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Orange Teacher to Head CT Education Association

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

Sheila Cohen is one of those people who just has teaching in her blood. Orange was lucky to have her as a teacher for 40 years at Turkey Hill and Peck Place Schools and now the whole state will benefit from her passion when, on August 1, she takes over as president of the Connecticut Education Association, the state's largest teacher's association with over 41,000 members.

Today she is the association's vice president. As president, a job she calls a huge job, she'll act as a lobbyist in Hartford and represent the state at one of the National Education Association (NEA) affiliates. She served two three-year terms as the NEA director for Connecticut. In a nutshell, she says the job is taking a look at anything that has to do with public education and having a handle on it.

The promotion comes with a sacrifice to Cohen, since one of her responsibilities as vice president is to be president of the Connecticut Education Foundation, a private 501(c)3 for public schools. The foundation's purpose is to give any teacher with a child in dire financial straits and lacking things that are important in a classroom to allow the child to have a successful school experience. The foundation also offers ethnic minority scholarships and also scholarships for teachers' and staff members' children. "That will be hard to give up," she says, calling it a labor of love.

"I don't think people realize what an incredible position Connecticut holds in that it really is the state of the haves and have nots. The diversity is extreme and the fact that we have a large achievement gap isn't surprising based on the socioeconomic situation that we have," she says. She doesn't believe that children are on a level playing field in Connecticut, many coming from homes where there is not a great deal of vocabulary opportunities or reading material available.

Cohen started teaching second grade at Turkey Hill School in 1972 where she stayed for 11 years before going to Peck Place School. She taught second grade there for a few years before graduating from second grade to third grade, and still remembers fondly the class she was able to teach for two years. She admits to having mixed feelings about teachers staying with their class for more than one year, though it did work wonderfully for her. "I think that if you have a class that you have a wonderful relationship with, the chil-

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Photos of the 2012 Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies & Parade are available on our website at www.orangetownnews.com in the Photo Gallery.



New Bus Run Makes Orange Location More Accessible

By Bettina Thiel, Orange Town News Correspondent

A new shuttle line from New Haven to the Marsh Hill area and back was inaugurated without much fanfare the week before Memorial Day. The buses currently are taking UI and Southern Connecticut Gas employees as

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

From the Superintendent of Schools

By Lynn McMullin



Two Principal Searches Well Underway

With the upcoming retirements of two beloved principals, Ralph Nuzzo at Mary L. Tracy and Al deCant at Peck Place, the search is underway for the two exceptional individuals who will lead our schools into the next era of growth and achievement. The reorganization of the BOE Central Office, which combined the principalship of MLT with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, resulted in the promotion of Colleen Murray to that position. Thus, Turkey Hill and Peck Place will both see a change in leadership this summer.

Following a hiring protocol, (which is published on the Orange Board of Ed's webpage), each school is working independently to find the best candidate for its own school community. Superintendent Lynn McMullin is chairing the Peck Place search. Race Brook Principal Mike Gray is chairing Turkey Hill's search. Each school has two committees working cooperatively together to find the most outstanding principal. Committee 1 will screen the pool of 40-plus applicants and conduct the first round interviews. Committee 2 will interview the final candidates, check references, and make a recommendation. Parents, teachers, administrators, and Board members make up each committee. Without exception, these volunteers understand that hiring the right administrators will have tremendous impact on students and the entire school community, staff and parents alike. While modern principals play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of the building, their potential for significant impact comes through creating a vision, building community, advocating for students, facilitating excellent instruction, and supporting teachers.

Peck Place is a little further along in the search process, with its second interviews scheduled for May 31st. The Board of Education will meet with Peck Place's principal-elect at its June 11th meeting.

Turkey Hill will begin its first round of interviews on June 4th.

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dren and parents know you and they know your expectations, you can start off in September where you left off in June," she says. On the other hand, if you're forced to stay together and the class has some personality clashes, it is not a good idea. "It has to be something the parents, the kids and the teacher want," she says.

Bottom line, Cohen wants to see what helps children thrive and that's a philosophy she's held on to all throughout her career. "Orange schools are just like another world—it is a phenomenal school system," she says.

Right now she's intent on seeing more seats being made available for pre-kindergarten in Orange and across the state. "To me, that is essential. Here in Orange, we're very fortunate, but there are towns where the kids don't even go to kindergarten and those kids are coming behind the eight-ball before they even get started," Cohen says. "Another way to close the gap is to make sure there is health and nutritional information given before it's too late. Sometimes when children come to school, it's too late for them. It's not always an achievement gap, it's an opportunity gap."

She wants to see all children across the state on a level playing field and she thinks one way of achieving that is to keep focusing on professional development for teachers. "Whenever you have teacher buy-in, whether it's in the collective bargaining situation, in professional development or anything that has to do with formulating their own profession, you're going to be reaching a degree of success that you would not necessarily have," she says. "Teachers should not be looked at as public enemy number one in the community. They should be looked upon as the anchor of the community. It is incumbent on us as teachers to reach out to the community, to the minority community, to the neighborhoods," she says. "Schools are going to need to change so that the school is a central location for fulfilling the needs that the children can't get at home," she says.

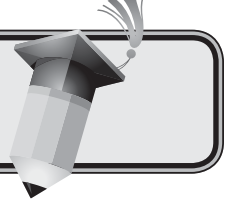
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STUDENT NEWS



DeMaio Receives B.S. at Penn State University

The spring 2012 Dean's List and Graduates have been announced at Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, Pa., and a special mission affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University. Penn College held Spring Commencement ceremonies May 11-12 at the Community Arts Center, Williamsport. At the commencement ceremonies, **Aaron R. DeMaio**, Orange, received his Bachelor of Science, Residential Construction Technology and Management: Building Construction Technology Concentration.

Bucknell University Awards Degree

Bucknell University has conferred bachelors and master's degrees to students who completed their graduation requirements during this past spring semester. Degrees were awarded May 20 for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, education, management and music.

The following graduate has received a degree from Bucknell: Kaitlyn M. Smith of Orange, daughter of Charles and Karen Smith of Orange and a 2008 graduate of Amity Regional H S, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Spanish.

Paolini Graduates with Two Bachelor of Science Degrees

Michael and Paula Paolini are proud to announce that their daughter, Jennifer M. Paolini, has graduated from The Liberal Arts and Sciences at The University of Connecticut with two Bachelor of Science degrees; one in Chemistry and one in Molecular and Cell Biology. Jennifer is a Dean's List Student and is pursuing a Masters Degree in Biochemistry from the University of Connecticut in 2013.

Azoti Receives Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree

Mariah Azoti recently received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. She dual majored in Art History and Photography. At graduation convocation, Mariah received academic honors in art history and a foundation award in photography.

As a senior, two of Mariah's black and white photographs were selected for a juried exhibition in the New England Photography Biennial, 2011 at the Danforth Museum of Art in Framingham, Massachusetts. In her junior year, she was curator of the Photography All School Show.

Mariah is the daughter of Mary and Peter Azoti of Orange. She was a 2008 graduate of Amity Regional High School.



Mariah Azoti

Goodwin Receives BA from Tufts University

Nicole Goodwin of Orange, Amity class of 2008, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations and French with a minor in Philosophy from Tufts University on May 20th. She graduated cum laude in both majors.

Orange Student Receives Fairfield Book Award

Each year it is a tradition in many high schools that the Alumni Associations of area colleges present outstanding juniors who excel in scholarship, leadership, and personal accomplishments with University Awards. This year at Honors Convocation, Sacred Heart Academy recognized the following outstanding junior.

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July 13th	July 20th
August 2nd	August 10th

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FROM OUR READERS

Dear Editor:

On May 8, the Amity Regional Schools budget passed by a 60-40 % margin in the three towns comprising the district. Unfortunately, for the first time, other than during the financial crisis, the budget failed by 42 votes in Orange. Considering the budget carried a .47 % increase, the lowest in the state and lower than all three Amity town education budgets, it appears that those Orange voters who voted no might have been influenced by some misleading data presented by Orange town leaders.

James Leahy, a member of the Orange Board of Finance, was highly critical of Amity ending its fiscal years with surpluses, despite the fact that these surpluses were clearly presented with detailed explanations to both the Amity Finance Committee and the Amity Board of Education. After a budget passes in May, items such as staffing, insurance premiums and special education costs can experience dramatic changes, as well as many other budgeted accounts. In such a large budget, variances are unavoidable, as was pointed out by the independent auditor for Amity. In fact, Amity has disclosed all variances in a timely basis with total transparency during Dr. Brady's tenure and in the case of year end surpluses, Amity has refunded millions of dollars to the 3 towns, or used the excess funds to offset future expenditures. In either case, taxpayers receive the benefit of these surpluses.

Mr. Leahy also presented extensive data in which he projected millions of dollars in increased funding for Amity in future years, based upon projections Amity provides for informational purposes. What he fails to mention is that these projections have never materialized in the past, thanks to prudent planning by Dr. Brady. In fact, the projection given for 2012-2013 called for a 3-4 % increase when the final budget came in at .47 % . If Mr. Leahy had taken the time to present results from previous years, it would have shown that year after year the final budget increases were a fraction of the projected budget increases presented. He is well aware of these points since he is a former member of the Amity Finance Committee.

What was truly troubling to me was that he singled out Sue Cohen and Diane Crocco as the Orange Board members who voted in favor of the budget. They should be commended for seeing what an excellent budget Dr. Brady presented and voted to continue the excellence at Amity, despite all the political pressure they had to experience. The budget was passed by an 8-5 margin with all 5 no votes coming from Orange. I heard explanations from those members such as, I need more time to review the budget, or I want to see the effect laying off 4 teachers would have, or since the Amity teachers are receiving a 0 % increase this budget should carry a 0 % increase! Those seem like delay tactics or micro-managing to me. Reducing this budget any further than it was, would, as Dr. Brady stated, begin dismantling Amity. Thanks to Sue Cohen and Diane Crocco that did not happen.

Matthew T. Giglietti,
 Chairman of the Woodbridge Board of Finance
 Vice Chairman of the Amity Finance Committee

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Visit the Community Expo at HPCC

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

A new venue, local artwork, delicious food, more than 60 business and community vendors and a unique fashion show are the highlights that are expected to draw record crowds to this year's Orange Business Expo, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., June 13 at the High Plains Community Center. Admission to the event is free.

It is the first time that the event will be held at High Plains, and if past years are any indication, when the venue is familiar, the people come. According to Economic Development Director and expo organizer Paul Grimmer, attendance at the event varies from year to year depending on where it's held. "People in town are familiar with the Community Center, they know the parking situation and the lay out of the building and that's important in getting people to attend," he said.

Since its "humble beginnings" 11 years ago in the former Filene's Basement location on the Boston Post Road when about 80 visitors stopped by, Grimmer and his team recognized the business community's enthusiasm for such an event. "We saw the potential then and the business community has remained enthusiastic," he said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for residents to meet the business owners first hand and I've seen chance meetings lead to long lasting relationships." When the expo was held at the site of the former Showcase Cinemas on Marsh Hill Road, more than 850 people attended.

Among this year's vendors are the Orange Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, and Arts & Culture Council; Costco, Yale New Haven Hospital, The Courtyard Marriott, United Illuminating, Taylor Rental Parties Plus, Yale University, Cohen and Wolf, Orange Town News, NORTHEAST Electronics Corp., Cox Media, People's Bank, Live Healthy Now, CT Basement Systems, Savers, and local realtors, attorneys, insurance agencies, home improvement companies and more. Food will be provided from local favorites like Bruegger's Bagels and Jamba Juice; Coromandel, Renos, Orange Ale House and Quizznos.

At 12 p.m., an outdoor tent will be the site for a runway fashion spectacular featuring the unique stylings of "Anna's Creations" by Annamarie Amore, owner of Amore Floor Covering and Design Center. Amore's fashionistas are wearing what looks like haute couture fabrics but are actually the flooring materials she sells in her store. Amore is receiving national attention for her distinctive collection and it promises to wow all who see it.

At 1 p.m. Cox Media Group will present, "4D Marketing Plans OnAir, OnSite, OnLine and Interactive," to help businesses develop advertising plans, followed by a 2 p.m. seminar hosted by Constant Contact, "Social Media Marketing Made Simple." Both programs are free but require registration by calling 203-891-1045. Job seekers may want to check out the PFP booth which will feature an all day job fair. Savers will distribute rewards to event goers who donate gently used items to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters truck on site.

To wrap up the day, the Orange Chamber of Commerce and Jim Hassenmayer of the Orange Ale House and Grille will host a Business After Hours at the Ale House, 517 Boston Post Road. Admission is \$10.

"We're expecting this to be our most exciting Expo to date," Grimmer said. "We will be using every inch of the place from the classrooms to the café and gymnasium and even outdoors under a tent." For more information, visit OrangeEDC.com/expo.htm or call 203-891-1045.



Pictured (L-R): Bovey Lu, Allen Klein, Karen Greenberg & Cory Greenberg.

Helping Hands Thrift Store

Helping Hands Thrift Store and Furniture Bank has leased the former Sleepy's building at 334 Boston Post Road in Orange and will open its second Thrift Store on June 8th. Helping Hands is owned by Orange residents Karen and Steve Greenberg and Allen Klein of Hamden. Helping Hands raises money for over 80 non-profit organizations including Orange Lions, Bethel Center, Columbus House, Ronald McDonald House, Jewish Family Services, Christian Community Action, IRIS, and the Connecticut Humane Society to name a few. The Thrift Store stocks a large supply of quality used furniture, antiques, knick knacks, housewares, TV's, clothing, jewelry and much more.

Helping Hands relies upon donations to fill its Thrift Store. There is no charge for the furniture pick-ups in the Greater New Haven area. Donations can be dropped off at both the Orange location and the Thrift Store at 1593 State Street in New Haven.

The Helping Hands Furniture Bank provides beds, dressers, sofas, and tables and chairs to the needy clients of their social service partners for a nominal processing fee. The Furniture Bank helps low income families, homeless people transitioning to housing, victims of domestic violence, and disaster victims among many other people in need.

First Selectman James Zeoli said, "We are very happy that Helping Hands decided to open its latest store in Orange. The organization does fine work and helps a significant number of well known local charities. We look forward to them becoming an active member of the Orange community."

