables and Salads

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

Christian Sands and His Trio

Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. Christian Sands and His Trio will perform for the Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Case Memorial Library. Born and raised in Orange, Sands is a "rising star" in the world of jazz who began playing the piano at age 3 and composing at 5. His meteoric rise in the jazz world already includes a Grammy nomination and two appearances at the 2006 and 2007 Grammy Awards, including an outrageous, highly publicized duet with legendary pianist Oscar Peterson. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required in person at the library or by telephone.

Museum Passes

With summer quickly approaching, it is the perfect time to take advantage of the Library's museum passes. They provide an excellent opportunity for patrons to enjoy a variety of educational attractions for free or at a discounted rate. Some of the passes offered include the Barnum Museum, the Beardsley Zoo, the Maritime Aquarium, the Peabody Museum, the Shore Line Trolley Museum, and Stepping Stones. Visit the circulation desk or visit www.casememoriallibrary.org/museum.htm for a full list of passes, which may be checked out for a period of four days. One pass per family is allowed. Passes may not be placed on reserve, but you may call to hold an available pass for up to an hour.

Book Chat Café

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

Art in the Library

Watercolors and pottery by Joan Lakin, Barbara Mazur, MaryAnn Verinis, and Margaret Ulecka-Wilson will be displayed in the Meeting Room of the Case Memorial Library through the month of May.

Programs at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, 203-891-2170, are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested in person or by phone. Reach us on our website: www.casememoriallibrary.org. Sign up for library happenings via the e-newsletter form available in the library or online. Library hours are: Monday-Thursday, 10-8, Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4. The library will be closed Saturday, May 29 and Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, June 1 at 10 a.m.



"An Eye for Beauty" to be Presented at Case Library

Art Show, titled "An Eye for Beauty" will be presented at the Case Memorial Library 176 Tyler City Road (203-891-2170) on June 2 - 30, 2010. The art show will be available for the entire month of June on the second floor of the library. Artist Cynthia (Streit) Mazzaferro and artist/sculpture Sheila Pite will be displaying their fabulous artwork. The library's hours are Monday and Thursday 10-8; Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. You are invited to attend the opening reception on June 3 from 5-7 p.m. for an opportunity to meet the artists, purchase prints, originals and enjoy some light refreshments. Cynthia Mazzaferro paints in many mediums including pastels, oil, watercolor, colored pencils and pen and ink. Her paintings include rich lustrous color, unique clarity and a sense of beauty and movement often capturing a brief snippet of time. She believes, "Time" is a novelty item in which we all move through too quickly without enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. Cynthia tries to capture this moment in all her artwork and encourages us to take time to enjoy and reminisce in a moment of tranquility. She has lived in Cheshire for almost 25 years where she was a registered physical therapist and pursued her painting. She has been showing her art in local CT exhibits and museums. Most recently, she won a second place award at the Greenwich Sidewalk show with her pen and ink pointalism of an "Old Man with Many Tales" painting. She has sold many paintings throughout the country and continues to explore new ways to reach a larger audience. Besides many of her original paintings, prints of varying sizes are available for sale at the reception or by contacting her directly.

Sheila Pite is a retired art therapist, who has lived in Orange, CT for over 45 years. Doing/making art was always very therapeutic for her personally; so doing art therapy professionally was extremely rewarding. She worked mostly with a geriatric population and this often influenced her work. Her work is in clay and mixed media, and reflects her feelings about women, family, the environment, and life in general. She believes that her artwork says a lot about who she is and how she views the world. Sheila has exhibited her work over the past twenty years in various CT galleries, and at the Castle Gallery at the College of New Rochelle in New York. The CT galleries include: Bennett Gallery, Fairfield; Firehouse Gallery, Milford; Gallery 53, Meriden; Farmington Art Center; City Lights Gallery, Bridgeport; 22 Haviland St. Gallery, Norwalk; and the Westport Library. Sheila, a former member of the Art in the Library committee, and Cynthia Mazzaferro are both grateful for the opportunity to show their work at this wonderful space.

Farrell to Receive Award for Efforts to Help the Homeless

Amidst often opulent homes in a stretch of countryside that houses some of America's wealthiest, there are tales of homelessness and despair. An Orange resident is working hand-in-hand with a local shelter to revise at least some of those stories.

On May 5, 2010, Shelter for the Homeless of Stamford honored Orange resident Chris Farrell at its sixth annual fundraising gala, Rays of Hope. Funds raised from ticket sales for the event will be used to benefit the shelter's programs as well as to purchase equipment and supplies. "Our annual gala gives us a chance each year to honor and thank outstanding community volunteers and to acknowledge those who display generous support by providing food for our patrons," said Rafael Pagan, Executive Director of Shelter for the Homeless. "Our volunteers and supporters bring true meaning to the mission of our shelter."

The 2010 Ray of Hope Award was presented to Chris Farrell at the gala. Farrell, Director of Food Services for Flik International in its location at Gartner Inc., at the end of each day donates the cafeteria's leftovers to Shelter for the Homeless which are used for breakfast and snacks since the shelter does not have its own kitchen. Additionally, Farrell has, over the years, hired several of the shelter clients to work at his Stamford-based corporate cafeteria and has served on the Shelter's Board of Directors. "I am honored that Shelter for the Homeless selected me as honoree of their 2010 Ray of Hope Award," said Farrell. "I receive a tremendous amount of satisfaction knowing I can help these men move their lives forward and wish I could do more. It is my hope that everyone does more."

Farrell is a former Navy officer who lived in New Jersey before moving to Connecticut four years ago with wife Denise and their three children, Christopher, Jack and Jillian. He has spent 21 years at Flik International, a global food services provider, 16 of which have been at Gartner. He also worked at the cafeterias in CT's capitol and state legislative buildings and, before that, at Tavern on the Green in New York City. "What I am really hoping is that people hear about the shelter and step up to help provide meals for these men. A \$300 donation will buy a full-course dinner for 100 men - that's appetizer, main entrée, salad and dessert for only \$3 per person. Peanuts! And I've often said that for every person who pays for a dinner, I will cook that meal," Farrell added.

Shelter for the Homeless was established in 1982, after a homeless man named Smitty froze to death on the streets of Stamford. It provides emergency shelter and food to homeless men in Darien, New Canaan, Greenwich and Stamford. Today, the shelter both serves and advocates for the homeless and offers a bed, shower, clothing, and toiletries to nearly 450 men annually in addition to recovery programs, educational classes, and social opportunities.

For information or to make a donation, please contact Peggy Lutz, Development Director, at 203-406-0017 ext. 301 or email plutz@shelterforhomeless.org.



Riordan, Cutting and Shore Open Orange Law Firm

Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli cut the ribbon for the opening of the new Orange Law Firm of Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP. The offices are located at 653 Orange Center Road (next to People's United Bank). Pictured (l-r): Chamber of Commerce Director Mike Shiner; Managing Partner Emily Riordan Esq., Attorney Kristen Cutting Wolf, Esq., Attorney Sheri-Lynn Cuomo Shore, Esq.; Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli, Peoples United Bank VP, Ron Capozziello; Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Janice Lettick and Chamber Directors Bob Archambault and Don Lewis.

Celebrate Earth Day on May 22nd

The towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge will join together on May 22nd for an Earth Day celebration to offer more than 35 vendors of green goods and services including master gardeners, farmers, and food vendors. Live music will be provided by the Judson Jazz Band and Cyril the Sorcerer will amaze you with his magic tricks.

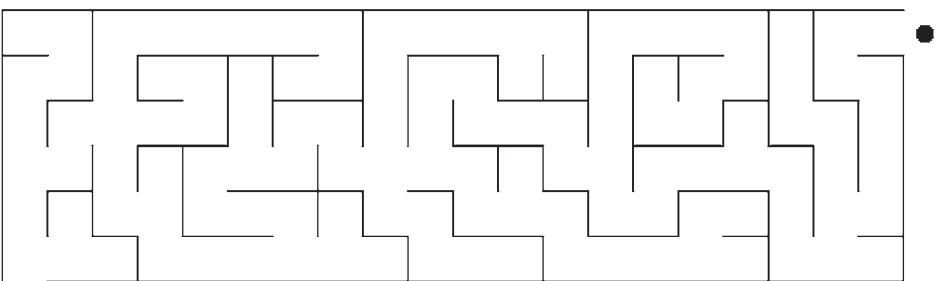
"This is the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and the 4th year the town is holding this event," said Mike Okrent, event organizer. "I encourage everyone to bring their families to the town hall to learn more about our environment and what you can do to help make it better."



In addition to the vendors and entertainment, there will be an alternative-fuel car show and computer recycling drop off bins for those old and unwanted monitors, keyboards and other computer equipment. Plenty of activities will be available for the kids including free ice cream, games, a petting zoo and pony rides.

It's our earth so let's celebrate it! The event will be held on May 22 from noon to 4 at Bethany Town Hall, 40 Peck Road. For questions, please email bethanyearthday@googlemail.com or call (203) 393-2100 x135

Kids' Maze



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"Dining with Susan"



Orange Restaurant News!

As the Orange Town News enters its 5th year as your hometown newspaper, I thought it only fitting to reflect on the road my column has taken us through the past four years

My first restaurant profile was Lisiano's of Orange in May 2006. Since then I have profiled fifty-seven restaurants in Orange, Milford, West Haven, New Haven, East Haven, Woodbridge, Derby, Ansonia, and Oxford. Seven of which were profiled twice for various reasons and nine restaurants that have "bit the dust" so to speak (three in the same location). I have written about twenty Italian (including pizza) restaurants, seventeen American, four Seafood, four Chinese, three Mexican, three Diners, three Delis/Sandwich/Bagels, one Nuevo Latin, one Thai, one Caterer, one Home Shopping Service, and finally the worthy Connecticut Food Bank. Needless to say, that's a lot of dining over the past 4 years.

My profiles have given me the opportunity to interact with many different cultures and personalities along the way. Most of our longtime Orange restaurants are still going strong.

We have one new Chinese Restaurant that recently opened-China Wok - 33 Old Tavern Road and another due to open soon at 500 Boston Post Road (a bevy of activity at this location owned by Rob Kravitz as you will see below).