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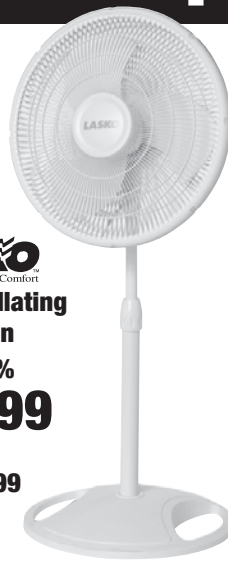
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Chuck Mantell may be captain of the "Geezer Club" but that's hardly how you'd describe the fit, sixty-something man who can be found all summer long cruising the length of Highland Lake on one waterski. A tax attorney by day, on weekends from May to October Mantell and his crew of four fellow "geezer" delight in pushing the limits of a sport they all took up later in life. His passion for skimming atop calm lake waters began about six years ago when Mantell and his wife, Eileen, purchased a summer cottage on the Winsted lake. One of his new neighbors invited Chuck to spend an afternoon waterskiing on his boat. "I had waterskied at camp one summer when I was 13 and I enjoyed it very much," Mantell recalled. An avid snow skier, Mantell got up on waterskis right away, even though it had been more than 50 years since he'd last tried it. "I was a little stiff but it came right back to me," he said. The sheer fun of it was exhilarating and Mantell began thinking it would also appeal to his grown children and grandchildren and entice them to be frequent visitors throughout the summer.

He purchased a small boat and started connecting with other skiers. "There must always be a spotter as well as the driver of the boat and the skier", Mantell said. He recruited two of his tennis buddies and assigned them Geezer Club titles; fellow Orange resident (Chief Engineer) Brian Rosier and (Chief Architect and First Mate) Bill Coyne and client (Chairman of the Board) Lou Tagliatella. Tagliatella in turn recruited (Chief Mechanic), Allan Hoffman and the "Geezer Club" was born. Entrance requirements are stringent - you must be 50 years old and up, an early riser to be on the lake by 7 a.m. when the water is at its calmest, and enjoy a beer or two après skiing. Each man brings his own expertise to the club and, according to Mantell, it's lucky for him that the others are more mechanically inclined.

Each season Mantell is disap-



Chuck Mantell

pointed when fall rolls in. Last season he broke a Geezer Club record by skiing the day before the October snowstorm! "It was cold and windy and the other guys chickened out. But I had taken the afternoon off from work so I decided do one last run," he said. "It was absolutely freezing, my hands and face were so cold the guys had to help me out of my wetsuit," he said.

This summer the "Geezers" are hoping to step up their game by mastering an obstacle course of buoys on one ski. To get ready for the challenge, Mantell enrolled in the Swiss Waterskiing School in Claremont, Florida this past winter for a one-week training camp. He was a little intimidated when he realized that many of his fellow campers were actually competitive skiers, like the fellow who holds the title as the seventh top ranking slalom skier in the world. But despite being the "oldest and worst" skier there, Mantell had a ball and the other campers and coaches were very supportive. "They loved the fact that I was doing it," Mantell said. He had also unknowingly signed up for a particularly grueling skiing schedule. "For the first three days it was difficult to get in and out of my car!" he said. He took away many tips that he'll be relaying to his skiing buddies soon.

Preparing for yet another season has Mantell musing about how many more years he can hope to improve his speed and technique. "I plan to stay in good shape and I intend to do this for a very long time," he said. "You have to enjoy life." For the moment, he's counting the days til he puts his boat in the water. "I'm dying to get out there," he said.



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From Your State Representative

By Themis Klarides



Lawmakers during the 2012 legislative session passed several proposals that affect senior citizens. The state's Office of Legislative Research has prepared a summary of each of them, and you can view that document on my Web site. Here are examples of bills signed into law by the governor:

Elderly Rental Rebate Program

This new law, effective Oct. 1, extends from four to six months the period for submitting applications under the rental rebate program for elderly and totally disabled people. Previous state law required renters to apply from May 15 through Sept. 15 each year for a rebate for the previous year. Under the new law, the application period will run April 1 through Oct. 1.

Long-Term Care: Aging in Place

The state legislature has created a 16-member task force to study how Connecticut can encourage "aging in place"—in other words, letting folks stay in their own homes and receive the support services they need. Among the subjects up for review are: zoning changes to facilitate home care, enhanced nutrition programs and delivery options, expansion of home medical care options, and tax and private insurance incentives. The task force must report its findings back to the legislature by Jan. 1, 2013.

Financial Stability of Long-Term Care Facilities

Under a new law effective Oct. 1, nursing home and residential care facilities must notify prospective and current residents if they file for bankruptcy or are placed in receivership. The new law also requires assisted living facilities to provide the same notice if they file for bankruptcy.

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The Orange Congregational Church Nursery School held its annual Memorial Day bake sale on the town green during the parade. This is the preschool's one and only fundraiser of which all proceeds from the bake sale benefit the school and children. Pictured are a few alumni who are enjoying the treats they just purchased. Thank you to everyone that supported this event!



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From the Youth Services Coordinator *By John Ulatowski*



Youth Services student volunteers assist at a recent event.

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well as Pez employees from New Haven and Milford to Orange.

There are two buses in the morning, and two runs in the afternoon, one of which goes to the Milford Train Station, according to Samantha Crowley, UI public outreach manager. She said UI employees who were working in New Haven before the company consolidated its operations in Orange needed a way to get here. “We actually started (bus runs) earlier than we thought we would need them,” she said. It gives them a chance to work out the kinks. She said the company continues to pitch the alternative transportation option to its employees to get the numbers up.

For Orange Economic Development Director Paul Grimmer the new bus line is good news. Without the town having to spend a dime, the shuttle will make the Orange location even more accessible. “I definitely think it will be useful,” he said. The seed money for the endeavor came through UI, but eventually “we are looking to make it self-sustaining,” Grimmer said. “Now Pez and UI are underwriting a large portion of the cost.” Employees of participating businesses are paying 50 cents per trip, but the general public would pay \$1.50.

The route starts at the New Haven train station, then makes stops at the New Haven Green, at the West Haven Green and takes back roads to the Prindle Hill area. It delivers riders to the UI operations center, to its administrative building and to the gas company in addition to Pez. Once the West Haven train station opens in 2013, the shuttle will stop there, as well.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli sees a lot of growth potential in the new line. Not only are the buses available to the public to use, but other employers in the area have expressed an interest in participating. Yale, for one, “is coming to the table,” although it has its own shuttle service to its West Campus. The town, as the sponsor, also has applied for a federal grant, which is administered through the state Department of Transportation.

One new UI employee who boarded the bus last week said she gets on at Union Station, and it drops her off right in front of the UI administrative building. “It is very convenient,” she said about the new transportation option. The only disadvantage to her is that she arrives a half hour early to work. But given the congestion in that area, a little time buffer may not be a bad thing.

The vehicles are owned by Milford Transit, but managed through the newly minted Orange Regional Transportation Management Association (ORTMA). The participating companies as well as the town and its Economic Development Corporation are part of that Association. It was established in January as a public-private collaboration. The Association in turn hired CTS (Coordinated Transportation Solutions), a not-for-profit mobility management organization in Ansonia, to expand and administer its services, attract additional membership and secure financial resources to insure the TMA’s future. CTS President David White said UI hired his group initially to help them come up with a transportation plan. “The solution we came up with was the concept of a TMA. And they hired us to continue as manager of the TMA,” he said.

Kathleen Snyder, CTS business development manager, said she visited each company’s worksites to educate employees about the new transportation option. She said the project was enthusiastically welcomed by many, especially by those who live in New Haven. She said she also talks about van pooling and car pooling during those meetings, a concept that fits into “UI’s sustainable mission.”

White said some Pez employees have used Connecticut Transit buses before, the ones on Route 1. But that meant they had to then hike to their destination. The weather and the lack of sidewalks could make that trip potentially hazardous. “This makes it much easier for them. And safer,” White said. He said most employees recognize the cost of gasoline, and are much more receptive to alternative modes of transportation. That is something the town wants to promote as well. “It is going to take congestion off the roads, take pollution out of the air, and allow employees an easier commute to work,” Zeoli said.

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Over 60 first grade students from Peck Place School visited the Beardsley Zoo on May 24th. Students saw wolves, monkeys, bison, owls, etc. As they visited each of the exhibits they talked about the animals height & weight, eating habits (herbivore vs. carnivore), and predators of that animal. Each student recounted their favorite animal on the bus ride home, the overall favorite were the peacocks that freely roam the zoo!



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Orange's McCloud Honored by Energy Efficiency Fund

The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund, in partnership with The Connecticut Light & Power Company and The United Illuminating Company, recently announced the winners of its eighth annual eesarts™ student contest for students in grades K-12. The contest gave Connecticut students the opportunity to showcase their “energy smarts” about saving energy by answering grade level-specific prompts regarding energy efficient and renewable energy technologies and sustainability through various media forms, including poems, songs, news articles, essays, artwork/posters, and television commercials.

New Haven and Greater New Haven student winners included Matthew McLeod of Orange, John Kozdroy, Faiz Ahmed, Kameran Simmons, Victoria Aromolaran, Robert Celentano and Saleha Ahmed.

The awards ceremony was held in the Old Judiciary Room of the Connecticut State Capitol and attracted over 120 students, parents and energy efficiency supporters in celebration of the students’ hard work and efforts to raise awareness of energy efficiency and clean/renewable energy technologies. Governor Dannel P. Malloy joined Esty and Steeves in congratulating the winners, and WFSB Channel 3 Meteorologist Mark Dixon served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

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Larry Hagman

Q: I've been hearing about the new "Dallas," but haven't been able to find it on the schedule. Please tell me the show wasn't scrapped before it even aired! -- Cara D., via e-mail

A: Don't you worry: "Dallas" returns to TV for 10 episodes on TNT beginning Wednesday, June 13, at 9/8c with a two-hour season premiere. You're not the only one who's excited. Personally, I can't wait to see what the new generation of Ewings has in store for us -- and Larry Hagman as J.R. will be up to no good, for sure.

Q: I was dismayed to read that "GCB" wasn't renewed for a second season! Is there anything we can do to save this show? -- Vivian D., via e-mail

A: I'm not sure if we can save the show -- if you read my column regularly, then you know I LOVE this show! -- but we sure can try. First, there is a website set up where you can sign a petition: SaveGCB.com. I spoke with two of the series stars about its cancelation, and they are just as sad as we are. Eric Winter, who plays Luke Lourd, told me that "GCB" deserved to be saved because "the 'GCB' fans are the real deal. They're passionate and they love their show. This is an extremely creative and smart show that just needs more of a chance to take off and run."

Mark Deklin, who plays Blake Reilly, echoed Eric's sentiments, telling me: "What's really touched me the most is the way the fans have embraced Blake and Cricket. The outpouring of love and loyalty across all the social media has been astounding. So my gratitude to the fans is huge, as is my admiration and affection for my colleagues. On the night we got the news that we weren't being renewed for a second season, I

got a text from Miriam (Shor, who plays Cricket) that said, 'I will miss you most of all, Scarecrow? If there was a moment in which I got a little choked up, it was probably the moment when I read that text. I've become incredibly fond of the Caruth-Reillys.'

Q: Can you tell me if my favorite show, "Harry's Law," will return next season? -- Laurie B., Canton, Mich.

A: This is the part of my job that I hate: Telling good readers like you when a network has canceled their favorite show. "Harry's Law" really struggled with ratings its second season -- my guess is fans didn't/couldn't keep up with all the day and time changes that NBC kept dealing it.

Readers: I have had dozens of people write in to ask about the fate of NBC's "Community," and I am thrilled to report that the off-beat comedy has been renewed for a 13-episode fourth season. While it might be shorter than normal, let's just be glad we even got another season with this talented group!

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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Peck Place School Holds Civil War Day

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

If Generals Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant could meet face to face today to debate how they could have avoided the war between the North and South it may have looked a lot like Civil War Day at Peck Place School.

Orange residents and Civil War enthusiasts Dr. Bob Rauch and Bill Watts dressed in full Civil War regalia and portrayed the two generals, continuing an annual tradition they started more than a decade ago when they each had children at the school. Both captured the essence of the men, Rauch was authentic in his custom-made Yankee blue uniform as the tall and slightly disheveled Grant and Watts was fastidious in Lee's signature crisp grey Confederate uniform with gleaming buttons and sash. The two then mesmerized students with tales of war, authentic weapons demonstrations and a clip from the film "Gettysburg." In keeping with the celebration, the four fifth grade classrooms were divided into "North" and "South" and each student wore an identity badge depicting well-known soldiers who served in the war.

Rauch and Watts have as much fun as the kids, and read new materials about the Civil War each year to keep their presentation fresh. "Even though we present new things every year, Lee will always surrender to me. Every year I ask him, 'Don't you get tired of losing to me?'" Rauch said. Rauch and Watts give a unique delivery of their character's bios that keep the kids entertained. 'Grant' told the group he was a "wild man and a drinker...who wasn't much good at anything but riding horses," yet he caught the attention of President Lincoln because he was a good fighter and won battles. 'Grant' admitted he didn't win the war because he had a better war strategy, but because the North had more men, more money and more factories and munitions to keep its army clothed and fed. "I was elected President after the war for two terms but I wasn't a very good one," Grant said. After losing all his money in bad investments he did receive \$10,000 from Mark Twain to write his memoirs which enabled him to live comfortably until he died from lip, mouth and throat cancer.

General Lee, on the other hand, graduated at the top of class at West Point and had a distinguished military career. Tired of the "North telling us we had to live as Northerners," Lee resigned his position as Field Commander of the US Armies and joined the Confederacy. According to 'Lee', the South was outnumbered in the House of Representatives and all voting decisions benefited the North. "The voting was skewed. All the tax money that was collected was spent on Northern desires and they were able to build railroads, factories and ships," Lee said. Even though the South had the profitable cotton industry, they still had to pay shipping fees to the North. Although he was a brilliant general, after years of fighting the South ran out of money and Lee's men were barefoot and starving by the time they surrendered after the Battle of Gettysburg.

During the question and answer period, students were asked their thoughts on how the war could have been avoided. "Lee should have asked for more votes for the South," one student said. Another noted, "The cotton growers and the shipbuilders could have compromised to make it more fair, another added. Another fifth grader summed it up by saying, "Talk before you battle, war is not good."

Plans Set for Town's 190th Birthday Bash, Concert & Fireworks Display

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

What better way to celebrate a 190th birthday than with family and friends, enjoying the soulful music of a popular rhythm and blues band, and capping the evening off with a spectacular fireworks display?

That's what's in store for the "Town of Orange 190th Birthday Bash", planned to kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 7 at the Orange Fairgrounds, 525 Orange Center Road. The anniversary celebration will begin with a short ceremony at the Gazebo with remarks from First Selectman Jim Zeoli followed by the annual "Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display". This year's band will be local favorite and Mohegan Sun Casino regular, "The Bernadettes", a soul-loving, rhythm and blues band. The eight member group performs its own unique version of R&B and rock classics from James Brown, Otis Redding, Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye, Earth, Wind and Fire to Motown hits, contemporary funk, and a large, dance-oriented song list. The concert is scheduled to run from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. followed by a half hour fireworks display beginning at 9:30 p.m.