There are some changes in store for our popular Reno's Restaurant in Orange. Owners, Dave & Stephanie Kennedy will be relocating their beloved Reno's from 89 Boston Post Road to 500 Boston Post Road. They are very excited about the move that will be taking place this summer. Reno's is planning the move during the month of July as their old location will be the site of a new Taco Bell Restaurant. The restaurant should be up and running by August 1. Everything will remain the same with one great addition - Delivery! This is a service that the town of Orange sorely lacks when it comes to pizza. We usually have to call a restaurant in Milford to have pizza delivered. Reno's will still be BYOB, so you can enjoy your favorite beer or wine. Stay tuned for more in future issues.

Orange will also have a new restaurant at 464 Boston Post Road. Mark Barry's Restaurant should be open within the next few weeks and will offer upscale American-Continental cuisine at reasonable prices. Mark is an Orange resident with a wealth of experience in the restaurant business. I spoke briefly with his General Manager, Lisa Holland and Mark Barry's will be open 7 days a week from 12p-9p Sunday-Thursday & 12p-10p on Friday & Saturday. Sunday Bunch will be offered along with catering for private parties and business meetings. Phone - 203-298-4739. I will do a complete profile on Mark Barry's when they are up and running.

Final notes: It has been a great 5 years working for the Orange Town News. I have many interesting restaurants on my list for future profiles. Remember to support your local businesses. Happy dining! If you have a favorite restaurant, please e-mail: Susan@orangetownnews.com

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Very eager 3 year olds from the Orange Community Nursery School were very busy over the past couple of weeks preparing to host the Mother's Day Tea Party. The mother's were delightfully surprised by the thought and effort each child had made. Mom's received a corsage upon arrival and a marigold plant that the children had grown from seeds. After singing songs and playing games together, the teachers served the children and their mom's allergy free snacks, iced tea and juice. The teachers of OCNS and the students helped to make this Mother's Day a special one!

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Wine Talk


With Ray Spaziani

A Day Without Wine is Like a Day Without Sunshine!



This past April 7th the American Wine Society's New Haven Chapter had its gourmet dinner at Biagetti's Restaurant on Campbell Avenue in West Haven. The food was quite well prepared and the menu consisted of assorted cheeses, olives, prosciutto assorted Italian cold cuts for a "welcome" course that we matched some wonderful Spanish blends from Vina do Val. We featured both a white and red blend. Currently there are some fantastic bargains among Spanish wines and these wines are very high quality at remarkably reasonable prices.

Next we had a super Elvin Prosecco, which is a great Italian sparkling wine that has wonderful fruit and a great dry finish. This wine retails for about \$17 and we recommend it highly. Then we had our great Waldorf style salad that featured slices of roast duck. Our next course was a terrific Saltimbocca over rice with Prosciutto and slices of Veal. With this course we matched an exceptional Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 2007 Reserve. This wine is called Cantina Zaccagnini and the grapes are from a controlled region. This is a delicious light red wine matched our Saltimbocca dish to a tee. At about \$14.00 this wine is a great buy and a wonderful treat.



We then had two main courses. The first was a delicious blue fin tuna dish that was made with a crunchy crust with a dash of raspberry vinaigrette. We matched this with a New Zealand Marlborough region Sauvignon Blanc. This scrumshious wine has aromas and flavors from tropical fruit and stone fruit through to herbaceousness. It reminded me of fresh grapefruit and lemons. We then had remarkable beef tenderloin that we just dropped our fork upon it and it fell apart. With it we matched two fantastic wines from Candor wines in California. We had a Merlot and a Zinfandel that matched our tenderloin great and just knocked everyone out! They were both killer wines that had no region or vintage. The winemaker uses grapes with certain characteristics that he likes without the "constraints" of region or vintage. They just make great wine!


We ended the night with a Cannoli cake that was a killer. My brother, Eugene Spaziani, the former president of the American Wine Society, brought with him desert wines and ice wines from Pennsylvania and Colorado that were to die for. This wonderful evening was done for a total of \$61.95 per person! Contact Ray for AWS wine events!

We would like to thank Tom Smith the proprietor at Racebrook Wine & Liquor World who sponsored our event. Racebrook Wine & Liquor World is one of the best-merchandised wine package stores in the greater New Haven area by far. Tom's four boys are on call much of the time to assist you with your purchases and help you out to the car with large boxes and are very nice young men. Thomas Michael Smith, Steve Smith, Mike Smith and Ryan Smith are the young men in question and they are quite knowledgeable concerning great wine buys. Tom Smith has aided us tremendously with wine choices and parings. He is a wonderfully knowledgeable wine retailer that has great experience in the business. He had a great store in the Black Rock section of Bridgeport on the Fairfield line where he earned a faithful customer base for over twenty-one years. His current store is over 7,200 square feet and over 60% wines. You can get terrific wine bargains in every price range and at every level of wine appreciation. I recommend you take a trip to 302 Racebrook Road and see if you are as impressed as I am. You will be glad you did!

P. S. Our friend Jimmy Hassenmayer at the Orange Ale House is featuring some great wines at reasonable prices. See our next issue for some more information!

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

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HEY MARTIN, WANNA COME TO MY PARTY?

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Odyssey of the Mind Receives \$750 Grant

The Rotary Club of Orange has provided Race Brook School's Odyssey of the Mind Program with a grant for \$750. Odyssey of the Mind is an international program that uses team based competition to promote creative problem solving.

This year thirty-two Race Brook students competed at the Connecticut State Odyssey of the Mind Tournament in Bethel. Race Brook fielded five of the 180 from across Connecticut at the tournament.

The Odyssey of the Mind format requires teams to solve both long and short term problems. Race Brook's teams wrote humorous skits and created their own props and costumes. Two of the teams designed aircraft that had to complete six specific flight plans. The children have coaches, but the program emphasizes a hands-off approach from parents. Race Brook's program is co-ordinated by Dan Cortright. The other coaches are George Howard, Elizabeth Smith and Corey Williams.

Race Brook's students and PTA would like to thank the Rotary Club of Orange for its generous support of the program.



From the Orange Special Events Committee

By Dana DeAngelis

Greetings from the Orange Special Events Committee. Orange Town News has graciously provided us with this column to give readers information about our upcoming events.

We're kicking off our 2010 events with our first ever Drive-In Movie Night. "Back To The Future" will be playing at The Orange Fairgrounds on Friday, May 14th (rain date is May 21st). To bring you an authentic drive-in movie experience, the movie will be shown on a 28' x 35' screen, complete with an outdoor sound system and audio transmission to your car radio. Snacks and drinks will be available for sale at a concession stand. Concession carts will also sell refreshments car-to-car.

"Back To The Future" was originally released in 1985 and stars Michael J. Fox as Marty McFly, a teenager who accidentally transports himself back in time to 1955 in a DeLorean Time Machine. The movie is rated PG. Some language and content may not be suitable for children, so parents, please use discretion if planning to bring the kids.

Gates will open at 7:30pm and the movie will begin at 8:30pm. Space is limited, and cars will be parked on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission to the movie is only \$5 per car, so fill your vehicle with friends, and come enjoy a classic movie under the stars.

The Special Events Committee will host its annual Flag Day Ceremony on Monday, June 14th at High Plains Community Center. Flag Day marks the anniversary of the adoption by Congress in 1777 of the Stars and Stripes as the emblem of our nation. Our ceremony will include the presentation of the colors, the raising and blessing of the flag, and singing of the national anthem. Flag Day Ceremonies commence at 5:30 pm.

Orange elementary school children also participate, thanks in good part to former Special Events Committee Chairwoman Kellie Martino. Flag Day celebrations began in the 19th century, primarily to educate children of our nation's history. Mrs. Martino, who is a teacher at Racebrook Elementary School has honored this national tradition by inviting children to recite historical facts and sing patriotic songs. The committee looks forward to the children's contributions again this year.

Following the ceremony, refreshments will be served in the Senior Center Cafeteria. If you love "Old Glory" and all it stands for, join us to honor our Star-Spangled Banner on Flag Day.

For updates on our 2010 events, visit our website, www.orangespecialevents.com.

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With Ginny Reinhard

Where Were the Women?

Founded as a farming community the women of Orange had chores and children to bring up, gardens to tend and, ultimately, the responsibilities that came from managing a household in the 18th and 19th centuries. Not many of them had time to sit of an evening and write a book nor were they financially able to spend time in travel for a cause. Their "cause" was house and home. BUT as with each piece of a quilt comes a finished product and so it was with the women in Orange, each one added to the overall accomplishments of our little town as it started out in the 1700s as Bryan's Farms to North Milford and in 1822, the Town of Orange.

If we look at 1777 on the hill overlooking the Long Island Sound, let's imagine the HMS Swan as it was moored off the shore of the Milford Colony. By this time the sailors, having been sailing in and around the colonies of New Amsterdam and Milford, were mighty hungry and it was the men folk of Milford who had taken the initiative to secret away their livestock in a hidden meadow which today is known as Calf Pen Meadow. While they were at this task, Abigail Merwin, wife of Miles Merwin, was at her home-making chores when she saw some of the sailors climbing up the hill from down below. Her immediate reaction was to warn the townspeople and this she did, riding her horse as fast as she could holding her baby under one arm and a copper pot under the other. Beating that pot as loudly as she could, alerted the men to rally and pursue the small band of hungry sailors.

But before the sailors made their getaway, they saw to it that they did their best to destroy Abigail's home with pouring molasses on the beds, ripping the feather pillows and breaking up the furniture and windows. Alas, Abigail arrived home to a messy house but she had saved the colony from the marauding British sailors and only history will tell us how her heroic act might



have changed the course of things in Milford.

Although the Native American Paugussets, living in an area called Wepawaug, were friendly, no native women had more white friends than Isabella Oviatt. A member of the Scatacook Confederation, Isabella, known as Aunt Icy, was born in 1800 and celebrated her 100th year with friends, family and North Milford neighbors in 1900. She was a warm and friendly woman whose ancestors had come down from Kent to fight in the Revolutionary War. Married to Brien Oviatt, Icy was a consumer, trading her baskets for vegetables from the Peck Farm on Route 34 near Indian Hill. She was an important part of the town, an example of how a town can live together with differences and acceptance of others unlike themselves. She died in 1902 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in New Haven.