This year for the first time, Rocky Salperito, owner of the Orange Town News, will join forces with the town's special events committee and town officials in planning and promoting the event and he couldn't be more enthusiastic. An Orange native, Salperito has many fond memories of attending the July 4th celebration that has been a town tradition for more than 25 years. When he heard budget cut-backs and event planning issues could threaten to downsize the celebration, he approached Zeoli and asked if he could step in and help. What's in store is an even more "robust and spectacular display" than ever as Salperito plans to increase the budget for the fireworks. "There has been an influx of business sponsors that have really stepped up and donated to the event," he said. Our



The Bernadettes

two major sponsors are the Law Offices of Cohen & Wolf, PC and The Orange Foundation. Gold sponsors include Pez Industries, The Goddard School, Northeast Electronics, Chips Family Restaurant, The Orange Economic Development Corporation, Action Enterprises, and FAST SIGNS. Zeoli is also doing his part to help with funding for the popular event, hoping to include about \$2,500 from the town's non-taxable cell tower funds. The fireworks will be performed by nation-

ally renowned Zambelli Fireworks Company, and the price tag will be approximately \$10,000.

Zeoli said it's been a pleasure working with Salperito and he's looking forward to this year's celebration. "His enthusiasm for the event and his commitment to making sure the townspeople enjoy themselves is overwhelming," Zeoli said. "He jumped in headfirst securing funds, recruiting vendors, hiring entertainment and is more than willing to do what needs to get done."

Salperito invites event-goers to stop by the "Orange Town News' Hospitality Tent" to meet the newspaper's staff, pick up a copy of the "Commemorative Program Book", which will outline the town's 190-year history, and maybe even have a piece of the town's 190th birthday cake. "It's a fun, family event that residents look forward to every summer, and I'm happy to be a

small part of it" Salperito said. The Orange Lion's Club will once again be selling beverages and other vendors are being lined up for the evening. Many town groups combine their efforts to make this a safe and enjoyable event each year including the Orange Department of Police Services, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department, Orange CERT, the Orange Special Events Committee and the Orange Little League to name just a few. The rain date for the event is Sunday, July 8th.



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Turkey Hill Third-Graders "Launch" Science Project

Students in Miss Fielding's third-grade class at Turkey Hill School took part in a science project involving model rockets that was not only fun, but also taught them the theory of forces and motion.

The project was initiated by classmate Max Kruger and his mom, who hand-crafted each rocket out of inexpensive household items such as paper towel rolls that were used for the rocket body and plastic bags that were fashioned into parachutes. Then each student decorated a piece of paper which Max taped onto their individual rocket body.

Max has been launching rockets with his cousins and brothers since he was very young and was excited to share the project with his class. "We have a great teacher, who cleared out her schedule and let us do such a fun thing and learn about science outside on a nice sunny day".

Before heading outside, Max described the various parts of the model rockets and how they work. He explained what to expect once they got to the launch pad (aka the recess field). "We put a key into the launcher and you'll push this button," Max explained. "Then you'll hear a "whoosh" sound when the rocket fires." Popsicle sticks with each student's name were randomly pulled out of a basket to determine the order for blastoff.

Standing a safe distance away, the children counted down from 10 to 1 and yelled "blastoff!" twenty times as each rocket was launched. Some had a perfect launch and landing reaching upwards of 200 feet, others experienced more of a crash landing.

Miss Fielding seemed thrilled with the students' enthusiasm, "This was a special memory for all of us!"

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ACTIVITIES & SEMINARS

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12 Noon

Fashion Show - Coordinated by Annamarie Amore of Amore Carpet & Floor Covering Design Center.
Location: Outside in Tent

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Workshop - "4D Marketing Plans OnAir, OnSite, OnLine and Interactive" provided by the Cox Media Group. During this workshop Cox Media will define best practices to advertise on-air, showcase internet SEO and SEM and how to buy internet effectively, and uncover ways to promote your business through grassroots community efforts. Registration is required to attend, register at Welcome Center.
Location: Classroom #1

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Seminar - "Social Media Marketing Made Simple" provided by Constant Contact. Learn social media's best practices and what it takes to quickly implement them. Learn how to create a social media marketing plan, measure the return on your activities, leverage the strengths of each social media site, gain exposure for your business, and attract new businesses. Registration is required to attend, register at Welcome Center.
Location: Classroom #2

All Day

Job Fair - Provided by PFP at their booth location. See what job opportunities are available in the area and leave your resume with PFP.
Location: Booth #54

All Day

Donation Center - Bring your gently used items to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters truck on site and then go to the Savers booth for your reward.
Location: Outside & Savers Booth #37

4:30 p.m.

Business After Hours at Orange Ale House - Provided by the Orange Chamber of Commerce and hosted by Jim Hassenmayer, of the Orange Ale House and Grille, located at 517 Boston Post Road. Special Expo price - Chamber members and non-members pay only \$10 for this event. Registration is required to attend, register at Orange Chamber Booth #20.
Location: Orange Ale House



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



Community Services Displays New Van

May 2012, the long awaited Van to be owned by the Town of Orange and used by the Community Services Department has been delivered and was on display at the Living Treasures Award Dinner, and the Town Memorial Day Parade. The Rotary Club of Orange and the Town of Orange partnered in the purchase of a 2012 Chrysler Town and Country Van that is now in service. Orange Rotary as a club is part of Rotary International, a Service Organization known worldwide for its Humanitarian projects.

The van was an idea conceived by Orange Rotary as one more way to give back to the community to which the club is a part. Other projects that the club has been involved in recently are Project Warm, the distribution of over 4,000 winter coats to children in need; Scholarships that will be presented to local High School students within the next 30 days; and, of course, the international program to eradicate Polio which has been an ongoing Rotary project.

Orange Rotary is able to do these things because of its fundraising efforts: the Annual Auction, The Annual Rose Sale, and, of course, the Lobsterfest which will be held this year on August 11th at High Plains.

Woodbridge Garden Club Elects New Officers

The Garden Club of Woodbridge held its "Annual Meeting" of the year at the home of Fran Morrow on June 5, 2012. The slate of Officers was presented for voting, as well as the budget for the coming year. The meeting began with a mini luncheon by hostesses Mary Jane Purcell and Karen Lundborg with Dianne Goodrich, Mary Lacey, Mary Leigh Sabshin, and Kay Tuttle. Jeanette Kordiak designed the floral arrangement for the Tea Table.

Provisional members who completed their horticulture class with Marie Dube, Master Gardener, exhibited specimens from their gardens. The speaker was Dr. Sharon Douglas from the New Haven CT Agricultural Experiment Station, who spoke on 'Common Plant Diseases: Management and Prevention'. For information on membership, please contact C. Lovejoy at 203-671-5684 or clovejoyhomes@gmail.com.

American Legion Post 127 Fourth Annual Golf Tournament

The Orange American Legion, Post 127 will hold its Fourth Annual golf tournament on Monday, July 23th at Orange Hills Country Club. Registration for the scramble format will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Cost of \$110 includes greens fee, cart, breakfast, lunch, and prizes. Tee sponsorships are available for \$100. To register or be a sponsor call Trevor Davis at 203-795-3267.



Orange Land Trust Guided Hike ~ Housatonic Overlook

The Orange Land Trust will be leading a guided walk at the Housatonic Overlook area on Saturday, June 9th. People should meet at 10:00 a.m. at the end of High Ridge Road (off of Derby-Milford Road).

This event will include a viewing of the Housatonic River, looking up and down the valley from atop Tucker's Ridge which is about 200 feet above the river and a walk through the easy to moderately difficult trails in this area. We will learn some interesting information about the Housatonic, one of Connecticut's three major rivers that reach Long Island Sound. Did you know that Orange has a coastline?

The planned hike will take us through a beautiful rocky, wooded landscape, typical of areas on "higher ground" around Connecticut. Many of the trails are lined by Connecticut's state flower – the Mountain Laurel. It is hoped these will be in bloom for the walk which should take approximately two hours. Few things are as stunning as walking through a canopy of pastel pink mountain laurel blossoms.

For your comfort and safety, we recommend hiking boots/shoes or shoes/sneakers with a good tread. Long pants (that can be tucked into socks), a long sleeve shirt and a hat (baseball style is good – brim style is better) can offer protection from scratches, poison ivy and sun burn as well as biting insects. It's a good idea to bring bug spray, sunscreen and a small water bottle. Compact binoculars always add to the enjoyment of the outdoors.

This hike is unique, not difficult and always a pleasure. All are welcome, please plan to join us and bring a friend. Only steady rain showers will cancel. For information, call Chris at 203-397-7599.



Les Abrams, Charles Gagel, John Knight.

O.V.F.D. Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast

This year, the Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold its 15th annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, June 9th from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. at the Fire Station, 355 Boston Post Road, Orange. Enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage, 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. Under 5 free with a paying adult. Save \$1.00 per person by purchasing an advance ticket from any Auxiliary member or at Knight's Inc., 286 Boston Post Road, Orange.

All proceeds benefit the Orange Volunteer Fire Department. For further information, contact Lynn Knight @ 203-799-2592, email lmk415@yahoo.com, or visit our website at www.orangevfd.com.

Relay For Life Fundraiser

Material Girls, 463 Boston Post Road, Orange will hold a second fundraiser to support the BOW Relay For Life Campaign on Saturday, June 16th (and the week leading up to the 16th), donating 10% of all sales to Relay.

Stop by and shop for some fun accessories and great gifts, all while supporting the 2012 BOW Relay for Life Campaign. (Be sure to mention "Relay" when shopping.)

HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

For information or reservations on the following events call the center at (203) 891-4784.

Cabaret Night

The next Cabaret will be on Monday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7pm for Cabaret Night. The entertainment will be Karen Wagner who will sing Patriotic and Show tunes. Coffee and dessert will be served at 5:30 and music begins at 6pm. Tickets are \$5 pp and are only available in advance at the Senior Center starting June 1.

Gizmo & Gadgets: What the Kids are Talking About!

Come join us Monday, July 23 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Senior Lounge when representatives from the Apple Store & Best Buy will present many of the latest Apple hand held electronic devices. Items included are: iPads, iPods, iPhones, & more. Please call to let us know you are coming. "Coffee and" will be served.

Wellness & Balance Screenings with Dr. Tom

Dr. Tom Gregson of Gregson Chiropractic will be here the fourth Tuesday, June 26 to offer Balance Screenings, Fall Prevention and Wellness. He will be in the Town Conference room – across from the gym, from 9:45 – 10:45 am. There is no charge and he would communicate his findings to your primary care physician.

Summer Cookout

This year's Summer Cookout under the High Plains Pavilion will be held on Tuesday, August 14 from 5 to 8 pm with a rain date of August 15. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled and served with salads followed by dessert and coffee. Kickback Duo will perform 50/60s music for your listening and dancing pleasure. This is always a sold out event. Tickets go on sale on July 2. Tickets are \$10.

Annual Holiday Hill Senior Outing

Seniors are invited to the Statewide Senior Outing at Holiday Hill in Prospect, CT on Monday, August 13 from 9 am to 4 pm. This is always a great day with food galore, raffle prizes, bocce, horseshoes, shuffleboard, mini golf, swimming in the heated pool, and bingo. Shuttle Service is available from the parking lot. The tickets for the day are \$28 per person and may be ordered by sending a check payable to Holiday Hill and mailed to Holiday Hill, P.O. Box 338, Cheshire, CT 06410. Include your name and address with the check and tickets will be mailed to you upon receipt of check or money order. Transportation from the senior center can be arranged separately in the senior

center office for an additional cost of \$10 per person for those who cannot provide their own transportation and is limited to twelve passengers. Checks for transportation are made payable to the Treasurer, Town of Orange.

Birthdays of the Month

We will be celebrating Senior Center members' birthdays for the month of June on June 26. Please join us in the senior café for lunch and stay for cake from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. The birthday member will receive a gift bag with candy and a ticket for a free future lunch. Lunch suggested donation is \$2.00. Call Ellen in the kitchen by noon the day before at (203) 891-4765 to reserve a meal. Join us June 26 to celebrate the birthdays.

Bingo Sponsor of the Month

The Bingo Sponsor for June is Humana. Bingo will be held on Thursday, June 21 from 1 to 3 pm. Humana offers Medicare health plans. Refreshments and a door prize are donated by the sponsor. Bingo is played each Thursday at this time.

Trips

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OVNA Healthline



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Orange Resident Hired as District Technology Administrator

Matthew Bruder, an Orange resident, has been hired for the newly-created position of Technology Administrator for the Orange Public Schools. Bruder has spent the past seven years as a Server Manager and LAN/WAN Coordinator for the Milford Public Schools, so he brings an extensive amount of related experience to Orange. The committee that interviewed Bruder was impressed not only by his knowledge and skills, but by his understanding of the school environment and his ability to connect and build relationships with teachers and staff.

This new position has been made necessary by the district's healthy expansion of technology-based instructional products, such as COWS (computers on wheels) and SmartBoards, and the growing need for additional software programs, such as Lexia and Dreambox and their supports. Bruder will no doubt put a good deal of attention into analyzing and upgrading the district's infrastructure as well, including an upgrade to email service and potentially a new student-information system.

Previously, the district contracted with ACES for a service-provider three days a week and also employed a part-time teacher for additional technology support. For the same dollar investment, the district has been able to establish a two-person technology department, making Bruder's first official responsibility the hiring of a full-time Tier 1 Technician to assist him.



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Orange Park & Recreation is offering Pee Wee Tennis Clinics (ages 4 - 5) from 9 - 9:45am and Junior Tennis Camp (ages 6-9, 10-13) from 9:45am - 12:30pm for five sessions: June 25 - June 28; July 2 - July 6 (no program on July 4); July 9 - July 12; July 16 - July 19, and July 23 - July 26. All Pee Wee and Junior camp participants receive a free t-shirt and repeat sign-ups receive a free water bottle! Prize day will also be held once a week in the junior camp. Both Pee Wee clinic and junior camp are held Monday - Thursday with Friday as the rain date. There are two four-week adult sessions offered for Beginner/Advanced Beginner and Low Intermediate/Intermediate players on Wednesday evenings beginning June 20 and again on August 1. All tennis is played at the High Plains Community Center Tennis Courts. For availability, please call Orange Recreation Department at 203-891-4790. Program details are available on the web at www.fairfieldcountytennis.net or call 203-640-1724.

Summer Karate Classes Offered

The Orange Park and Recreation is offering karate classes for ages 4-adult. The new 4-week summer session starts July 3rd, 2012 at the High Plains Community Center. Master Sansonetti also teaches in Stratford, Trumbull, Ansonia and Monroe. For more info call 203-783-9768 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.

From the Desk of the Municipal Agent *By Denise Stein*



Town Municipal Agent Denise Stein (l) with Director of Community Services Carol Nardini. (r)

Dear Residents of Orange and the staff of the local USPS,

I have been struck speechless by your generosity and that is no easy feat since I have kissed the Blarney Stone twice in my lifetime.