Although we didn't have women the likes of Harriet Beecher Stowe or women's rights leader Abigail Bloomer, we had an educated woman who liked to write. Her many friends told her stories of the town and with her excellence for details and ability to sort them out, Mary Rebecca Woodruff wrote the only history book that we have outlining our beginning from 1639 in the Colony of Milford to Orange of 1949. The book is facts, figures, humor, pictures and details of a town that went from Bryan's Farms in 1700 to North Milford in the late 1700's, early 1800's to the incorporation of the Town of Orange in 1822. Details that would not be available had she not documented them, capturing the "history" of the town. Her prominence in the Orange Congregational Church is evident in her many years as a member of the Missionary Committee and as the clerk for the annual meeting. Her minutes read more like prose than notes, giving a human flair to what are often very dry details. Mary was a tall, stately woman who, as a child, was so frail it was thought that she would not live a long life but she outlived all of her brothers and died at the age of 97 having left us a most important work, OUR history. She is buried in the Orange Cemetery.

As much as Mary was soft-spoken and somewhat shy, Jane Halliwell was a businesswoman. How has history portrayed her in the past? She was the wife of Tyler City promoter Samuel Halliwell. But with Tyler City Station Master's research, we know that she and Samuel built and owned the majority stock of a two-story factory that was located southeast of the train station on New Haven Avenue and was known initially as the Sackett Manufacturing Company, maker of sewing machine parts and according to a flyer from 1860-1880, the Peerless Embroidering Attachment. I imagine her name is better known as a street, but she appears to have had business acumen as the total stock was listed as \$50,000 and she was part of it. Tyler City, the brainchild of Halliwell and Philander Ferry was never to be the success as it had been originally planned and it ultimately "died." Ferry moved on, Samuel died and Jane was left with unsold lots, forfeited lots and a mansion. A mansion that had seen many dances, cotillions and parties of all kinds with the mistress of the house, none other than Jane herself.

One can only wonder just how business smart she was with the purchase of two building lots from the Town of Orange that her husband and Ferry had donated for the 5th District School in 1873. Her purchase allowed her to transfer the property to the Christ Church in West Haven. Deeds reflect the many blocks of building lots she sold including the mansion. The 1910 Census shows her living on Bradley Avenue (Racebrook) and listed as "aunt" with head of household Reginald Vaughn and wife Martha. She died in 1922 at the age of 92 and is buried with her husband in the Orange Cemetery.

Bessie Otis still has students who remember her. The daughter of Charles & Phoebe Otis, Bessie taught at the newly built Orange School, now Mary L. Tracy that is celebrating its 100th year. The school was built to consolidate the 5 district schools and we find the earliest record of Bessie was 1917 with a salary of \$60 per month. No doubt she was teaching earlier than that having been born in 1883. To some of her students she is remembered as being tall, others average and she was most assuredly OLD! In 1941 she was 57 but her high-collared blouse, long skirt and braided hair piled on top of her head gave her that old, teacher "look."

Bessie is remembered as a good first grade teacher and one student remembers his days fondly, playing in the sandbox under the window. Another remembers being caught, hiding in the coat closet! Did anyone remember her teaching? Yes, the alphabet blocks with the indented letters that the children would trace to learn their letters. She remained unmarried until 1941 with the death of her mother. Seems Mama didn't "cotton" to that Harry Olsson. She is buried in the Orange Cemetery.

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ARTS AND LEISURE

Davis Gallery Features The Students of Audrey Galer

A watercolor group show by the students of Audrey Galer will be shown at the Davis Gallery, 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab) from Saturday, May 15th through Saturday, June 12th. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, May 15th from 1:00-4:00pm where you can meet the artists. The reception is free and open to the public.

Each month, there is a new exhibit with an opening reception where you may meet the artist, discuss the artwork, and purchase some of the art. Stop in anytime the gallery is open in order to feast your eyes and emotions on the various art forms displayed each month. For more information on the gallery or the artwork, call 203-795-4705 or visit www.DavisGalleryCT.com.

Orange Arts and Culture Council to Present Youth Concert

The Orange Arts and Culture Council will present its Second Annual Youth Concert on Sunday, May 23 at 3 p.m. at Eastbound Theater (Milford Fine Arts Facility) located at 40 Railroad Avenue, Milford.

A showcase for young musicians, the event promises to be an eclectic performance featuring musical comedy, country, classical and jazz music presented by outstanding young artists. The performers, including singers, guitarists, pianists, violist, and a jazz trio are: John Jorge, Marla Moris, Yani Avi Battat, Rhiannon Brown, Shaylen Harger and The Michael Goodman Jazz Trio.

Incorporated in 2006, the goals of the Orange Arts and Culture Council include cultivating the arts through cultural and educational experiences and developing a supportive and effective working relationship between municipal officials, the business community, the arts and civic organizations and the community. A current project well underway is "Partners in the Arts" which involves developing a local artists registry from which local businesses can select a particular artist's work to be displayed for public viewing. The OACC hopes to obtain a performing and exhibition space within the town where theater, music, dance, visual art, literature, etc. could be performed and/or exhibited.

Tickets for the Second Annual Youth Concert are \$15, \$10 for Orange Arts Council Members, seniors and students. Last year's concert was a sell-out so get your tickets early. For reservations call 203-397-8915 or 203-795-3127.

Orange Resident Featured at Gaylord Exhibit

A group of friends gather together each week to share their experiences, their love of life, and their passion to create works of art in various forms at Gaylord Hospital's Creative Expressions Program named "Circle of Friends". The work of these friends will be on display and for purchase during the 16th Annual Creative Art Show and will remain on display through Friday, May 28 at the Brooker Lecture Hall of the Wallingford campus of Gaylord Hospital. The event is open free to the public.

This year's featured artist, Cynthia Trindal resident of Orange, showcases her "Birdhouse in the Garden" watercolor. In 1981, Trindal found herself at Gaylord Hospital after a car accident. While at Gaylord, she decided to rekindle her love for drawing and painting – something she had not done for years. Before long, her work was noticed and displayed by Gallery on the Green owner June Benson. Trindal's work has also been displayed at the Milford Historical Society and New England Framing & Art, also located in Milford. The Milford Chamber of Commerce has used her work in its brochures.

Leigh Golembiewski, Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor says that art therapy is indeed a vital part of recovery. "Art therapy is based on the idea that the creative act can be healing. Art allows a person to express themselves in a way not always possible through speech or writing. It helps people to express hidden emotions, reduce stress, fear and anxiety, and provides a sense of freedom."

Golembiewski goes on to say that those who attend the art show will also be inspired and amazed by the results of the arts. There are no awards; however, artists can achieve a sense of accomplishment, satisfaction and pride. All the artwork on display is for sale with the monies going directly back to the artist and to benefit the Creative Expressions program at Gaylord Hospital.

THEATER REVIEW

"A Doll's House" at Long Wharf Theatre

by Zander Opper

"A Doll's House," Henrik Ibsen's classic play, is currently being given an intriguing, yet curiously unsuccessful revival at Long Wharf Theatre. As adapted and directed by Long Wharf's Artistic Director Gordon Edelstein, the production's conceit is to set the play in contemporary suburbia (instead of in Norway in 1879) and to display how Ibsen's portrayal of women's rights can still resonate in our current society. Unfortunately, while this is a bold move on Edelstein's part, the effort ultimately drains the play of its power and only in the last scene does this production fully convey the strength of Ibsen's writing. Adding to the problem is that the actress cast in the central role of Nora, Ana Reeder, while giving an interesting performance, isn't really right for the part and it is hard to develop sympathy for her plight and her actions. Before continuing, I should remark that I was lucky enough to see a stunning, Tony Award-winning revival of this play on Broadway back in 1997, and so any new production of "A Doll's House" will have to stand up to my memory of that staging. That said, though, Long Wharf Theatre's "A Doll's House" would still seem misguided in its updating of the play to the present time and, while the performers and the director do their best, this current production ultimately just doesn't work.

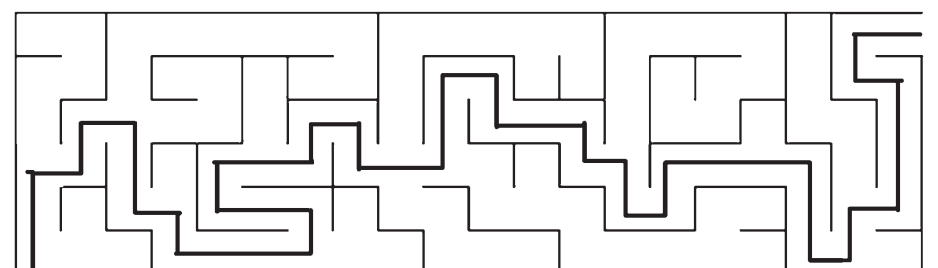


Things do begin promisingly, however, as the audience is treated to Michael Yeagan's glorious set of Nora's home, appropriately decorated for Christmas. And the sight of Ana Reeder as Nora entering the house with a Victoria's Secret bag is quite delightful. Reeder is initially all bubbly enthusiasm, with a carefree nature, that makes her husband Torvald (the fine Adam Trese) seem understandable in giving her pet names like "little sparrow" and "bluebird." But, as the first act continues—and it is gradually revealed to the audience what a difficult position Nora is in, financially and otherwise—the moment where one's sympathy should turn completely to Nora just doesn't arrive. Instead, one is left wondering how Nora ever got into the situation she is in and the character, unfortunately, seems more foolish than self-sacrificing. Whether this is the director's fault or the actress' is hard to decipher; suffice it is to say, though, the crucial scenes where Nora asserts herself just don't land the way they should and only in the final moments does this character make a genuine case for her independence.