On the second Saturday in May each year, in America's largest single day food drive, known officially as the Stamp Out Hunger, letter carriers across the country pick up bags of non-perishable food products left for them by households on their usual routes—and deliver those donations to local food banks and pantries.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, which is sponsored in part by the US Postal Service and I want to thank each and every person who donated food this year. While each donation was a bag or two of food, when all the bags arrived, it was a mountain of food. With your assistance, I will now be able to feed the folks who use the food bank for quite a while. I've got soup, beans, pasta, sauce, cereal and cookies just to name a few of the items. So to you, the people of Orange, I say a big THANK YOU.

And a huge thank you to the Orange USPS staff as well. What a great job you did delivering it here. I was told that one carrier said, "I have 410 stops on my route, and I have 410 donations". So thank you for all your hard work and dedication to make Stamp Out Hunger a HUGE success!



HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

How Blue ARE the Blue Laws in Connecticut?

Given the reputation Connecticut once had as one of the more inhospitable states to visit, one would wonder IF the *blue laws* and its ancestry of early New England had anything to do with it. The *Blue Laws* of the Colony of Connecticut, as distinct from the generic term "*blue laws*" that refers to any laws regulating activities on Sunday, were set up by Governor Theophilus Eaton collaborating with Rev. John Cotton in 1655 for the Colony of New Haven. After the laws were approved, they were printed in London in 1656 and distributed to households in New Haven.

Although the codes were for the New Haven Colony, they were almost entirely copied from the Code of 1650 that the Colony of Connecticut had already drafted and history has noted no difference in the two. The Connecticut Colony was

the Hartford group whose independence and free thought caught the interest and anger of King James II who subsequently sent Sir Edmund Andros to the authorities to seize its charter in 1686. The reader might remember the charter for the colony was placed on the table while all involved harangued over its legality and the reluctance to turn over their independence to the King of England, having been independent and thriving for a good period of time.

As the story goes, the candles were lit as the meeting went on into the night and a gust of wind, blowing open the door, extinguished the flames, where the charter was hastily removed and hidden in an oak tree. That very oak is no longer but each town in the State of Connecticut was given a seedling and Orange, in fact, is known to have two. Andros unable to secure the precious document left the Connecticut Colony and James II was not happy. His brother Charles II had planned to add Connecticut and Rhode Island to the New England consolidation but as his successor James wanted to cleave Connecticut to New York helping to give that colony a good agricultural basis.

It was only by the grace of Mother Nature that Connecticut was able to secure its independence although Andros made some changes, commissioned military officers while attempting to ingratiate himself to the Connecticut council. He adopted an autocratic rule and imposed restrictions such as freedom of the press, excised exorbitant fees on wills and made invalid land titles once obtained from the Native Americans. There is no doubt that Connecticut disliked its new regime and, if not for the revolt in England of James II's rule, Connecticut would have eventually succumbed but in revealing himself as an arbitrary despot, James was thwarted by both parties, Whigs and Tories uniting in their appeal to William, ruler of the Netherlands and his wife Mary, the daughter of James II.

With the extreme pressures put upon James he fled to France leaving William and Mary to rule England. His Coat of Arms, once used by the Town of Orange, and the name Orange was adopted in recognition of the efforts to free the Connecticut Colony of the tyranny of James and his henchmen. This is not to say that Connecticut became a land of "freedoms" as its observance of Sunday as a day of worship or rest made the list of *blue laws* enforceable, as "freedom" from tyranny did not include a general independence within the colony itself. Most of them have been repealed, have been declared as unconstitutional or simply unenforceable although the sale of alcoholic beverages as prohibited by Connecticut remained until May of 2012. The *blue laws* often prohibited certain activities during certain hours and it was not long ago that stores were closed and



only certain hours allowed for a drug store.

In some places *blue laws* were enforced due to religious principles, but others were retained as a matter of tradition or out of convenience. Recently the date line was changed to accommodate several countries in that area whose Sabbath day, prohibiting certain activities made an impact on commerce as the various countries differed on their restricted days. Contrary to popular belief, there is no evidence to support the idea that *blue laws* were printed on blue paper but rather the word blue was used in the 17th century as a disparaging reference to rigid morals and those who observed them.

The rise of the Temperance Movement after the Civil War led to the passage of many *blue laws* that forbade the sale of liquor on Sunday, whether

in a bar or in a retail store. These prohibitions sometimes banned the sale of tobacco products and by the late nineteenth century, certain public entertainments were not allowed on Sunday. On July 15, 1860 the Constitution of the Orange Temperance Society was adopted "believing that the use of intoxicating drink as a beverage is not only unnecessary but positively ruinous to health, happiness and morals and believing that nothing less than the concentrated efforts of the friends of Temperance can minimize the evils caused by the sale and use of ancient spirits. Resolved that we form ourselves into an association and adopt the following constitution."

This document, handwritten consists of 6 articles including the promise not only to abstain themselves but not provide any "spirituous liquors" to others. It goes on to make any amendments to the constitution allowable by a vote of two thirds of the members at any regular meeting. The members include some well-known names; Samuel Potter, Lewis Bradley, Leverett Clark, Sidney Oviatt, Charles Crofutt, Elbie Treat, Merwin Andrew, Delia Alling, Ann Alling, Catherine Lyons, Julia Treat, Mary Oviatt, Enoch Rogers, Edward Clark and others.

Between 1859 and 1900, the Supreme Court heard eight cases involving *blue laws*. Before 1885, the *blue laws* were thought to be based on religious grounds but in a decision concerning labor on Sunday the court concluded that the law was intended to prevent undue physical labor. At one point during the Revolutionary War over 45 *blue laws* were listed by Rev. Samuel Peters, many of them involving the death penalty. Quakers were especially singled out where no food or lodging would be allowed and any person becoming a Quaker was banished, as was a Priest.

No one could travel, cook, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or shave on the Sabbath day and no kissing. It is well-known that John Birdseye, a Milford colonist kissed his wife on Sunday and he quickly learned that he was sought after by the authorities. He jumped into the Housatonic River and under cover of darkness returned to his home for his wife and belongings and rowed to Stratford where he lived in peace with his new neighbors.

No card playing, no Christmas, minced pies, dancing, playing music and so it goes. But the caveat to this partial list is that our Reverend Peters had been forced to leave America during the Revolution and he made up the 45 "laws" in a booklet to make America appear backwards and fanatical. Although some have tested the time for truth, many are just his anger taking flight but some of them make a good story.

Ginny Reinhard is president of the Orange Historical Society



King James II



Sir Edmund Andros

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

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

Children

Mother Goose is on the Loose! Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesday, June 26; July 3, 31; August 8 at 10:30 a.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Summer Story Hour Sessions for age 2 will be held on Monday, June 25; July 2, 9, 30; August 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Wednesday, June 27; July 11, 18, 25; August 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Summer Reading: Dream Big! READ The summer reading program for children in grades K-6 begins Monday, June 18 in the Children's Room. The program runs for 8 weeks through August 11. Preschoolers may register as "Read to Me" members. Registration is required for all children's programs and begins two weeks prior to the program date.

Summer Reading Kickoff Party: Half Moon Magic Saturday, June 23, 11 a.m.: Join Al deCant for a music sing-along as we kick off summer reading.

4th of July Craft

- Tuesday, July 3, 2 p.m.: For children ages 4-8.

Beardsley ZooMobile: Creatures of the Night

- Tuesday, July 10, 1 p.m.: For children ages 3-5.
- Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.: For children ages 6 and up.
- Limit of 30 children per session.

Teddy Bear Picnic and Stuffed Animal Sleepover

- Thursday, July 19, 4 p.m.: Teddy bear storytime and picnic held outside on the sitting wall. 5:00 PM: Stuffed animal sleepover in the Children's Storytime Room.
- Friday, July 20: Pick up animals from sleepover.

Teens

Book Chat Café Tuesday, June 5, 2:15 p.m.: Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss

Teen Summer Reading: Own the Night The summer reading program for teens begins Monday, June 18 at the Circulation Desk. The program runs for 8 weeks through August 11. Join us all summer long for fun teens only events!

Summer Reading Kickoff: Hunger Games Mini Golf Tuesday, June 26, 2-3:30 p.m.: Play a round of mini golf on our Hunger Games course.

Iron Chef Saturday, July 21, 2-3:30 p.m.: Whose cuisine will reign supreme? Test your chef skills using our secret ingredient or sign up to be a judge!

Treat Yourself! Wednesday, August 1, 2-3:00 p.m.: Make some scented bath salts and sugar scrub for yourself or come make a gift for someone special! Craft room.

Summer Reading Kickoff: Hunger Games Mini Golf Saturday, August 18, 2-3:30 p.m.: Play a round of mini golf on our Hunger Games course and collect your summer reading prize!

Adults

Nooks and Kindles and Sony Readers, Oh My! Looking to purchase an e-reader for yourself or a loved one? Try before you buy! The Library has new Nooks and Kindles available for Orange residents to check out and try for two weeks. They're great for travelers, gadget lovers, and people who just want to read a good e-book. It's also a great way to enjoy a wide variety of authors in larger print. Reservations for the Library's Nooks, Kindles, or Sony Reader can be made in person at the library, by telephone, or through our online catalog.

Oscar Films

- Monday, June 11, 7 p.m.: Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy. 3 Oscar nominations. R. 127 minutes.
- Monday, June 25, 7 p.m.: A Better Life. 1 Oscar nomination. PG-13. 98 minutes.
- Thursday, June 28, 7 p.m.: The Artist. 9 Oscar nominations. 5 Oscar wins. PG-13. 100 minutes.
- Monday, July 2, 7 p.m.: Bridesmaids. 2 Oscar nominations. R. 125 minutes.
- Monday, July 23, 7 p.m.: The Artist. 9 Oscar nominations. 5 Oscar wins. PG-13. 100 minutes.

Registration is highly recommended for all films.

Genealogy Workshop Monday, June 18, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the



Case Memorial Library

Connecticut Society of Genealogists will teach you how to research your family history. Topic: Researching at the New England Historical Society.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting *An Evening of Stories from The Grapes of Wrath* Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m.: Hearing John Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* as interpreted by Carol Birch is as exhilarating as it is a revelation. The selections performed are some of the other stories from the novel – stories not about the Joads. Birch has been recognized by the National Storytelling Institute with the Circle of Excellence award and has appeared on ABC's *Nightline*, CBS's *This Morning*, National Public Radio, and in the *New York Times*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Book Case Monday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.: Discussion of *The Blood of Flowers* by Anita Amirrezvani. Led by Toby Zabinski. Conference Room.

Square One Theatre: Freud's Last Session Monday, July 9, 7 p.m.: Square One Theatre Reader's Theatre presents *Freud's Last Session*, centered on legendary psychoanalyst Dr. Sigmund Freud, who invites a young, little known professor, C.S. Lewis, to his home in London. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Around the World at 75, Alone Dammit! Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m.: John Guy LaPlante, prize-winning columnist, author, avid traveler, and the world's oldest Peace Corps volunteer, recounts his remarkable journey of 147 days, 20 countries, and 36,750 miles. All for \$83 a day! Travel tips and advice will be shared.

Art in the Library Works by Frank Ninivaggi and Susan Grella will be on display in the Meeting Room throughout the month of June. A reception will be held in their honor on Thursday, June 7 from 5-7 p.m.

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More Offerings From Case Memorial Library

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Descendants, The (2011)
Downton Abbey, Season 2 (2011)
Hugo (2011)
Ides of March, The (2012)
Incendies (2011)
Iron Lady, The (2011)
J. Edgar (2012)
My Week with Marilyn (2011)
Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy (2011)
War Horse (2011)

Audiobooks

Johnson, Terry – *The Graduate* (adapted from the novel by Charles Webb)
Murray, Charles – *Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010* (305.8)

Music

Drake, Nick – *Bryter Layter* (ROCK)
Gillespie, Dizzy – *A Portrait of Duke Ellington* (JAZZ)
Grosvenor, Benjamin (pianist) – *Chopin, Liszt, Ravel* (CLASSICAL)
Jaar, Nicolas – *Space Is Only Noise* (POPULAR)
Robert Glasper Experiment – *Black Radio* (R&B)
Saw Doctors – *The Further Adventures of the Saw Doctors* (ROCK)
Snider, Todd – *Agnostic Hymns and Stoner Fables* (ROCK)
Spalding, Esperanza – *Radio Music Society* (JAZZ)
Supertramp – *Breakfast in America* (ROCK)
Vijay Iyer Trio – *Accelerando* (JAZZ)



AMITY MIDDLE SCHOOL – ORANGE CAMPUS

Third Marking Period Honor Roll

First Honors 7th Grade

Priya Aggarwal
Genevieve Angerame
Michael Anil
Emily Bacal
Kyle Beaudette
Cassandra Bishop
Matthew Bonvicini
William Butler
Jeremy Cable
Chloe Capuano
Micaela Casapulla
Emily Cucurello
Paul DeBassio
Stefanie DelVecchio
Matthew D'Onofrio
Emily Drezek
Tommy Driscoll
Yuliya Faryna
Emma Gehr
Bianca Gibbons-Morales
Jethin Gowda
Hayley Grande
Grace Grzegorzcyk
Jacob Hollander
Katia Howard
Daniel Jaques
Haya Jarad
Kathryn Kaligian
David Kennedy
Christine Knudsen
Zachary Kosa
Maggie Lasto
Kyle Marieb
Kelsey McCormack
Molly McGuire
Juliet Melotto
Emily Mullins
Sarah Nevolis
Taylor Nuzzo
Jacob Okolo
Alessandro Pacelli
Kelsey Paier
Rohan Patel
Nisansa Perera
Hugh Potter
Angelina Racaniello
Samantha Richetelli
Matthew Sabitsky
Katherine Schittina
Kiley Stackpole
Clare Staib-Kaufman
Jenna Thomas
Megan Tichy
Mark Wezenski
Nicholas Yoo
Seungi Yu
Mimi Zschack