Under the circumstances, the actors, by and large, make the strongest impressions that they can. Tim Hopper, as Torvald's closest friend, is a reliable performer who is believable as a seriously ill man, and his moments onstage are quite touching. Mark Nelson is suitably creepy and desperate as the character at the crux of Nora's problems, and the strong-willed Linda Powell, as Nora's friend Christine, provides a nice contrast to Nora's fluttery, innocent nature. However, the actor who comes across the best is Adam Trese as Torvald. He is astute and authoritative and, when that veneer is finally uncovered, he is unexpectedly heartbreaking as a man shattered by life.

Unfortunately, however, a production of "A Doll's House" where one's sympathies lie stronger with Nora's husband than with Nora herself, indicates that something is seriously amiss. As stated, Ana Reeder's performance as Nora does have its moments and, ultimately, she does rise to the power of the final scene, but it seems almost too little, too late. (I will remark, however, that the audience around me seemed to be more in her favor than I was, so it may be a matter of taste). What one is ultimately left with, though, is that, while a change of time and setting of this play may be plausible, Gordon Edelstein's daring attempt doesn't quite make a strong enough case for it and, without a well-cast Nora at its center, "A Doll's House" can't satisfy in the way that it should. Performances will continue through Sunday, May 23rd and tickets can be ordered by calling the box office at 203-787-4282 or by going to www.longwharf.org.

Kids' Maze Solution



ORANGE HOUSE OF WORSHIP EVENTS

New England Handbell Ensemble to Perform at Congregational Church

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



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

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

Light Up the Harbor for Beth-El

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

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

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

Orange Congregational Church Holds Bake Sale

On Sunday, May 30, 2010, 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, baked goods, coffee, juice, soda and water will be available for sale. Bake sale tents will be located outside the Orange Congregational Church on Orange Center Road and on the Town Green. Your support is appreciated.



SCHA Students Build Jerusalem

It was an exceptional display of teamwork, as Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy students in grades 1-8 gathered to build Jerusalem in commemoration of Israel's 62nd birthday. Under the guidance of architect Stephen W. Schwartz, the students constructed the walls around Jerusalem, the gates, and many major attractions which included the Kotel (the Western Wall), Migdal David (David's Tower), Montefiore's Windmill, and even a replica of the Bet Hamikdash (Holy Temple) on the Temple Mount.

Children, faculty, and parents worked together to turn the huge floor plan that was spread across the gymnasium into a colorful, populated city. To conclude this magnificent workshop, the architect reviewed historical facts and gave the children the background on all the sights they constructed. Students walked away with certificates attesting to their participation in "building Jerusalem one lego at a time" and with the fervent wish "Next Year in Jerusalem!"

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

Upcoming Events at Congregation Or Shalom

All events are open to non-members.

Opening Doors: This program allows students to attend Sunday school in grades K-2 for one year without being a member. Tuition is required. Call the office to get more information: 203-799-2341.

Brunch Honoring Joey Russell: Sunday, June 20 at 10:00 am: Or Shalom will celebrate Joey Russell's 90th birthday with laughter and memories.

Joey is best known as "Happy the Clown" but also was a stand up comedian in the Catskills and a major fundraiser for ARMDI (American Red Magen David for Israel). Reservations are \$18 per person. To make a reservation or for more information, call the office at 203-799-2341.

Zumba: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm: Join Zumba with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176. (No class the weeks of May 16 and May 31)

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



Streit-Kefalas Announces As Democratic Probate Judge Candidate

Judge Beverly Streit-Kefalas announced her candidacy for re-election as Milford's Judge of Probate and seeks election to serve as Judge of the Milford-Orange Probate Court, a newly merged court effective in January 2011. As Milford's full-time Probate Judge, she brings twenty years of experience as a lawyer and nearly twelve years as probate judge to serve the needs of both the City of Milford and the Town of Orange on a full-time basis.



Judge Beverly
Streit-Kefalas

Judge Streit-Kefalas commented that "it has been a distinct honor to serve the people of Milford and their families during times of crisis and in times of joy. Since taking office in 1999, I have worked to protect abused and neglected children, appointed conservators for elderly residents in need of assistance, and guardians for intellectually challenged adults as well as bringing families together in adoption ceremonies". "To me, it is all about family and I look forward to serving the families of Orange and Milford as their full-time probate judge".

A graduate of the UConn Law School, Smith College and the Milford public schools, Judge Streit-Kefalas has a long history of commitment to her community including Board membership on Bridges, a regional behavioral health system, Milford Kids Count, United Way and Devon Rotary. She is an originating Judge of the New Haven Regional Children's Probate Court and past Temporary Administrative Judge of both the Central Connecticut Regional Children's Probate Court and the New London Regional Children's Probate Courts. She is also a member of the National College of Probate Judges, the Milford, Connecticut and the American Bar Associations.

As the newly elected first Vice President of the statewide Connecticut Assembly of Probate Judges and having served as an officer of this Assembly for a number of years, Judge Streit-Kefalas has been actively involved in changing legislation to improve the probate system. "To best serve the public, I believe it is important to be involved in community service so I am aware firsthand of the resources for my constituents. It is also critical to be active in the judicial and legal community to be part of and to stay on top of all the legal changes to improve the probate system and laws."

She is an active parishioner at St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Orange, is married to Nicholas Kefalas and they have two children, Diamantis, age 12 and Barbara, age 9.

Now I Know Better

By Colleen Murray - Turkey Hill School Principal

With warmer weather approaching (wishful thinking), your children will probably be retiring their sleds, skates, snowboards and skis to drag out their bicycles and helmets from the back of the garage soon. When my children were young there was never any question about wearing a helmet; they did so because I said so! As they got older, and more knowing of course, they began to venture out of the driveway without their helmets. When I asked why they weren't wearing protective headgear I received a barrage of excuses including: Helmets are hot. Helmets are totally not cool. Helmets violate fashion rules. Helmets cause bad hair days. (And, my favorite.) None of my friends have to wear one, so why do I?

I knew that head injuries were the number one cause of death among children, and I knew that a helmet could save someone's life, but sometimes our kids can beat us down with their 101 excuses why they don't want to do something, and they win. I am ashamed to say that 15 years ago, the helmet battle was one that I chose not to fight, and I have regretted that decision every day since.

Now I Know Better.

Fifteen years ago, my son, Austin, was a sixth grader in middle school. Like most kids his age he tolerated school. Despite those feelings, he was a good student and always obtained high honors. Austin was most happy when he was outside playing seasonal sports. He was a pitcher on the National Little League All-Star Team with two no-hitters to his credit, and he played soccer competitively on a premier travel team. When he was not in school or involved in sports, he enjoyed riding his bicycle with his friends. I always reminded him to wear his helmet, but never insisted. You hear about kids involved in bike accidents all the time, but I naively thought that happened to other people, in other towns, but never to me or to one of my own. Unfortunately, on September 12, 1994, it did happen to one of my own, Austin.

On that day, Austin was riding his bike less than a 1/2 mile from our home when a pick-up truck hit him. He was knocked unconscious and suffered a traumatic brain injury. At Yale-New Haven Hospital I was told to go in and kiss him goodbye because doctors did not believe he would live more than a few hours. The swelling in his head had started to shut down the brain's functions and, even if he didn't die, his future looked mighty bleak. Austin laid in a coma for four, long months. A machine did his breathing, a bolt in his head monitored the swelling, a tube in his nose fed him, and I did a whole lot of praying. When Austin came out of his coma he had to learn how to walk, talk, eat, and think all over again. He spent many more months rehabilitating in a hospital. Finally, nine months after the accident, Austin returned home in a wheelchair. He continued with painful, daily, physical therapy sessions and finally was able to walk unassisted, but never the way he did before the accident. Unfortunately, he never regained the use of his right arm and hand. He will never be able to pitch another baseball game. Everyday things that you and I take for granted, like tying our shoes, buttoning our shirts, cooking our food or zipping up our coats are tasks that are next to impossible for my son. Austin needed intensive special education services and continues to receive support from a variety of social service agencies. As a result of his accident, his brain does not function correctly and remembering and learning is very difficult for him. He has been unsuccessful in obtaining steady employment because he is disabled. A once very popular young man now struggles socially. His old friends have moved on, and Austin, because of his injury, doesn't always fit in the way he once did.

I'm not sure what the future holds for Austin, but I do know that if he had been wearing a helmet on September 12th, the opportunities available to him would be a whole lot different than they are today. I can't tell you how many times over the past few years I have thought to myself, "Why didn't I insist on him wearing a helmet?" If I could only go back in time to the afternoon of that accident, I would have demanded him to wear a helmet. I've played it over in my head a thousand, no ten thousand times, I should have stood on the front porch and said, "No helmet, no bike...because I said so!" But I didn't, and I can't go back in time, and everyday I look at my son and my heart breaks for him. Everyday I feel his pain, and everyday I live with the guilt that I could have done something to prevent this suffering. I can't change what happened to my son, but I hope by telling you our story that you will choose to fight the helmet battle.

I will help you win this battle by providing a bicycle helmet safety program at Turkey Hill School. Austin and I met with the sixth graders on May 11th to teach them about the brain and its functions. We hope this helps them to better understand what happens to the brain when it is injured by simulating a head injury with a Jell-O brain, a plaster skull and a helmet. The students heard about alarming statistics as they pertain to head injuries and they will view a video, "Now I Know Better," produced by Yale-New Haven Hospital, featuring Austin. After participating in the safety program, the sixth graders were encouraged to compose a five-paragraph essay persuading someone they know to wear a helmet. All students submitting an essay were able to enter a raffle with a chance to win a bicycle and helmet, donated by Austin. Thank you for allowing me to share Austin's story, and join me in my mission to keep Orange's families safe from head injuries, by sharing this story with at least 5 other people.

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ORANGE BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mauriello Honored for Her Charitable Contributions

Georgina Mauriello of Georgina's Hair Studio - 290 Boston Post Road, was honored for her charitable contributions by a sellout crowd of over 500 people at a recent "Toys for Tots" event. Georgina received a 25-year business plaque from the Orange Chamber of Commerce's President Rick Roberts, as well as community service awards for her outstanding dedication to charitable organizations from State Representative Andrea Brooks, and a General Assembly Citation from State Senator Gayle Slossberg.