First Honors 8th Grade

Myles Allen
Matthew Arovas
Nicholas Bencivengo
Jeanne Marie Bidon
Natalie Booth
Michael Cannata
Timothy Cannata
Lydia Cooper
Leanne D'Acunto
Christina DiStefano
Jordan D'Onofrio
Molly Dragon
Catherine Dunleavy
Max Einbinder
Madison Flanagan
Lauren Flaumenhaft
Laurindo Fonseca
Haley Forcier
Molly Fusarelli
Clara Gamsu
Samantha Gaynor
Christina Genovese
Michael Gregory
Alessandra Gusmano
Jamie Hashem
Melanie Hauser
Katie Jensen
Christina Judd
Karalyn Kachmar
Matthew Kachmar
Noor Khalid
Samir King
Cassidy Kirby
Katie Koshes
Georgia Kral
Ellen Li
Harika Lingareddy
Helen Liu
Jamie Longobardi
Alexa Marulli
Matthew McKenna
Katherine Meehan
Stephanie Melanson
Yongwook Nam
Sarah O'Brien
Jenna Ortoleva
Kendra Osinski
Kimberly Parniawski
Joshua Petro
Elizabeth Poland
Rosie Richetelli
Sarah Rippel
Brian Ronai
Helen Ruckes
Benjamin Santau
Sarah Santini
Matthew Schmitt
Bret Schneider
Sarah Smeriglio
Brittany Smith
Cameron Viezel
Julia Wilde
Christopher Winkel
Varun Yetukuri
Martha Zhang
Yiran Zhang
Grace Zheng

Second Honors 7th Grade

Zachary Bailey
Nathan Carney
Arianna Centore
Daniel Chodos
Robert Cross
Joshua Crow
Sophia Cuozzo
Daniel DeFeo
Himay Dharani
Shannon Dillon
Rachel Einbinder
Griffin Frobels
Jeffrey Gallo
Arseni Gatskevich
Hannah Goldwitz
Victoria Gustafson
Gabriella Guzowski
Kiersten Keating
Thomas Knudsen
Alina Lisowitch
Cassidy Marry
Maya Mutalik
Philip Nam
Francis Novak
Kaitlyn Paradis
Michael Perry
Max Scheps
Alec Smith
Grace Sweeney
Nuala Tzovolos



Second Honors 8th Grade

Andrianna Ayala
Thomas Boutros
Katlyn Breitenbach
Christopher Cassella
Riaz Charania
Ryan Chizmadia
Abigail Clark
Christian DeMusis
Michael DeVito
Katherine Esposito
Lucas Farrell
Nicholas Gallucci
Elise Graham
Christopher Hughes
Graham Hughes
Timothy Johnston
Peter Keefe
Collin Kuchachik
Brandon Liebnick
Andrew Lipsitz
Samantha Lopez
Youssef Maklad
Jillian Mastrofrancesco
Jacob Mayerson
Sean McKenna
Aria Mohseni
Hanna Natalino
Micaela Nelson
Isabella Oleschuk
Elias Oliphant
David Pereira
Carly Sacco
Dario Salati
Stephanie Satonick
Meagan Schultz
MacKenzie Seymour
Cassandra Silva
Sarah Smeriglio
Blake Smith
Janae Staltaro
William Steinbrick
Michael Stewart
Ze Weng
Edward Whitman
Ryan Yocher
Sydney Young

Citizenship Award – 7th Grade

Priya Aggarwal	Emma Gehr	Alessandro Pacelli
Genevieve Angerame	Bianca Gibbons-Morales	Kelsey Paier
Michael Anil	Hannah Goldwitz	Rohan Patel
Emily Bacal	Hayley Grande	Hugh Potter
Zachary Bailey	Katia Howard	Alex Provost
Kyle Beaudette	Kiersten Ignatowski	Angelina Racaniello
Matthew Bonvicini	Daniel Koproski	Matthew Sabitsky
Nathan Carney	Zachary Kosa	Jenna Saleh
Micaela Casapulla	Alina Lisowitch	Katherine Schittina
Jacob Cohen	Kyle Marieb	Alec Smith
Matthew D'Onofrio	Kelsey McCormack	Kiley Stackpole
Daniel DeFeo	Molly McGuire	Clare Staib-Kaufman
Tommy Driscoll	Juliet Melotto	Mark Wezenski
Rachel Einbinder	Emily Mullins	Seungi Yu
Jessica Ferraiolo	Taylor Nuzzo	Mimi Zschack
Jeffery Gallo	Jacob Okolo	

Citizenship Award – 8th Grade

Matthew Arovas	Alessandra Gusmano	Kendra Osinski
Kofi Asiedu	Eleni Haskos	Kimberly Parniawski
Nicholas Bencivengo	Melanie Hauser	Elizabeth Poland
Jeanne Marie Bidon	Graham Hughes	Rosie Richetelli
Natalie Booth	Katie Jensen	Sarah Rippel
Thomas Boutros	Christina Judd	Brian Ronai
Taylor Bova	Karalyn Kachmar	Helen Ruckes
Katlyn Breitenbach	Amy Kemp	Carly Sacco
Michael Cannata	Noor Khalid	Benjamin Santau
Timothy Cannata	Merjan Khan	Sarah Santini
Brandy Cerrillos	Cassidy Kirby	Stephanie Satonick
Lydia Cooper	Katie Koshes	Matthew Schmitt
Leanne D'Acunto	Harika Lingareddy	Bret Schneider
Daniel DeDomenico	Helen Liu	Sarah Smeriglio
Michael Dietch	Jamie Longobardi	Blake Smith
Christina DiStefano	Samantha Lopez	Brittany Smith
Molly Dragan	Annika Lundgren	Hannah Smith
Catherine Dunleavy	Teresa Marchitto	Janae Staltaro
Isabella Ferraro	Jillian Mastrofrancesco	William Steinbrick
Madison Flanagan	Matthew McKenna	Gabriella Torrenti
Lauren Flaumenhaft	Sean McKenna	Clarissa Tripp
Haley Forcier	Katherine Meehan	Cameron Viezel
Molly Fusarelli	Stephanie Melanson	Julia Wilde
Samantha Gaynor	Yongwook Nam	Varun Yetukuri
Christina Genevose	Hanna Natalino	Sydney Young
Daniela Gonzalez	Sarah O'Brien	Yiran Zhang
Elise Graham	Jenna Ortoleva	Grace Zheng

**Congratulations To All
The Honor Roll Students!**



Peck Place School Hosts "Senior" Prom

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

High school students aren't the only ones that enjoyed a prom this spring as senior citizens mingled, partied, and rocked at their own "Senior Prom" hosted by the Peck Place School student council.

With more than 80 guests, it was the most well-attended prom yet since the school first introduced the event three years ago. Fifth grade teacher Erica Campell said the idea to bring children and seniors together for a fun occasion just popped into her head one morning at home. "I thought it would be a great way to combine community service and fun," she said. "It's all about giving back. And the event is getting huge!" The impressive lunch spread and decorations were all provided by parent donations. The student disc jockeys researched what music was popular in their grandparents' generation and played hits from the 1940s through today.

As a steady stream of seniors made their way into the gymnasium, student council escorts and "greeters" welcomed them and took their pictures. Many of the guests said they had read about the event which had been advertised in local senior centers' newsletters and area newspapers. Others came because they had a grandchild on the Student Council.

Retired Milford elementary school-teacher Ann Nicefaro, 85, said she did not expect to dance but liked the opportunity to be around fifth graders again. "The students are very gracious and so dressed up!" she said. As fourth grader "waitress" Isabella O'Brien offered to bring her some food, Nicefaro added, "And they are so thoughtful!"

First time prom goer Mark Lewis of Skyline Drive said he read about the event in the Senior Center newsletter and thought it sounded like fun. "I think it's really super that the town and the school do this," he said as he consulted with the DJs about the music selection.

As children danced beside the seniors during the "chicken dance," and grandsons invited their grandmothers to a slow dance, everyone seemed to agree, a prom is fun no matter what age you are!



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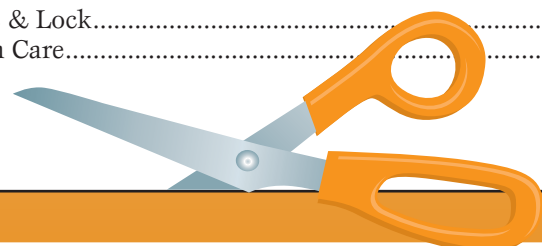


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Pearson Charge in Election Night Incident Results in Apology & Donation

By Richard Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE – Four months after being charged by police with creating a public disturbance at Democratic Campaign Headquarters on election night last November, former Orange Board of Education Chairman Glenn Pearson recently agreed to donate \$100 to the Amity Teen Center and issue a letter of apology to Teen Center President Jane Opper.

But Opper, a long-time former member of the Democratic Town Committee, and Pearson, husband of former Selectwoman Trish Pearson, still disagree about what happened last November 8th when the two had an altercation at campaign headquarters, 200 Boston Post Road as news of the party's crushing defeat came pouring in.

That night Republican First Selectman Jim Zeoli easily defeated democratic nominee Kevin McNabola, and Trish Pearson lost her seat as an incumbent member of the Board of Selectmen for an unprecedented third time. Pearson was also defeated by Zeoli two years earlier in her bid for the first selectmen's seat.

Opper, 65, still insists Glenn Pearson, 59, "grabbed my arm and squeezed it so hard he caused it to bruise, while insulting, bullying, cursing and warning me to leave because my family had a Jim Zeoli campaign sign on my property."

Pearson admitted to the Orange Town News this week that "Obviously, I did not treat her with the respect a gentleman should treat a lady. It was in the heat of the moment. So I felt she deserved an apology. But I deny I grabbed her shoulder. If the police felt I did that, they would have charged me with an assault. I said what I wanted to say, and that was it."

Pearson declined to indicate what he said to Opper, but Opper insists it was a threat to leave campaign headquarters – following up similar comments made to her by Trish Pearson earlier in the evening, Opper said.

Opper went to Orange police headquarters that night and showed her shoulder to a policewoman – who, according to Opper, confirmed there was a bruise. The next morning, after discussion with family members, Opper went back to police to file an official complaint. One witness to the incident, Diane Brown, is quoted in the police report backing up Opper's assertion that Pearson grabbed her arm, while another witness, Carol Hechtman, told police she saw Pearson "tapping" Opper to get her attention.

But Brown told police she saw Pearson "lunge" towards Opper and "grab" her left arm, causing Opper to turn towards longtime former Democratic campaign manager Tim Riordan. Brown also states in the police report that later in the evening she saw "red marks" on Opper's arm.

Riordan told police that "shortly after the (election) results were announced, Opper came up to him and told him that Glenn Pearson had grabbed her arm and squeezed it very tight and told her she had no right to be there." Riordan also told police that after he walked over to Pearson with Opper and told him "you have no right to grab her," Pearson responded "get the (expletive) away or you'll be sorry." Riordan is quoted in the police report as saying he felt that "things were getting out of control and he told Pearson he was calling police," which resulted in Pearson walking away.

"It was a clear case of them being sore losers and then bullying me as a scapegoat, and no matter what he tries to say, Glenn Pearson knows he grabbed my arm and squeezed it so hard it hurt and left a bruise" Opper said in an interview this week. "He (Pearson) only made the \$100 donation to the Teen Center after a meeting in (Derby Superior) court with a victim's advocate, prosecuting attorney and his own attorney."

Opper said the Teen Center would use the donation for its anti-bullying program, while Pearson said he specifically wrote on the check that the donation be used for the "Coats for Kids Program."

"Nobody forced me to write the check, I did it because I believe in the program and felt it would go toward a very worthwhile cause," Pearson said.

In a May 9 letter to Opper, Pearson states "I am writing regarding our conversation of November 8th, 2011. My attempt to get your attention was interpreted by you as inappropriate and I can assure you that I meant neither harm nor affront. My intention was simply to gain your attention and deliver my message. I am sorry if you were startled and felt in any way uneasy."

But Opper said Pearson "grabbed me, scared me and hurt me," and as a result of her filing the police complaint, she was "essentially kicked off of the Democratic Town Committee shortly afterward."

"Instead of protecting women the democratic leadership is encouraging bullying by threatening anyone who has the courage to stand up to them," Opper said after receiving a letter from Trish Pearson that she (Opper) was not being re-nominated for the Democratic Town Committee.

Opper said she believes the Pearsons' have held a "grudge" against her since she supported Paul Tarbox for the Democratic nomination instead of Trish Pearson in 2009.

In a March 9 letter to Victim's Advocate Keith Wertz at the Derby Courthouse, Opper explained why she believes the Pearsons' and other Democrats have targeted her. "In July of 2009, when I wrote a letter to the local papers supporting Paul Tarbox as candidate for first selectman instead of Glenn Pearson's wife, Trish, a few of the Democratic politicians began bullying me," Opper states. "I have also been verbally bullied at Democratic Town Committee meetings, and on Nov. 8, 2011, it escalated to me being physically hurt by Glenn Pearson."



Police report photos submitted by victim's advocate Keith Wertz of alleged bruise on Opper taken the night of the incident.

Riordan said he recently decided to leave the Orange Democratic Town Committee after serving as its campaign manager during campaigns for former First Selectman Robert Sousa, Mitch Goldblatt and Paul Tarbox over the past 22 years. He said the party is deeply divided and has turned ugly. "What happened to Jane Opper was definitely bullying," said Riordan.

"It all happened in the aftermath of another devastating loss. They lost the campaign in a landslide, and they don't want to account for their own actions, so they bully Jane Opper and blame her. "But this was outrageous behavior. I have learned over the years that if you lose, you move on and learn a lesson from it," Riordan said. "But you don't go out and attack people. This has seriously damaged the Democratic Party in Orange. Things have sunk about as low as they can."

Zeoli said he knew the Democrats' had become "more and more divided in recent years," but never thought things would turn violent.

"This is America, and once you put your hand on someone else you are walking a very dangerous line," said Zeoli. "In politics we're not always happy with how things turn out, and my party has been on the other side in the past," said Zeoli. "However, we never had this kind of explosiveness. This was an unfortunate incident brought about by some people thinking that if you disagree with them you shouldn't be allowed to express your views. That's not how our American system is supposed to work."

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Orange Town News



Themis Klarides and one of her young constituents, Lauren Marino at her nomination meeting.

Klarides Re-Nominated for Eighth Term

By Laura Fantarella

A small group of Republican leaders from Derby, Orange and Woodbridge unanimously nominated Themis Klarides to represent their towns as the State Representative for the 114th Assembly- District for an eighth term.

When accepting the nomination, Klarides expressed disbelief that her seventh term was already coming to an end, and, despite the crazy hours and occasional lack of sleep when House meetings run into the wee hours of the morning, she still loves the job. A Seymour native, Klarides was first elected to the post in 1999 and was appointed Deputy Minority Leader in 2003. She has been an outspoken leader of the Republican Caucus regarding issues that include the state's financial situation, job creation, and education. Growing up in a family that owned local supermarkets influenced Klarides' "common sense approach to government" a standard, she said, that is often lacking in Hartford. She saw first-hand the responsibilities and struggles that small business owners face which taught her at a young age what it takes to make decisions and get things done. "They had to hire people, fire people, and make payroll every week. Many legislators in Hartford have never owned a business," she said "I will continue to do what I'm doing but we need more people in Hartford who think like the people in this room -- who worry about taxes and spending money, We have to think about doing things in government like we do in our homes and the sooner we do that the sooner we'll get out of this hole."

Klarides also serves on the legislature's Finance, Education, Judiciary and Public Health and Internship Committees and was formerly the Ranking Member of the Insurance and Real Estate Committees. She is a partner in the law firm Klarides & Kaplan in Orange.

Republican Committee member Nancy Nastro said that Klarides has done a great job in Hartford. "She represents our district with grace and distinction," she said.



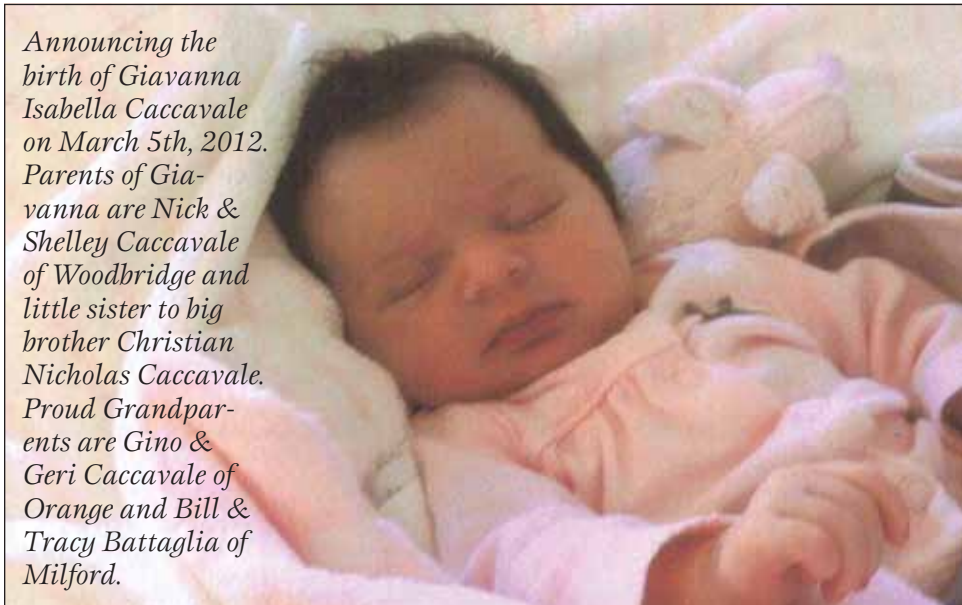
Maroney Wins Party Nomination

James Maroney received the Democratic Nomination for the 119th State Representative. Charlie Montalbano nominated Maroney and Gretta Stanford seconded the nomination. There were eleven (11) voting delegates for the State Representative seat, and Maroney received over 60% of the vote with 7 delegates casting their ballot for him. Montalbano stated, "James Maroney is a great man with strong leadership and great potential. He is the right man for this seat. He currently serves as the Board of Education Chairman who was selected for his leadership role after demonstrating his intelligence, skills and devotion to hard work." Stanford added, "James is a great man and the right man for the job and is the person who will win this seat in November."

"I am honored to have received the endorsement of the Democratic Party to run for the 119th State Representative seat and I want to sincerely thank you for the trust that you have placed in me," Maroney said afterwards. "Tonight's victory is a great accomplishment but it is only the beginning, there is much work to be done before November. The reason I am running is simple, my desire to help people. It's the reason I left my job on Wall Street 13 years ago to start my small business. I started my small business to help young people achieve their educational dreams. I am running for State Representative to continue to work to improve the lives of people in our community."

Maroney thanked his family, friends and supporters who had come out despite the rain. He went on to describe his vision. "Only by listening, engaging in discussions and working with people of opposing viewpoints to reach compromise can we ensure our government stays a government of the people, by the people, and most importantly, for the people," said Maroney.

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"Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



Reggiano's Pizza & Pasta House

Americans definitely have a love affair with Italian food and we can't seem to get enough of it. I grew up in an Irish-Scottish family with a lot of meat and potatoes for dinner. Our Italian food treat consisted of Franco-American Spaghetti & Meatballs in a can! One of my uncles married a lovely lady from Italy. While visiting our family one day she made us homemade pizza and needless to say my four sisters and I were hooked. To this day when we all get together for dinner our first choice is always Italian! Which brings me to a cozy Italian restaurant in the Devon section of Milford called Reggiano's. Located right off I-95 Exit 34, this spot was recommended by a few acquaintances and I was very impressed during my recent visit. Reggiano's décor is very pleasant and inviting with an upscale feel featuring linen tablecloths & napkins on every table. It pleases me when the owners pay close attention to these details. Speaking of owners, Reggiano's opened in April 2011 by Ron Gavern who sold the location in October 2011 to Donato Serrano, Jose Guaman, Antonio Arcos and Alberto Campis. All four are very hands on and have a wealth of experience in the restaurant business. The partners work extremely well together and should be very proud of what they have accomplished over the past few months. This includes top notch professional service, well prepared food with fresh ingredients, and extremely reasonable prices.

All dishes are prepared to order including many choices of freshly made pasta, appetizers, bread (served warm with all dinners), soups, salads, fish, beef, chicken, veal, pork, pizza including a variety of specialty pies, Italian grinders, and focaccia paninis. Many daily specials are offered and their knowledgeable well-trained staff describe all Reggiano's dishes in great detail. I had an opportunity to sample the scallops wrapped in bacon, "Moonstruck" salad with baby field greens, walnuts, cranberries, tomatoes & gorgonzola in a balsamic vinaigrette, freshly made ravioli in a creamy vodka sauce, "Linguine Alla Pescatore" with shrimp, clams, mussels, & calamari in a light marinara sauce, and Reggiano's most popular "Margherita" pizza with fresh tomato, mozzarella, basil & garlic. All of these items were exquisitely prepared, delicious and beautifully presented. Desserts are house-made featuring tiramisu, ricotta cheese cake, pannacotta (Italian flan), just to name a few. All guests over 21 are offered a complimentary glass of Donato's special "Limonchello" after dinner. Reggiano's also features a full bar and well priced wine list (available by the glass or bottle). The entire menu can be viewed on its detailed website.

Reggiano's seats 90 and has a private area that will accommodate up to 25. Available for private parties including business dinners, showers, religious celebrations, school events, etc., Reggiano's definitely has a lot of loyal patrons who enjoy the great customer service along with the exceptional food presentation. They have nothing but praise for the restaurant and keep coming back for more!

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Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



Summer Wines

Pairing wine with grilled foods is a forgiving task. Most grilled dishes are relatively simple; there's a main ingredient (usually a protein of some kind), plus the possibility of various seasonings in the form of marinades, rubs and sauces. To choose a wine to pair with something off the grill, consider two things: First, how hearty is the food, and second, what's the dominant flavor? For lighter foods—white-fleshed fish, vegetables, chicken breasts—pick a lighter wine. For heartier foods—sausages, burgers, steaks—choose a more robust wine. (Both reds and whites can be light-, medium- or full-bodied.) Now think about flavor. For steaks and butter-fried legs of lamb—even if they're marinated beforehand—the dominant flavor will almost always be the meat itself. But with foods like chicken slathered in barbecue sauce or shrimp with a fiery garlic-habanero vinaigrette, the sauce or seasoning is by far the main flavor of the dish. The dominant flavor is a key thing to consider when selecting a wine.

What follows is a selection of great wines, all available for \$20 or less, to go with grilled foods of all kinds. But don't take these wine and food combinations as gospel. They're really designed more as suggestions or jumping-off points for experimentation. Unlike most everything else that Americans like to drink, such as milk and beer, wine is high in acidity which refreshes the palate; most reds have fat-cutting tannins, too. In fact, wine may be the most versatile food partner there is, except perhaps for water. But when it comes to a big, juicy, grilled steak, who on earth wants to have it with water? Summer wine favorites are generally light and crisp.

10 Crisp, Light Whites

2008 Valentin Bianchi Elsa Torrontes (\$9)

Torrontés, Argentina's most interesting white grape, tends towards melon and citrus notes and a flamboyant aroma. This bottling is made without using oak, which helps keep its flavors bright and lively.

2007 Domaine de la Batardière Muscadet (\$10)

Muscadet, from the western part of France's Loire Valley, is a summer classic. Its citrusy character pairs ideally with seafood, particularly raw oysters.

NV Broadbent Vinho Verde (\$11)

Vinho Verde—a pale Portuguese wine named for its youth rather than its color—should be crisp, tingly and full of lemon and seashell nuances. That aptly describes this bottling from importer Bartholomew Broadbent.

2007 Riff Pinot Grigio (\$11)

This graceful, peachy white wine is made with grapes from Italy's informally designated "Tre Venezie" region—Alto Adige, Trentino and Veneto. Its musky finish gives it a complexity missing from many Pinot Grigios.

2008 Kung Fu Girl Riesling (\$12)

Washington-state winemaker Charles Smith earned his reputation with some formidable (and fairly expensive) Syrahs, but lately, he's been focusing on a line of quirkily named, inexpensive wines. This floral, slightly off-dry Riesling is one of the best.

2008 Domaine Labbé Aymes Vin de Savoie (\$14)

The Jacquère grape is obscure, as is the Savoie region near the Alps in eastern France. But this light-bodied wine (only 11 percent alcohol), full of clean citrus fruit and chalky mineral notes, deserves to be better known.

2008 Peter Lehmann Eden Valley Riesling (\$16)

The lime-zest and mineral characteristics typical of dry Australian Rieslings are amply present in this brisk bottling from South Australia's Eden Valley, one of the country's best Riesling regions.

2008 Saracco Moscato d'Asti (\$16)

Moscato d'Asti, the off-dry, lightly sparkling wine native to Italy's Piedmont region, is exceptionally light in alcohol, usually only six percent or so. This graceful, tangerine-scented bottling from a top producer would be great either as an aperitif or with fresh fruit for dessert.

2008 Ulacia Txakolina (\$19)

Txakoli, the white wine of Spain's Basque region, has a light effervescence and a green apple-citrus flavor that is extraordinarily refreshing. This zippy rendition comes from a family-owned winery founded in the 1940s.

2008 Long Boat Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (\$20)

This white from Marlborough, New Zealand's most famous Sauvignon Blanc region, is herbal and peppery, but those flavors are balanced by juicy passion fruit notes.

All of the above wines are crisp and light and wonderful deck or gazebo wines great for a lazy summer evening.

With Beef Burgers

- **Classic Red** Rich, peppery Zinfandel: 2006 Ravenswood Napa Valley (\$15).
- **Unexpected Red** Powerful Sicilian Nero d'Avola: 2006 Colosi Rosso (\$12).
- **Great White** Rich, luscious Chardonnay: 2007 Newton Vineyard Red Label (\$25).

Lamb Burgers

- **Classic Red** Juicy, spicy Shiraz: 2007 Oxford Landing South Australia (\$8).
- **Unexpected Red** Earthy Portuguese red: 2004 Periquita Reserva (\$16).
- **Great White** Rhône-style white blend: 2007 Isenhower Cellars Snapdragon (\$17).

If you cannot find these vintages or even these brands in your liquor, store many similar wines are available. Enjoy some of these wonderful wines this summer. You will be glad you did!

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All campers receive a tee shirt and daily take home papers. Cost for those registering before June 17th is \$40.00 per child, two children \$75.00, three or more children \$100.00 in the same family. A late fee will apply for registrations received after June 17th. Registration forms can be downloaded at trinityefc.com under special events or you may call 203-387-4711 ext 20. Mail registration and checks (made out to Trinity Church) to 33 Center Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525. Space is limited.

Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events:

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Church Of The Good Shepherd Upcoming Events

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The Shepherd Café will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday and will be serving coffee, light snacks and a tasty and nutritious lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This meal will be available to seniors or to anyone that needs or would like to share a meal and some companionship. Bingo and other activities will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Church services are available at 12:30 for those who would like to attend. There will be menu choices each week with soup and selected sandwiches always available. While there is no cost for the meal, donations are always appreciated. This is a new ministry of the Church of the Good Shepherd and a partnership between the church and Community Services. The Church is located at 680 Racebrook Road and there is ample parking. While reservations are not needed, they would be appreciated. To make a reservation, volunteer, or to help in any way, please call the church at 203-795-6577. Community Services will provide transportation from the High Plains Community Center to and from the Shepherd Café. Please call Kim at 203-891-4788 at least a day ahead to reserve a ride.



Church of the Good Shepherd

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If you would like to deepen your relationship with God, through conversation, reading and group spiritual direction, join other likeminded women as companions on this journey of faith. We will meet the fourth Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6 pm in the parish hall. May and June we will meet the 3rd Thursday. For more information, contact Rev. Ann at rectorofegs@optonline.net or call the office at 203-795-6577.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will take place from June 25 to 29 at The Church of the Good Shepherd from 9am to 12 pm. Children entering into Kindergarten thru 5th grade are welcome. The theme this year is "Hometown Nazareth". Please visit our website thegoodshepherdorangect.org for a registration form or call the church @203.795.6577. Registration fee is \$35, scholarships available.

Weekly Services

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Coffee and conversation after the 8:00 am the 10:30 am services.; 5:30 p.m. - Come just as you are Worship Service; Light supper after the service.

Wednesdays: 12:30 pm - Eucharist with laying on of hands.; 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion.

Bible Study every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Bible School Offered

The First United Church of Christ, 34 W. Main Street, Milford, will be holding a Green Church Vacation Bible School – July 23-27 from 9 am-Noon and July 29th from 10 am-Noon for children age 4 (by 4/1/12) through 6th grade. Cost \$20 – includes T-shirt and supplies. Please register by July 1 through our website: www.firstchurchofmilford.org, or you may call the Church Office at 203-877-4277.

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Kristine Lilly Speaks at Luralton Athletic Hall Of Fame

Luralton Hall's inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame was a resounding success! Over 225 friends, alumnae and sports enthusiasts joined the Luralton community in recognizing seven exceptional individuals who were nominated for achieving greatness or who have made outstanding contributions to Luralton's rich athletic tradition. The event was held on Sunday, May 6, at Racebrook Country Club in Orange.

The keynote speaker was renowned Olympic soccer player Kristine Lilly, a three-time Olympian - bringing home a Gold Medal in 1996 and 2004, and a Silver in 2000 - who holds a number of records for scoring, minutes played, and most capped player. Kristine made the U.S. National Team at the age of 16 while a junior at Wilton High School and went on to play 352 games for her country, more than any other person in the world. Kristine also played in five World Cup events and was U.S. Soccer Player of the Year in 1993, 2005, and 2006.

The 2012 honorees are Nora Anderson Barber, DDS, '95; Laura Valade Collins, '88; Eileen Richetelli Crozier, '90; Jairus C. Gilbert, Sr. (posthumously); Mary Money, '76; Margaret A. Rooney, RSM, '51; and Karen McGroary Yardley. Each of the honorees has made outstanding contributions not only in the field of athletics, but they have also distinguished themselves in their careers and in their commitment to community service.