For the past 35 years Georgina has worked with over 40 charities, helping to raise donations for the Jerry Lewis Telethon, Newington and Connecticut Children's Hospitals, MADD, Special Olympics and the Spirit of Life. She has led numerous "haircut-a-thons". She has also worked with pregnant teen programs and has been an advisory and speaker for personal appearance and self-esteem programs at Platt Technical High School in Milford, Gateway College and Stone Academy.

Georgina Mauriello grew up in a bi-racial family in Liverpool, England. Her father worked on tanker ships and often was away for long periods of time. The task of running the home front and taking care of her six children was squarely on the shoulders of her 4'10" mother.

As a teenager, Georgina would sing and dance on her front porch with her friends and wave to Ringo of Beatle fame as he walked by going to band practice. She won medals for running track in high school and won the Liverpool City Dance Contest with her brother Walter. After completing high school, Georgina worked for a printing company during the day, went to cosmetology school at night and sang with a girls group on the weekends. She turned down numerous modeling agency offers and said no thank you to Barry Gordy, owner of Motown Records, who offered to work with her singing group.

"You never know what life has in store for you," Georgina says. "I was really fortunate to have the opportunity to try different things and, believe me; I fantasized about those five minutes of fame my Mum warned us about." The lifelong dream of being a professional hair stylist and owning her own salon was and still is number one on her list.

Georgina traveled throughout Europe attending many hair seminars and conventions to learn all the new trends and hair techniques. Coming to America in 1969, she soon became one of the top stylists for the National Glamby Salons of the Malley stores. Working as an educator for major hair and beauty companies such as Paul Brown of Hawaii, Sabastian of Italy, and Wella Products, Georgina traveled throughout the U.S. training hundreds of salon owners and their staffs. Her skills have graced the New York Runways, stage and cabaret shows. Her name can be seen on record album and CD covers. Over the years she has been called on to perform her hair magic by the Long Wharf, Shubert Palace, and Yale Repertory theaters. She has appeared on TV channels 3 and 8 and has been a guest on the "Regis & Kathy Lee Show". Georgina has been presented with numerous awards and has had many articles written about her including a four-page spread in the National



Journal of Cosmetology magazine.

Georgina opened the first multi-cultural salon in 1985. Many of her clients are referred to her from other salons. Dealing with mixed textured hair or damaged hair resulting from chemical or color problems is one of the reasons she has been dubbed the hair master. "There are many talented stylists out there," Georgina says, "and if you're happy and confident in who you have, stay with them." Knowing your clients' history can be the difference between what can and can't work - hair texture, products used, medical problems and whether the client has been on certain medications, the client's age and changing of body chemistry can also affect the outcome of the procedure used.

Georgina's awards have praised and honored her for her magnificent talents in the hair industry and dedication for her charity work.



Fontaine Keynote Speaker at Woman's Symposium

On Wednesday, April 28th, Channel 8 television personality Desiree Fontaine was the keynote speaker at the 3rd annual Women's Symposium held at the Grassy Hill Country Club.

The theme of this year's event was "Message, Media & Marketing: Putting the Pieces Together to Tell Your Story". In addition to Ms. Fontaine, the symposium featured Elena Cahill, attorney and entrepreneur and founder of Globelé Energy, and Vanessa Woods and Ronnie Ann Ryan, partners in the Mac and Cheese Web Marketing company.

The mission of the Orange Women's Leadership Networking Group is to provide education, community service, professional development, and networking opportunities for its members. Chairperson Carolyn Shiffman states, "This year's symposium was designed to provide 'hands on' workshops to help women develop marketing strategies and provide them with an opportunity to network and expand their business contacts."

Orange Business Spotlights

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Death Notices



Beverly Bell Cibbarelli

Beverly Bell Cibbarelli died on April 16, 2010 in Charlottesville, VA after a courageous battle with lung cancer. She was born on June 24, 1932 in Lockport, NY and was the daughter of the late William H. and Ruth Bell. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dr. Vincent C. Cibbarelli of Keswick, two daughters, Ann Dale Cherry of Richmond, and Caren E. Sowa of Duxbury, MA, five grandchildren, and her son-in-law, Fred Sowa.

She also leaves a brother, Charles Bell, and his wife Carol of St. Simons Island, GA, a sister, Dana Bell Castle of Williamsburg, VA, and several nieces and nephews.

Bev graduated from Lockport High School, attended Dennison University and was a graduate of Wheelock College in Boston. She taught at the elementary level in Darien, CT and was the Director of The Orange Community Nursery School in Orange, CT. She was a member of Christ Episcopal Church, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and Glenmore Country Club. Her passion was her service as a volunteer at the Outpatient Care Center at Martha Jefferson Hospital and at Christ Church. Bev was active in her Book and Bridge Clubs and had loved her Nine-Holer group. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

A memorial service was held at Christ Church on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. In lieu of flowers the family urges that contributions be made in her name to the Martha Jefferson Hospital Foundation, 459 Locust Avenue, Charlottesville, VA 22902.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Prichard and his staff at the infusion center of Martha Jefferson Hospital and the wonderful nurses of the 7th floor of the hospital for their loving care.

Bev "fought the good fight and kept the faith". Friends may send condolences to the family at www.hillandwood.com.

Douglas James Pirc

Mr. Douglas James Pirc, age 56 of Orange, beloved husband of Loretta Troy Pirc, passed away at Milford Hospital on Friday, May 7, 2010. Son of Vladimir and Delight Rinehart Pirc of Milford, he was born on April 14, 1954 in Queens, NY. Doug grew up and attended school in Norwalk, CT. After high school, Doug went on to attend the University of Connecticut where, in addition to earning a degree in mechanical engineering, he met his wife of nearly 30 years Loretta Theresa Troy. Doug has been a resident of Orange for the past sixteen years and most recently employed at CasMed in Branford, where he designed medical monitors. In addition to his successful professional life, Doug enjoyed a rich personal life. He was a loving and devoted son, husband, and father. He always made sure his family had the best and worked tirelessly to ensure that. There was no project around the house which he would not tackle. He was a handyman extraordinaire and jack-of-all trades. Doug was always kind and generous to his friends and neighbors, always helping out in any way he could. He played ice hockey in high school and continued his passion for the sport, playing in various leagues throughout his life. He could often be seen in his boat off the shores of Milford or driving around town in the Caterham Seven, his roadster convertible. His dry sense of humor and jokester attitude brought smiles and laughs to all around him and could even make the dullest room break out in laughter. However, what Doug's friends and family will cherish the most is his commitment to those he cared for and his legacy.



Douglas James Pirc

In addition to his wife and parents, survivors include his three loving children Christopher Pirc and his fiancée Emily Briggs both of New Haven, Cameron Pirc and Carolyn Pirc both of Orange, his mother-in-law Marion Troy of Stamford, two brother-in-laws Patrick Troy of New Hampshire and Brian Troy and his wife Sarah and their children Brian and Jennifer all of Florida, two sister-in-laws Mary Ellen Troy of Stamford, and Virginia Troy of Glastonbury. Doug is also survived by his brother Broderick Pirc and his wife Elaine and their daughter Tiffany all of Bethel. He was predeceased by his father-in-law Gus Troy.

Memorial Contributions may be to made The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society CT-Chapter, 300 Research Parkway, Suite 310, Meriden, CT 06450 or Myeloma Institute for Research and Therapy, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, 4301 West Markham St. Slot 816, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205. www.codywhitefuneralservice.com.

Visit the 9th Annual Orange Business & Community Expo

"Entrepreneurial Spirit"

The Orange Economic Development Corporation (OEDC) will host the 9th Annual Orange Business and Community Expo, "Entrepreneurial Spirit", on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Yale University West Campus, 141 Frontage Road, Orange, CT. Paul Grimmer, Executive Director says, "Exhibitor booths are still available, but they are going fast. At this time, we are over 50 percent sold, leaving less than 30 booths available. Space is limited to 64 exhibitor booths." Vendors and visitors may enjoy the networking, business activities, food, and fun. The event is free and open to the public.

Join vendors such as; Boys and Girls Village, Fieldstone Village, Fred Astaire Dance Studio, Taylor Rental - Party Plus, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Morgan Stanley, Sign-A-Rama, Women's Business Development Center, and many more. Enjoy food from Bruegger's Bagels, Chip's Restaurant, Equinox Diner, Orange Ale House, and Racebrook Market. Be sure to stop by and sample their specialties! Business owners, their employees, and local residents can look forward to product demonstrations, activities, seminars, and give-aways. A complete list of vendors is available on our website: www.OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, you may register on-line at the OEDC website - OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm or call the OEDC office at (203) 891-1045. The Expo is reasonably priced at \$275 for an 8 foot fully furnished booth. All exhibitors will be provided with an 8 foot booth space with pipe and drape, linen topped table, 1 chair, business information listed in Expo Program Book, marketing materials placed in Welcome Bags, presentation and activities. Electric, which is very limited, may be provided for an additional \$100.

If you cannot participate in the Expo this year, your business can still have a presence by placing an ad in the Expo Program Booklet or placing your marketing materials in our Welcome Bags for a nominal fee. Please call the OEDC for more information.

We have an exciting list of activities scheduled. All activities are free and open to the public and include the following:

- Blood Pressure Screenings - provided by Urgent Care Center
- Art Gallery - view beautiful works of art displayed throughout the Expo featuring local artists and area galleries. Visit representatives of The Davis Gallery, Einhorn Galleries, and the Orange Arts & Cultural Council.
- 4th Annual Broker's Tour (limited to area Broker's & Realtors) - tour of available commercial and industrial properties
- Seminar - scheduled from Noon - 2 pm attend, "Applying the Entrepreneurial Spirit to your Finances" given by Jill Russo Foster. Ms. Foster is a speaker and coach and author of Cash, Credit, and Your Finances: The Teen Years, During this presentation, Ms. Foster will discuss how we can all be entrepreneurial in terms of how we approach our personal finances. There is much to be learned by applying key entrepreneurial principals to your personal finances. Join us for a unique view of finances and gain new insight into today's critical financial issues. There is no charge for this presentation, but please call the OEDC office to register (203/891-1045). The presentation will be held in the auditorium.