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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.

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

Trumbull Stitch 'n Bitch, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00am, Panera Bread, Westfield Shopping Park. Spend a pleasant time with fellow knitters and crocheters. All levels of experienced knitters and crocheters are welcome. For more information, call Sylvia at 203-268-6570.

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

St. Vincent's Medical Center Family Support Group, 1st Tuesday of each month, 4:00-5:30pm, Elizabeth M. Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care, Level 3 Medical Oncology Conference Room, 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, for adult patients, family members and friends who are coping with a diagnosis of Leukemia, Lymphoma, Multiple Myeloma, and Hodgkin's Disease, no reservations required, free parking, facilitators are Eileen Bohan, MSW and Teresa Money McLaughlin, RN, MSN, AOCN. For more information call the SWIM line @ 203-576-6158 or email tmclaugh@stvincent.org.

St. Vincent's Medical Center Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 5:30-7:00pm, Level 4, Elizabeth Pfriem SWIM Center for Cancer Care, St. Vincent's Medical Center, 280 Main Street, Bridgeport, no reservations required, free parking w/validated ticket, Facilitators are Maureen Pelletier, RN, OCN, Nannette Persico, RN, OCN, and Joyce Flynn, Network of Strength Volunteer. For more information, call 203-576-6158 or email tmclaugh@stvincent.org.

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

Orange Arts & Culture Council meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. The public is invited.

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

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

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

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

Hamden Hall Country Day School Lexus Champions for Charity Golf Tournament Raffle, December 5-9, 2012, \$50/chance to win playing at Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill and Spanish Bay; 2 person entry includes all course & caddy expenses, meals, transfers to and from airports and courses daily, \$750 gift certificate to Jet-Blue Airlines. Compete for prizes for low net and gross scores as well as daily hole-in-one opportunities to win Lexus autos. Contact Marilyn Hewitt at 203-752-2620 or mhewitt@hamdenhall.org for more information.

Art in the Woodbridge Library, featuring Mark Bisset, June 2-30, 2012, Woodbridge Town Library, Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge. For more information, call 203-479-4431, email markbisset@hotmail.com, or visit www.markbisset.com.

The First Congregational Church Used Book Sale, Saturday June 9, 2012, 4664 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, 9:00am-2:00pm, large selection of books available, including children's books, donations accepted. The White Elephant Shop and SER-RV Shop will also be open. For more information, call 203-933-6291.

DeMolay Open House, Saturday, June 9, 2012, 12:00-4:00pm, New Masonic Building, 263 Center Street, West Haven, for young men between the ages of 12-17 and their parents; video games, refreshments, prizes and an opportunity to learn more about the organization will be provided. For more information, call 203-804-4351.

Self-Defense Seminar for Adults & Teens, Saturday, June 9, 2012, Flood Middle School, 490 Chapel Street, Stratford, 1:00-3:00pm, open to Stratford residents and non-residents, learn concepts and skills to make you and your family safer, \$20/resident; \$25/non-resident; bring a friend and save \$5 each. For more information, contact Chris Sansonetti at 203-783-9768 or www.superiorkarate.net.

Milford Knights of Columbus Lancaster Show Trip, October 2-4, 2012 includes 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, Jonah Show at the Millennium Theatre, Guided Tour of Lancaster including Amish Country, visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, Landis Valley Museum & Village, Harley Davidson Factory; cost \$315.00. For reservations or more information, call John Bernard at 203-877-2737.

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Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

More than 1,200 law enforcement officers representing more than 100 communities across Connecticut are expected to participate in the 2012 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Connecticut, Wednesday through Friday, June 6 to 8. Among them will be officers from Milford who will take part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on June 8, 2012. They will run from the Milford Town Line to the Orange Town Line (Rt.1) from approximately 2:52 pm to 3:44 pm. And, officers from Orange will run from the town line (Rt.1) to the West Haven Town Line (Rt. 1) from approximately 3:44 p.m. to 4:13 p.m. All are invited to come out and cheer for the officers as they pass by!

This annual Run – which will cover over 530 miles during the course of three days - aims to raise awareness and recognition for athletes of all abilities who will be participating in Special Olympics' Summer Games and the organization's year-round programs and competitions. Officers will also take part on bicycles and motorcycles, and some will drive in support patrol cars. And, in some areas, Special Olympics athletes will run alongside the participating officers.

Then, on the evening of Friday, June 8th, a group of officers participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run will help kick-off the 2012 Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games. These officers will run with the torch, a symbol of hope, into Jess Dow Field on the Southern Connecticut State University campus, where Opening Ceremonies for Summer Games will begin at 7:15 pm.

Lieutenant Paul Vance of the Connecticut State Police and a Special Olympics athlete will light the cauldron to symbolize the start of Summer Games. Opening Ceremonies and all Summer Games events to be held throughout the weekend at Southern Connecticut State University and Hamden Hall are free and open to the public. For details including a complete schedule of competitions and parking information, visit www.soct.org.



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ENTERTAINMENT

top 10 movies

1. **Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13)**
Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans
2. **Battleship (PG-13)**
Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard
3. **The Dictator (R)**
Sacha Baron Cohen, Jason Mantzoukas
4. **Dark Shadows (PG-13)**
Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter
5. **What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG-13)**
Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez
6. **The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13)**
Judi Dench, Bill Nighy
7. **The Hunger Games (PG-13)**
Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
8. **Think Like a Man (PG-13)**
Michael Ealy, Jerry Ferrara
9. **The Lucky One (PG-13)**
Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling
10. **The Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG)**
animated

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

1. **The Vow (PG-13)**
Channing Tatum
2. **Contraband (R)**
Mark Wahlberg
3. **Underworld: Awakening (R)**
Kate Beckinsale
4. **Haywire (R)**
Gina Carano
5. **Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol (PG-13)**
Tom Cruise
6. **New Year's Eve (PG-13)**
Lea Michele
7. **Joyful Noise (PG-13)**
Queen Latifah
8. **We Bought a Zoo (PG)**
Matt Damon
9. **War Horse (PG-13)**
Peter Mullan
10. **The Darkest Hour (PG-13)**
Emile Hirsch



Chartbusters

- Top 10 Pop Singles**

 1. **Gotye feat. Kimbra**
"Somebody That I Used to Know"
 2. **Maroon 3 feat. Wiz Khalifa**
"Payphone"
 3. **fun feat. Janelle Monae**
"We Are Young"
 4. **Carly Rae Jepsen**
"Call Me Maybe"
 5. **Flo Rida feat. Sia**
"Wild Ones"
 6. **Nicki Minaj**
"Starships"
 7. **One Direction**
"What Makes You Beautiful"
 8. **The Wanted**
"Glad You Came"
 9. **Justin Bieber**
"Boyfriend"
 10. **Train**
"Drive By"

Top 10 Country Singles

 1. **Jason Aldean**
"Fly Over States"
 2. **Miranda Lambert**
"Over You"
 3. **Kip Moore**
"Somethin' Bout a Truck"
 4. **Zac Brown Band**
"No Hurry"
 5. **Carrie Underwood**
"Good Girl"
 6. **Eric Church**
"Springsteen"
 7. **Tim McGraw**
"Better Than I Used to Be"
 8. **Rascal Flatts**
"Banjo"
 9. **Luke Bryan**
"Drunk on You"
 10. **Brantley Gilbert**
"You Don't Know Her Like I Do"
- Kip Moore

COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEWS BY DNA SMITH



Robert Downey Jr. in "Sherlock Holmes"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of June 11, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (PG-13) -- Robert Downey Jr. puts his swagger and eccentricity into Sherlock Holmes in this second installment of Holmes as directed by Guy Ritchie. Don't expect a slowly unraveling mystery -- this movie is more like the adventures of Iron Man if he didn't have his suit and lived in Victorian-era England.

Just like last time, it has more explosions and brawling than you might remember from the original stories, but the resulting experience is more fun than you expect. Besides action, Downey and Jude Law (back as Dr. Watson) have plenty of quips. The story also mixes in more brain with its brawn, as Holmes is pulled into the mind games of Moriarty.

"Good Deeds" (PG-13) -- When Ty-

ler Perry steps out of the fat suit and wig, he's all business. This movie starring, written and directed by the prolific Perry is one of his serious ones, and the movie will not let you forget it. Perry plays Wesley Deeds, an uptight, wealthy businessman who has had his whole life handed to him since he was born. While Deeds questions whether his life is the one he wants, he forms a bond with a destitute single mother who cleans his office. The central relationship isn't a romantic one, but a centerpiece for the script's meditations on morality, fairness and charity. It's ultimately a thoughtful, sober drama.

"In Darkness" (R) -- As the Nazis march through Poland, an anti-Semitic sewer worker finds himself taking money from Jews in exchange for hiding them in the city sewers. The film is based on the true story of Leopold Socha. As he realizes how much risk he's taking just to get money out these desperate people, he becomes uncertain of his motivation. Could it be money, fear or humanity?

DOG OF THE WEEK

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" (PG-13) -- Nick Cage returns to the role of Johnny Blaze, a motorcycle stunt man who's made a pact with the devil. In exchange for saving his father's life, Blaze sometimes becomes the Ghost Rider, a supernatural bounty hunter with a flaming skull head and a flaming chain weapon that he swings from a motorcycle engulfed in flames.

Come on. Take the one of the kookiest men in Hollywood, cast him as a superhero with a flaming skull in a sequel directed by the guys who did "Crank" and "Crank: High Voltage," and you would expect something more exciting -- or at least something notably more insane than its banal predecessor. Nope. This movie rides right out of your memory with the spirit of vengeance.

1. Which British singer released "Anyone Who Had A Heart," "You're My World" and "Alfie" in the mid-1960s?
2. Which band is best known for "I Wanna Rock" and "We're Not Gonna Take It"?
3. Who was responsible for "Disco Duck"?
4. Which group wrote and released "Do the Freddie," and when?
5. Name the singer-songwriter behind "All By Myself" and "Hungry Eyes."
6. Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, Diana Ross and Kim Carnes all came together with dozens of others for one charity effort in 1985. What was it?

Cilla Black (born Priscilla White), Black was a favorite of Brian Epstein, the Beatles manager, and covered a number of their early songs. 2. Twisted Sister, in 1984. The group was originally called Silver Star. 3. "Disco Duck" was satire, written in 1976 by a Memphis DJ as a takeoff on a 1960 song called "The Duck." 4. Freddie and the Dreamers, 1965. Their album of the same name included a chart with diagrams to dance the Freddie. 5. Eric Carmen, in 1975 and 1987. Carmen's big successes came when he went solo after leaving the Raspberries. "Hungry Eyes" was featured in the film "Dirty Dancing." 6. USA for Africa, in 1985. They all recorded "We Are the World."

Sudoku answers on page 45

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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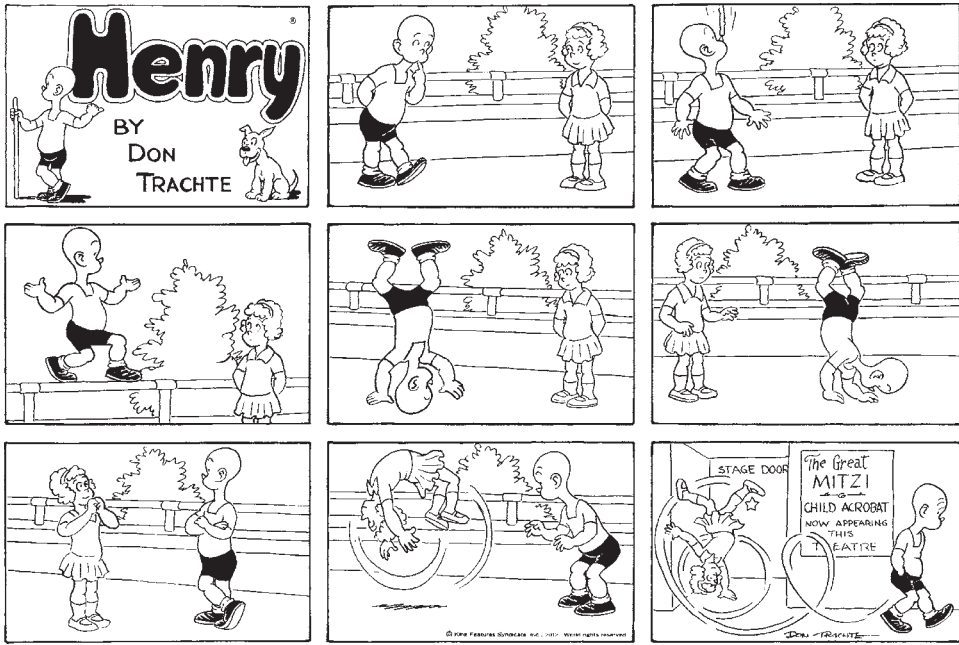
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Reason to scratch
- 5 Droop
- 8 "Arrivederci, —"
- 12 "Scat, gnat!"
- 13 Oklahoma city
- 14 Dutch cheese
- 15 Admonition to Nanette
- 16 Popular board game
- 18 Cold, treeless terrain
- 20 Folklore figures
- 21 Part mine, part yours
- 23 Consumed
- 24 Obelisk, e.g.
- 28 Use a swizzle stick
- 31 Paid athlete
- 32 Continental money
- 34 Historic period
- 35 Mannered man
- 37 Pocket embroidery, maybe
- 39 Scatter seeds
- 41 Horseback game
- 42 Headache aid
- 45 Deodorant

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- 7 Group of hoodlums
 - 8 Moves a fern, maybe
 - 9 Device measuring distance traveled
 - 10 Having XY chromosomes
 - 11 Poehler and Adams
 - 17 — shoestring
 - 19 Regulation
 - 22 Razor sharpener
 - 24 Gasoline stat
 - 25 Raw rock
 - 26 Baloney
 - 27 Award winners
 - 29 A Gershwin
 - 30 Aries
 - 33 Unaccompanied
 - 36 Additionally
 - 38 — Gate Bridge
 - 40 Candle material
 - 42 Mosque VIP
 - 43 Composer Porter
 - 44 Young female
 - 46 Old Italian money
 - 47 Smell
 - 48 Inquisitive
 - 50 Pair on stage
- DOWN**
- 1 "— that cute?"
 - 2 Biblical pronoun
 - 3 Mass. neighbor
 - 4 Hex
 - 5 Metal used in magnets
 - 6 Commotion
 - 7 type
 - 9 Carbon —
 - 11 Queen of Carthage
 - 12 As well
 - 13 Regret
 - 14 Love child?
 - 15 Encounter
 - 16 — Angeles
 - 18 Quaint "not"

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King Crossword Answers on Page 45

HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- It was bound to happen. In April, Ashton Kutcher signed on to play Steve Jobs in the upcoming bio-pic, "Jobs," and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak endorsed him as the apple of his eye to play Jobs. Now, Sony is throwing its hat into the ring with a Steve Jobs film, based on Walter Isaacson's bestseller, "Steve Jobs." Having a hot, "in" actor like Kutcher on board is a big deal, but Sony has leveled the playing field by hiring "West Wing" creator and "Social Network" Oscar-winner Aaron Sorkin to write and direct its film.