Please call the Orange Economic Development Corporation office at (203) 891-1045 for more information or visit the OEDC website at OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm.

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Are Fat-Free Foods Making You Fat?

By Mary Schwartz, CPT

Many people opt for low-fat or fat-free versions of their favorite foods to help them lose weight. But, does eating a low-fat food help you lose weight? The answer is no. Because, when you take fat out, you have to put sugar in. Fat makes food taste good. So, when you take fat out of a food, you have to add sugar to compensate for the flavor that is lost when the fat is removed.

So, it is not fat that is making you fat, it is the sugar. You would be surprised how much sugar is in many of the items that you eat regularly. Almost all boxed, canned or processed foods contain added sugar. You must read the food labels carefully to uncover hidden sugar. When reading a food label, you must be aware that sugar is often listed as something other than sugar. For example, high fructose corn syrup, honey, molasses, cane juice or any ingredient that ends in "ose" like dextrose, fructose, lactose, glucose, maltose or sucrose is sugar.

When you eat sugar, it is quickly converted to glucose. Glucose enters your bloodstream quickly causing a rapid rise in your blood sugar level. Your body reacts by immediately releasing insulin into your bloodstream to bring your sugar levels back down. This causes your blood sugar levels to "crash" which leaves you feeling hungry. This vicious cycle goes on and on until you eliminate sugar from your diet.

So, in an effort to reduce your sugar intake you switch from fat-free foods to sugar-free foods. Sugar-free foods contain artificial sweeteners which are six hundred times sweeter than sugar. You figure that since artificial sweeteners have no calories, you will lose weight, right? Wrong. Artificial sweeteners trick your body into thinking that food is coming, but when the nutrients don't show up, your brain sends a message out, telling you to continue to eat. If you continue to eat, you are most likely to overeat, causing you to actually gain weight.

Research has shown that people who drink diet sodas are at a higher risk of developing obesity and metabolic syndrome. Metabolic syndrome is a group of risk factors that, when they occur together, increase your risk for developing certain diseases. These risk factors include excessive abdominal fat, high blood pressure and insulin resistance, all of which can lead to heart disease and diabetes.

Artificial sweeteners, like aspartame, have also been linked to many health problems including joint pain, arthritis, gastrointestinal problems, headaches, memory and neurological problems. According to "Change Your Brain, Change Your Body", by Daniel G. Amen, M.D., many of these health problems can be eliminated by simply avoiding artificial sweeteners. He also states that it was not until several of his clients gave up artificial sweeteners that they were able to lose weight.

So, if you are trying to lose weight and are currently eating fat-free or sugar-free food items, consider giving up these products. Instead, opt for full fat food items in moderation and choose natural sweeteners like Stevia to give you the sweetness that you desire without the side-effects associated with artificial sweeteners.

For more information, or to suggest a topic for a future article, please contact me at (203) 824-3913 or e-mail me at mary@workoutwithmary.com.

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

"But I Don't Want to Buy Life Insurance"

By Roberta L. Nestor

Okay, I get it! Talking about life insurance isn't fun. Even discussing the reasons for buying life insurance makes many people uncomfortable. It's something you know you should have; however, there doesn't seem to be any sense of urgency or priority when it comes to purchasing life insurance. Worse, it's not a very uplifting subject. No one wants to contemplate their own mortality. Simply put, the subject is boring and morbid!

The cost of life insurance is another deterrent. Required insurance protection such as car insurance, home owners, health and dental already take a big portion of a family budget. Nobody wants to be insurance poor! Imagine saying, "gee kids, we would love to take you all on a family vacation, but we have to pay our life insurance premium instead." Buying life insurance that is not affordable benefits no one. It is important to purchase a policy that meets your needs and your budget – not just today

but in the future. Fortunately, there are many types of insurance available.

Term insurance can be very reasonable and for most situations it offers the best value. Look at a 30 year level term insurance policy with a death benefit of \$500,000 (based on a healthy male age 45) - its cost would be \$137 a month – just over \$4.00 a day. When you buy level term, the premiums are guaranteed to stay the same for the term period, in this case 30 years. Maybe it is time to give up those lattes! When you try to make life insurance an investment that is when it will be more likely to be expensive. Look at pure insurance coverage, not a plan that will "pay the mortgage, put the kids through college and provide for retirement".

Many families have relied on life insurance coverage offered by their employer. Typically these benefits are keyed to your salary. For example, someone with an annual salary of \$75,000 would have 2 or 1 1/2 times salary as life insurance benefit. If you think you are underinsured, find out if you can buy more insurance through your employer. Just remember that generally, once you stop working (retire, change jobs or lose your job), employer life insurance benefits stop or can be substantially reduced. Group coverage tends to be less costly than individual so a good place to start is to learn more about your company's plan.

Much of the cost associated with life insurance is based on your health. Good health should be a motivator in making the purchase of life insurance a priority. You will be rewarded for being in good health with substantially lower premiums as compared to those with health issues. Buy it now, while you are young and while you are healthy. We have all seen how quickly someone's health can change.

Then again, maybe you should really focus on the positive aspects of purchasing life insurance. Why do people buy life insurance? It's protection for your family. It is human nature to want to protect those we love. Recognize that life insurance is about protecting those you love in the event of a premature death. It can ensure a positive quality of life for your spouse and children. Knowing that you will be taking care of your family, protecting them against uncertainties is the best reason to buy life insurance!

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2. Name the first No. 1 hit by the group The Four Seasons. Bonus for knowing the year.

3. What is the stage name of Domingo Samudio? What the name of the '60s hit he named after his cat?
4. The lyrics to the song "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing (In Perfect Harmony)" were taken from a television commercial advertising what product?
5. The Elegants sealed their fate as a one-hit wonder with which song?
6. Name the artist behind "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

Answers on page 29

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Barking, Whining Annoy Dog Owner



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I need some strategies on some issues I'm having with my Bichon, "Sassy." First, she wakes me up at the same time, 4:45 a.m., and whines for me to come play with her. I've tried putting her out of the room, tried the "shhhh" thing, but she'll just keep whining. Also, if another dog is in the yard, she will bark and go crazy. I've tried distracting her, shaking coins in a can and using a spray bottle, to no avail. Can you help? -- Maryann, via e-mail

DEAR MARYANN: These behaviors can be frustrating, especially since Sassy sounds like a strong-willed, independent dog. In the first case, Sassy is on a different sleep schedule than you, and wants to be up and playing early. All of my dogs have been "morning people" too, and I'm not, so I feel your pain.

Is anything that might be triggering her to wake up, like a coffee maker set to go off at 4:45? Look and listen for odd sounds at that time. You also might try to have Sassy sleep in the other room all night. If she's used to sleeping with you, this will mean a few trying nights. Don't scold or shush her, and reward her with treats when she gets into her bed. Also, try adjusting her feeding, walking and play times, morning and night, and see if that makes any difference.

Barking at strange dogs is an instinctive thing Sassy does. She doesn't respond to negative reinforcement (shaker cans, spray bottles), so try a positive approach. When Sassy starts to bark at a dog in the yard, say "Enough" in a calm but firm voice. When she stops barking and looks at you, give her a treat.

You'll need to be patient and avoid giving commands in an angry voice or getting frustrated (which your pet can sense) and reverting to the old "shhh!" technique. Work calmly and consistently with Sassy on these issues.

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

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Rabies, Microchip Clinic

Amity Animal Rescue Fund and Country Companions Veterinary Services will host a rabies and micro-chipping clinic on May 15th, 1 to 3 p.m. at Country Companions location, 9 Amity Road, Bethany. Dr. Kimberly McClure Brinton will be inoculating animals 1 to 3 p.m. Rabies inoculations will be \$12 and Microchips \$15 while supplies last. Additional fee to activate the microchip. To receive a 3-year rabies certificate bring proof of current inoculation. All animals without a current rabies certificate will be given a one-year vaccination. Animals must be on leash or in carriers. For additional info call 203-389-1996.

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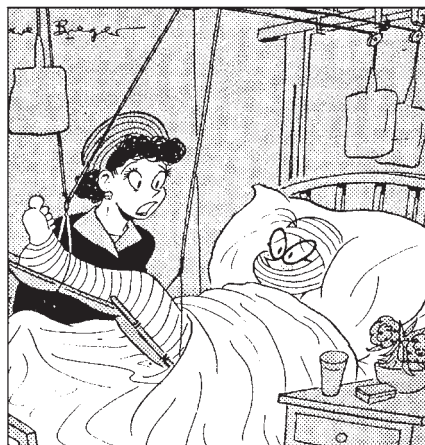
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"You see? About two years ago I WARNED you that I had a feeling something was going to happen..."

Sports Quiz Answers

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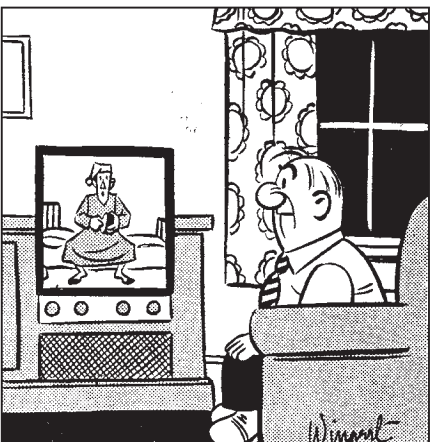
1. Pedro Martinez had a 1.74 ERA for Boston in 2000.
2. Andy Benes, who had 116 losses (versus 125 wins) in the '90s.
3. Harvey Harman (1938-41, 1946-55), John Bateman (1960-72) and Frank Burns (1973-83).
4. Ben Wallace (3.5 blocks per game in 2001-02) and Andrei Kirilenko (3.3 bpg in 2004-05) are both listed at 6 feet 9 inches.
5. Lindy Ruff of Buffalo (12 seasons).
6. Thirty-two years, 136 days.
7. Eleven-under 61.

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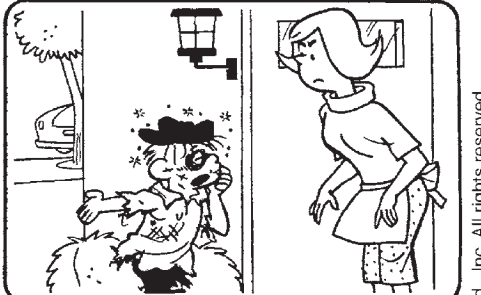
"it says that women control 80 percent of the money in this country. Is THAT all?"

HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert

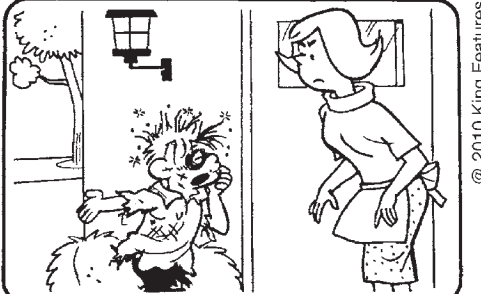


"This is BBXY now signing off until 7 a.m."

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lamp has been moved 2. Cap is missing 3. Window is bigger 4. Mom is wearing skirt 5. Tree has extra branch 6. Car is missing

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top ten Riskiest Foods

1. Leafy greens
 2. Eggs
 3. Tuna
 4. Oysters
 5. Potatoes
 6. Cheese
 7. Ice cream
 8. Tomatoes
 9. Sprouts
 10. Berries
- Source: Center for Science in the Public Interest

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top ten Most DIABOLICAL Fish

1. Piranha
 2. Anglerfish
 3. Moray Eel
 4. Tigerfish
 5. Snakehead Fish
 6. Viperfish
 7. Fangtooth Fish
 8. Dragonfish
 9. Gulper Eel
 10. Conger Eel
- Source: www.environmentalgraffiti.com

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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

- 1. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)**
animated
- 2. The Back-up Plan (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lopez, Alex O'Loughlin
- 3. Date Night (PG-13)**
Steve Carell, Tina Fey
- 4. The Losers (PG-13)**
Jeffrey Dean Morgan, Zoe Saldana
- 5. Kick-Ass (R)**
Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage
- 6. Clash of the Titans (PG-13)**
Sam Worthington
Gemma Arterton
- 7. Death at a Funeral (R)**
Chris Rock, Martin Lawrence
- 8. Oceans (G)**
Pierce Brosnan (narrator)
- 9. The Last Song (PG)**
Miley Cyrus, Liam Hemsworth
- 10. Alice in Wonderland (PG)**
Johnny Depp, Mia Wasikowska

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- 1. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (PG)**
(20th Century Fox)
- 2. Sherlock Holmes (PG-13)**
(Warner)
- 3. The Blind Side (PG-13)**
(Warner)
- 4. The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13)**
(Summit)
- 5. The Princess and the Frog (G)**
(Buena Vista)
- 6. The Lord of the Rings: The Motion Picture Trilogy (Blu-Ray) (PG-13)**
(Warner)
- 7. Alice in Wonderland (G)**
(Buena Vista)
- 8. Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans (R)**
(First Look)
- 9. 2012 (PG-13)**
(Sony)
- 10. The Collector (NR)**
(Genius Productions)

Chartbusters

Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. B.o.B feat. Bruno Mars**
"Nothin' On You"
- 2. Rihanna**
"Rude Boy"
- 3. Train**
"Hey, Soul Sister"
- 4. Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris**
"Break Your Heart"
- 5. Lady Antebellum**
"Need You Now"
- 6. Jason Derulo**
"In My Head"
- 7. Lady Gaga feat. Beyonce**
"Telephone"
- 8. Usher feat will.i.am**
"OMG"
- 9. Ke\$ha**
"Your Love Is My Drug"
- 10. Adam Lambert**
"Whataya Want From Me"



Joe Nichols

Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Lady Antebellum**
"American Honey"
- 2. Zac Brown Band**
"Highway 20 Ride"
- 3. Joe Nichols**
"Gimmie That Girl"
- 4. Kenny Chesney**
"Ain't Back Yet"
- 5. Chris Young**
"The Man I Want To Be"
- 6. Keith Urban**
"Til Summer Comes Around"
- 7. George Strait**
"I Gotta Get To You"
- 8. Steel Magnolia**
"Keep On Lovin' You"
- 9. Justin Moore**
"Backwoods"
- 10. Rascal Flatts**
"Unstoppable"

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Jackie Chan stars in "The Spy Next Door"

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Invictus" (PG-13) -- Morgan Freeman stars as Nelson Mandela in this Clint Eastwood-directed look at the racially charged 1995 Rugby World Cup. Mandela had just recently been elected president of South Africa, and racial tensions (and the threat of civil war) loom large. Mandela hopes that the matches featuring his country's racially mixed team will act as

an example that whites and blacks can work together. Matt Damon co-stars as Francois Pienaar, the captain of the team, who must lead his players in the championship match against the highly favored New Zealand squad. "Invictus" is no "Million Dollar Baby," but it's still an Eastwood flick, so it's well worth a look.

"Extraordinary Measures" (PG) -- Harrison Ford stars as research doctor Robert Stonehill in this production that teeters awfully close to being a made-for-Lifetime TV disease of the week disaster. Stonehill has an experimental treatment that may save the lives of two terminally ill children. Brendan Fraser and Keri Russell co-star as the parents of the children who go to Extraordinary Measures to raise the money needed to support Stonehill's research. If you're looking for a cheap tearjerker, then look no further, Mr. Weepy Pants.

The Spy Next Door (PG) -- Jackie Chan stars as a Chinese secret agent "on loan" to the CIA (stay with me, it gets dumber) who wants to give up the spy game in order to have a relationship with the single mom (Amber Valletta) who lives next door. When one of her kids accidentally grabs a super secret file from Chan's computer, Chan has to protect them from evil Russian agents. Billy Ray Cyrus and George Lopez co-star ... so, you know, Quality Comedy Backup, am I right?

I'm just gonna say this right now, 'cuz it has to be said: Jackie Chan needs to stop making action movies. It's becoming painful and embarrassing to watch. He's just too old. How old is Jackie? He knew General Tso before he became famous for his chicken. That's how old he is. There. I feel better now.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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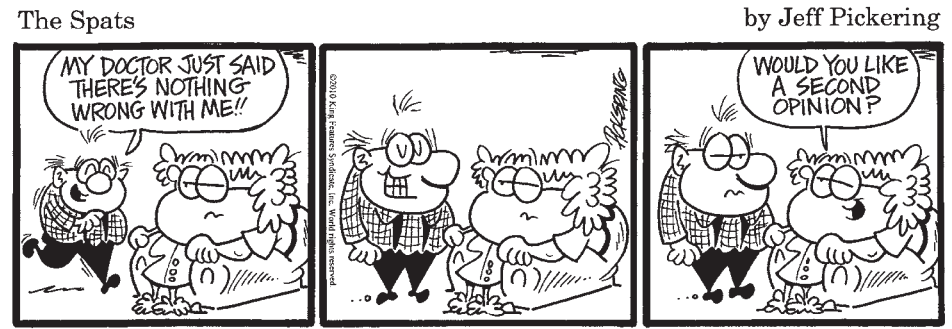
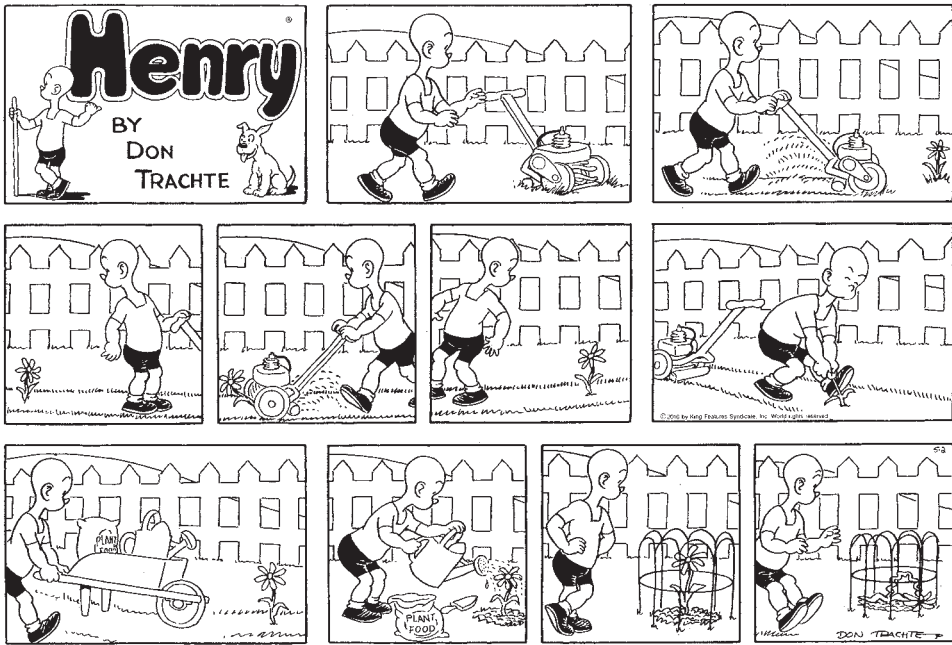
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter suddenly could need your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cupid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the warm heart of a Taurean and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You still might say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret -- the change most likely will turn out for the better.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a shortsighted move you might regret later on.

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ACROSS

- 1 Totally dominate
- 4 Right on the map?
- 8 Liking a lot
- 12 Shooter ammo
- 13 Jubilation
- 14 Disposition
- 15 Where salmon go to spawn
- 17 Motivate
- 18 Gazing one
- 19 Chart format
- 21 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 22 Transmission to a spacecraft
- 26 Rural buildings
- 29 "No seats"
- 30 Dress in
- 31 Supplemented, with "out"
- 32 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 33 — gin fizz
- 34 Dead heat
- 35 Happiness
- 36 Public squabble
- 37 "You betcha!"
- 39 Spring mo.
- 40 Smokestack output
- 41 Shamelessly bold
- 45 Dixieland

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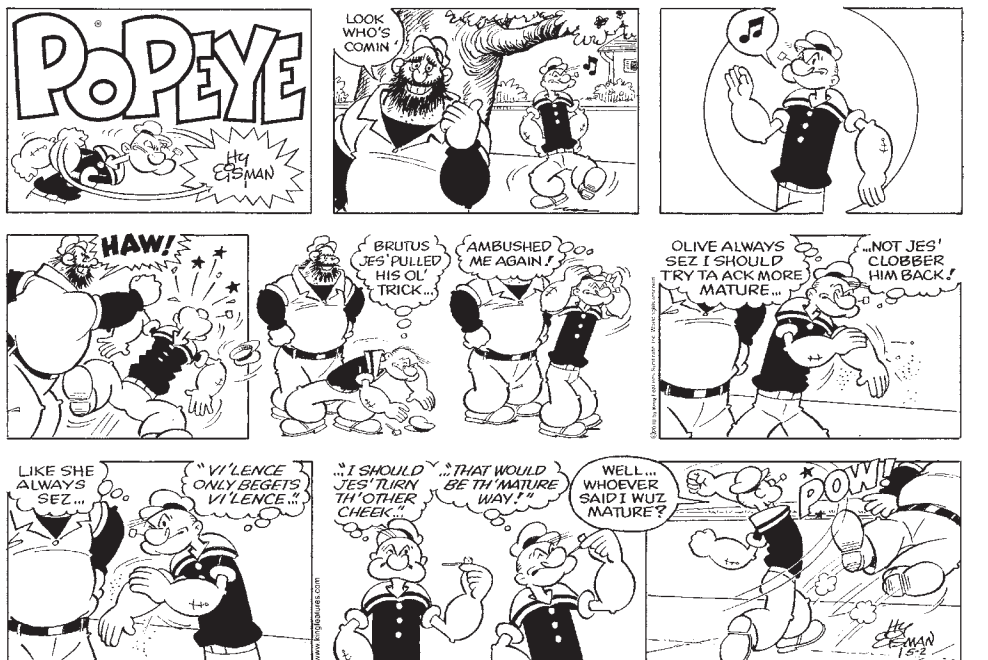
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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Answers

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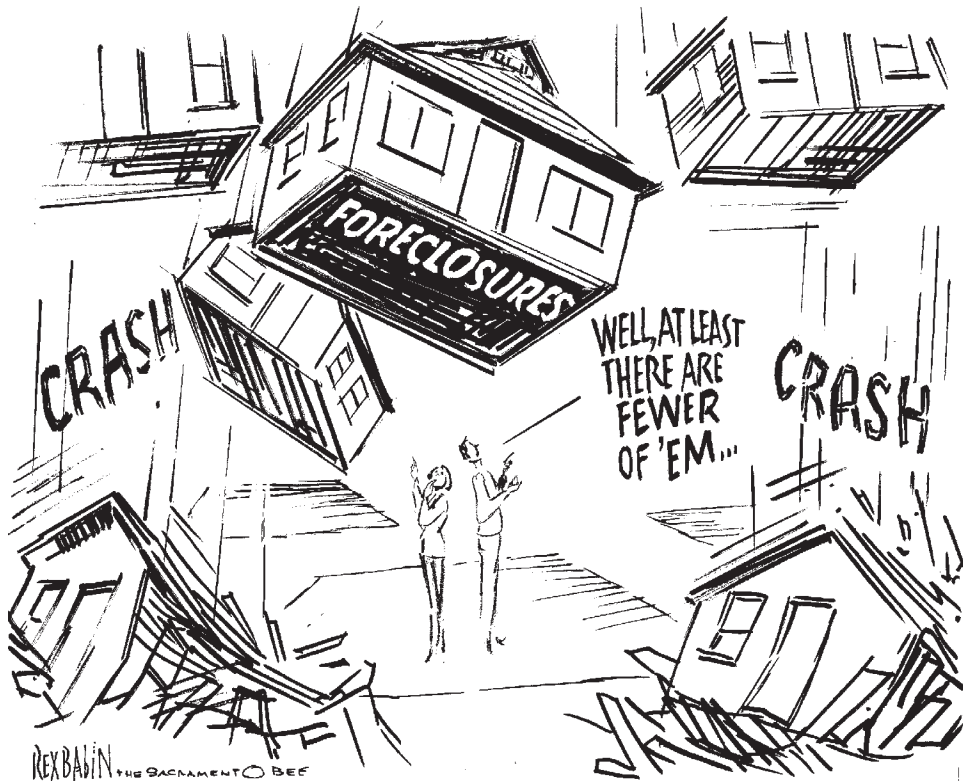
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Flashback Trivia Answers

From Page 24

1. Elvis served in the Army from 1958 to 1960. He was assigned to a tank battalion, but was eventually assigned to be a jeep driver.
2. "Sherry," in 1962. It was followed the same year by "Big Girls Don't Cry."
3. Sam the Sham (and the Pharaohs) cut the tune "Wooly Bully."
4. Coca-Cola. The New Seekers changed and expanded the lyrics, and the song hit No. 1 in 1971.
5. "Little Star," in 1958.
6. Bobby McFerrin. The tune snagged a 1989 Grammy for Song of the Year. All of the "sounds" were made by McFerrin -- no instruments or other singers were used.

LOCAL SPORTS



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Holy Infant 6th Graders Complete a Successful 2009-2010 Basketball Campaign

The Holy Infant Orangemen 6th grade team completed a very successful 2009-2010 basketball season. They won over 40 games while participating in various local leagues and tournaments throughout New Haven and Fairfield County. Significant accomplishments included:

- Runner-up in the Amity Athletics Booster Club Tournament - Junior Division
- 2nd place in the St. James Youth Basketball Tournament
- 1st Place Regular Season - 2nd Place Tournament - Milford Youth Basketball League.

"Spartan Glory"

By Matt Gad, OTN Sports Writer

We have all witnessed glory being won by a national contender in all sports. The Yankees have won 27 World Series titles, the Celtics have won 17 NBA titles, the Canadians have won 27 Stanley Cups and the Steelers have won the most Super Bowls with five Lombardi trophies. Similar to these teams are the Amity Spartans. Not only has Amity had the finest HS recruits in the region, but it has been known for its athletic success. About three years ago, two Amity baseball all-stars were offered MLB contracts as High School Seniors, one to the Mets (my personal favorite) and one to the Kansas City Royals. They both declined and went off to college though what an honor that must have been for them; to get recognized with a MLB contract offer at a young age - before college, but High School! A 'Wow' moment. Though, Amity has been known for its amazing coaches. Amity Middle School-Orange's Health teacher Mr. Tabaka coaches Middle School (Orange) Cross-Country and High School track and field. Also, Amity hires great coaches that are not teachers in the district, like the Middle School soccer coach, who is from the soccer complex in Hamden. Some of Amity's coaches have been nominated for awards and recognitions, that's how good they are. To add, Amity has won a lot of medals, trophies and awards from their many athletes or teams. This is why Amity has Spartan Glory!

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Law Championship Football Teams of the '60s and '70's Plan Reunion

Who would think that men in their late fifties or sixties would link through Facebook? But that happened when Jeff French in Seattle saw a group website about Growing up in Devon, Grove Circle, Jonathan Law Area in the '60's & '70's.

As he posted on the site, people knew him and began to relate they were in elementary school when he was the quarterback on the 1962 Jonathan Law MBIAC Championship football team. Some of them were later players on the 1966 championship team and others just kids from the playground.

Many reminisced and shared their warm feelings about growing up in Milford, playing at a ball field called Grove Circle. Soon there were over fifty people, men and women, recalling what it was like in an idyllic neighborhood playing basketball, football and baseball over forty years ago. Championship players had become icons as one Facebooker noted.

They knew a reunion of the Grove Circle girls and boys and football players on championship teams, now mature adults, was destined. So on July 24th at Aldarios Restaurant in Milford, they will come together recalling those great times and telling tall tales of their heroics on high school football teams.

The '62 team, in the school's second year of existence, won the MBIAC title shocking their opponents and locals according to retired coach Vito DeVito. Led by an all-state running back, Dan Walker, and a two-way standout, Bob Estock, the Lawmen had a 7-1-1 record beating Fairfield Prep 44-0 losing one game to Notre Dame of Bridgeport and tying Stratford by marching seventy yards in the last two minutes of the game.

The '66 club was also 7-1-1 blemished by a tie to Harding and loss to Fairfield Prep. Notable stars of this team were quarterback Bernie Robillard, running backs Jack Flynn and George Pfiel and linemen Hilary Estock. From the '66 team Flynn, Dimitruk, Pietrini, Injaychock, Kerecz, and Perschel developed into collegiate performers.

In 1971, a third championship team won the MBIAC title led by all-state running back Barry Baker, all-state tackle Louie Pietrini and quarterback Glenn Valentine. Their record was 9-1 with their only loss to Harding.

Coach DeVito, retired and living in Orange said, "I'm really excited about the reunion. Some of these players I haven't seen for forty-five years. It will be a special night.

For more information on the reunion contact Joe Wiedl at 203-888-6623, Lenn Libby at 203-414-0920 or Jeff French at 425-898-4922.

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Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

1. Name the last pitcher to lead the American League in ERA for the season with a mark of 2.00 or less.
2. Which major-league pitcher had the most losses during the decade of the 1990s?
3. In 2009, Greg Schiano became the fourth person to coach 100 football games at Rutgers. Name any of the first three to do it.
4. Since it became an official stat in 1973-74, who have been the shortest players to lead the NBA in blocked shots per game for a season?
5. Name the only current NHL head coach (at the end of the 2009-10 season) to have been with his team longer than Nashville's Barry Trotz (11 seasons).
6. In 2010, Didier Defago of Switzerland became the oldest man to win the Olympic downhill skiing event. How old was he?
7. Earlier in 2010, golfer Tommy Armour III tied a Champions Tour record for lowest score in relation to par. What was his score?

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