By the by, Sorkin has acquired the rights to "The Politician" for his next project. It's about the downfall of former U.S. Sen. John Edwards as written by key staff member Andrew Young. This year we had two Snow White pictures, ("Mirror, Mirror" and "Snow White and the Huntsman"), and now we have two Steve Jobs films. Which studio will do the best job(s)?

Robert Redford will direct himself in "The Company You Keep," based on the 2003 Lem Dobbs novel. Redford plays a former Weather Underground militant wanted for bank robbery and murder, who has successfully hidden from the FBI for more than 30 years as an attorney. When his identity is exposed, he becomes a fugitive while trying to find the one person who can clear him. He has surrounded himself with some of the best: Susan Sarandon, Julie Christie, Shia LaBeouf, Sam Elliott, classical child singer Jackie Evancho (as his daughter), Anna Kendrick, Chris Cooper and Stanley Tucci. Redford's last film, "The Conspirator," didn't hit its mark at the box office. We need to support him on this one!



Robert Redford

Who would have thought when "Avatar" toppled "Titanic" as the No. 1 box-office grosser of all time that there would be a new contender for the top spot so soon? By the time you read this, "The Avengers" will have moved up from No. 11 to No. 4 after grossing \$1.03 billion in its first two weeks. "Avatar" sits in the top spot with \$2.8 billion, while "Titanic," newly released in 3D, is fast moving upward from \$2.2 billion. At this rate, "the Avengers" is packing enough heat and muscle to kick "Avatar's" box-office butt and sink "The Titanic" before you can name all six of its superheroes!

BITS 'N' PIECES: If you're dying to meet pop princess Katy Perry, there's no need to go to one of her concerts. Just lunch at The Chateau Marmont, where she dines a lot while redoing her nearby house. ... Why do you suppose Johnny Depp walked the red carpet for his new film, "Dark Shadows," but skipped his own after-party? Could it have been the reviews?

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



Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A recent spate of confusion regarding decision-making begins to clear up. But caution is still advised. Continue to check details. An old friend has important news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're anxious to see your ideas move from concept to development. But trying to force the issue right now could backfire. Wait for movement to resume on the 11th.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Keep your thoughts focused on the positive as you deal with an unexpected turn of events in a personal or professional relationship. This could be the start of a welcome change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Health matters take on added importance at this time. Deal with them before they interfere with your summer plans. A relationship that cooled off could soon warm up again.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While a few details involving upcoming decisions still need your attention, you fun-loving Felines can begin to spend more time enjoying your lively social life again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That long-sought-after career change could require you to move to another city. Weigh your decision carefully before either accepting or rejecting

the offer out of hand.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace situation can be awkward for Librans who prefer to keep their problems private. But you might have to "tell-all" if you hope to see it resolved in your favor.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your financial situation starts to improve this week, you still need to be cautious about money matters. Avoid major obligations, for now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your overall aspects continue to brighten, allowing you to tackle long-deferred challenges. A change in travel plans could work to your benefit.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things seem to be slowing down for the usually restless Sea Goat. But wouldn't a bit of respite be just what you need right now? Activity picks up by June 17.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Personal relationships take a positive turn for both married and single Aquarians. Professional commitments, however, could be complicated by newly emerging events.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A decision you thought was final might be reopened as new facts are discovered. This could lead to a short-term problem, but might ultimately prove beneficial.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your keen interest in pursuing global events could lead you into a career as a politician or reporter.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



"All us neighbors decided not to spoil your vacation by writing to you about your home ..."

LAFF-A-DAY



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HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



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DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My dog, "Andie," is a pretty laid-back border collie, well-socialized to other dogs and people. However, I am dismayed when a child runs up to her or another strange dog to pet or hug her. Andie tolerates these "surprise hugs" well, but other dogs may not be so well-trained. Can you please remind your readers about the right way to approach a strange dog? -- Carol J., Pittsburgh



DEAR CAROL: You got it! Approaching a dog, even a dog you know, should be done with caution and respect. Parents need to teach their children how to behave around dogs. More than half of the 4.7 million Americans bitten by dogs last year were children.

The American Veterinary Medical Association (avma.org) and Prevent the Bite (preventthebite.org) have joined the U.S. Postal Service to call attention to preventing dog bites. Here are some tips:

- Never leave a baby or a small child alone with a dog, even the family pet.
- Teach children not to approach strange dogs, run up to dogs to hug them or try to pet them through a fence.
- Always ask permission of a dog's owner before petting the dog. You should pet the dog first before letting your child pet the dog.
- Learn the right way to approach and pet a dog, including your own dog. It should first be able to see you and sniff you. If the dog tenses, bristles, growls or backs away, back off.
- Do not approach tethered or confined dogs, sleeping dogs or mothers taking care of puppies.
- If you're passing a dog, whether on or off a leash, walk steadily and calmly past, without making direct eye contact. Never run.

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ARTS & LEISURE



Area Events Provide an "Art Fest" of Summertime Activities

By Courtney Zorena – Orange Town News Correspondent

With summer months here and school coming to a close, relaxation is much needed. Although, boredom can set in quickly, thankfully, to keep us occupied, numerous events are happening in Orange and surrounding towns as well.

The **Orange Summer Craft Festival** is fun and filled with interesting items for the public. It has occurred in the past and has been quite successful. The Festival on June 30th will take place at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 680 Racebrook Road. The hours are ten am to four pm and the fee is \$60.

If festivals are too much and a serene environment is what you are looking for, the **Beverly Kaye Gallery** in Woodbridge is perfect. Beverly Kaye, a private dealer, features folk and contemporary art, photography, pueblo pottery and more. The gallery is open by appointment or chance. To visit call (203) 387-5700. The Gallery is located on 15 Lorraine Drive in Woodbridge.

Let the music flow through you at the **Walnut Beach Summer Concert Series** in Milford. The event is featuring

bands such as Locomotion and classic songs that are great to dance to. Feel free to bring food, drinks, chairs, and many friends. The concert is free and takes place at **Walnut Beach Viscount Drive and East Broadway**. The time is four pm to seven pm on August 5th.

Although the summer concerts are always fun and full of energy, a tranquil atmosphere is also needed. **The Gilded Lily Gallery** is perfect for that. It is located in the historic district of Milford. The Gallery includes a unique mix of fine art composed of sculpture, art glass, and handmade jewelry. Many local artists contribute their work as well as nationally known artists. The gallery is 101 River Street in Milford; call (203) 878-7007 with any questions or email info@gildedlilygallery.com.

History is all around us; why not learn about the foundation which brought us to where our area is today. Look no further than the **Ward – Heitmann House**. This is now being turned into a museum. It is the oldest surviving structure in West Haven and has a 300 year old history. The open house is on June 9th from 10 am to 2 pm. In order to have a guided tour please call in advance at (203) 937-9823. The house is located on 277 Elm Street, West Haven.

With today's technology, photography is becoming more and more popular. In order to pump up your photography skills, on June 7th at 7 pm the **Milford Photography Group** is having a meeting that includes a review of camera settings and shooting technique for better shots of people, places and things indoor or outdoor. Learn how to use telephoto and wide angle lenses as well. It takes place at **Milford Photo**, 22 River Street and is \$29.95 per person.

Time to tango..... at the **Argentine Tango Dance Class** in Milford. If you are interested in learning the authentic and exciting art of the tango, it features beginner and intermediate and advanced tango lessons. No partner is needed and it is amazing exercise. The instructor is Jorge Gem Duras from Tango Sueno. The beginner class is from 7-8 pm and the intermediate and advanced is 8-9 pm. The class is at the **Milford Center for the Arts** at 40 Railroad Avenue. To find out more, call (203) 543- 8099 or email info@tangosueno.com.



Courtney Zorena



THEATER REVIEW

The Gershwins' "Porgy and Bess"

by Zander Opper

"The Gershwins' Porgy and Bess" (that is how it is titled for this current production), at the Richard Rodgers Theatre on Broadway, is a perfectly enjoyable, well-acted version of this legendary 1935 opera that, ultimately, is not quite as operatic as one would hope. Having listened to numerous recordings of "Porgy and Bess" over the years—and getting a good sense of the full grandeur of this work, with George Gershwin's original orchestrations intact—this new revival can sound somewhat musically thin, or at least thinner than one would like. Still, there are compensations, especially in the casting of the leading roles. As Bess, they could not have found a better performer than Audra McDonald, who is almost literally on fire from beginning to end, with added nuances and shadings to her character that make her performance all the more powerful. And, not to be outdone, Norm Lewis is an extremely well-sung Porgy and when he and McDonald join voices in their big duets, the theatre rocks with the force of their combined talents. Adding a sly David Alan Grier as Sporting Life and a formidable Phillip Boykin as Crown to this production's assets, this current "Porgy and Bess" can certainly be recommended, even if one may be slightly disappointed that director Diane Paulus doesn't give this work the full, operatic treatment that it deserves.



Zander Opper

It must be commented that this new production of "Porgy and Bess" has raised its share of controversy, with no less than Stephen Sondheim weighing in with heavy criticism for the changes that director Paulus and adaptors Suzan-Lori Parks and Diedre L. Murray have imposed upon it. Chief among those changes is that, while Porgy still is a "cripple," he no longer has a goat and cart to get around; instead, he uses a cane and a brace for his leg. Consequently, he looks more hale and hearty than the usual Porgy, which robs this revival of some of the emotional resonance in the gradual, almost unlikely falling in love of the title characters and Crown's constant mentioning that Bess has chosen to be with a "cripple," rather than returning to Crown. And I must confess that there are moments where Norm Lewis almost looks as powerful as he did in the 1997 musical "Side Show," in which he made quite a formidable and forceful impression (and on the same Richard Rodgers stage, too, as it happens).

Still, these changes and reservations are by no means fatal, and there is much to commend about this current "Porgy and Bess." As mentioned, Audra McDonald is quite astounding as Bess, giving one of her best performances ever and there is a transparency to her acting that is breathtaking. And if Norm Lewis is hampered by the changes to his character, he still has one of the best voices around and the moment in Act II, when he exclaims that he is at last fully "Bess' man," the effect is nearly heart stopping. In addition, David Alan Grier shines as Sporting Life, delivering his two big numbers with relish, and it must be said that Phillip Boykin (in a stunning Broadway debut) has got to be one of the scariest and most imposing Crown's ever. Indeed, his scene alone with Bess in the beginning of the second act is where this production most succeeds in delivering the full power of this operatic work.

As it happens, though, these moments don't occur nearly as often as one would like. Nevertheless, this Gershwin score is still an honor to hear in a Broadway theatre (even in a thinned out orchestration) and each and every role in this production of "Porgy and Bess" is pretty much ideally cast. And if the overall effect of this opera is more smooth than overwhelming, "Porgy and Bess" remains one of the best works written for the American stage and with Audra McDonald, in particular, giving a powerhouse performance, it must be said that this production of "Porgy and Bess" is, despite my reservations, still a privilege to see. For tickets, you can call Ticketmaster at 877-250-2929 or go to PorgyAndBessOnBroadway.com.

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Dancers from Tinkle Toes Dance Academy recently performed at an event to benefit the Volunteers in Service to Education in India, a charity that funds projects to help women and children in need in India. The dancers, most of whom live in Orange, Bethany and Woodbridge, wore the traditional costumes, and jewelry unique to the Bollywood folk style of dance. The Tinkle Toes Dance Academy is owned and operated by Devangi Dharani of Orange.

Children's Book Author Wants to Feed the Poor in Haiti

To help feed the poor in Haiti, Ruth YouYou, the author of *The Bird That Could Not Fly*, will donate the proceeds of each book that is purchased to the Brothers and Sisters for Haiti, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving lives in Haiti through healthcare programs, education, and community development.

Ruth YouYou, a mother of two young children became a Nurse because she wanted to help others. As a Haitian immigrant who moved to the United States when she was a young child, she wanted to establish a food bank to feed the hungry in Haiti. After the earthquake in 2010, Ruth YouYou and her sister, Marie Saintiche, both RNs, went to Haiti to provide medical care to the victims of the earthquake overwhelmed by the number of victims in need of medical care and limited supplies. Ruth YouYou and her sister Marie decided to organize the Brothers and Sisters for Haiti. Brothers and Sisters for Haiti is located in Orange, CT.

Since 2010, Brothers and Sisters for Haiti has worked with local partners to improve lives in Haiti by focusing on Healthcare, Education, and Community Development. Alarmed by the large numbers of deaths of mothers and children during childbirth, Brothers and Sisters for Haiti made its primary focus to develop health care programs in Haiti. With the help of other organizations, Brothers and Sisters started a primary care clinic in Lascahobas, an isolated village located in central Haiti. The clinic provides prenatal care, maternal care, vaccinations and treatment of infectious disease. The clinic also provides classes in nutrition and hygiene.

Ruth YouYou sought to help expand the services that Brothers and Sisters for Haiti provides by starting a family shelter and a food bank. Recently in Haiti there have been deadly food riots as increasing food prices have made it even more difficult for people to survive. However, like many non-profits, Brothers and Sisters for Haiti relies on donations. To help raise funds, she decided to donate the proceeds for every purchase of her book, *The Bird That Could Not Fly*.

The Bird That Could Not Fly, by Ruth YouYou, is an illustrated story book for young children. For additional information on purchasing the book, contact Ruth YouYou or visit www.xlibris.com/thebirdthatcouldnotfly or call 1(888)795-4274 to purchase the book for only \$12.99. The book sends a message to children to stand firm and not be influenced by others who make bad decisions. In this modern time, children of all ages need to learn that making good decisions leads to good things and making bad decisions can only make life tougher. Purchase the book now for your children and help feed the poor in Haiti.

Robert Kennedy to Address OACC

The Orange Arts and Culture Council invites everyone to attend the General Membership Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:30 P.M. in the Senior Lounge at High Plains Community Center. Plans for the coming year will be discussed and input is welcomed from those attending the meeting. Some activities this year included The Build a Better Bird House event at the Orange Agricultural Fair, a Boston Museum of Fine Arts trip, a ceramic clay workshop, a Galvanized Band Fund Raiser, and the opening of The Gallery at Town Hall, featuring local artists. The Board anticipates more activities of this nature in the future.

The speaker for the evening meeting will be Robert Kennedy, Director of The Amity Creative Theater, an award winning program at the Senior High School in Woodbridge. Rob and his wife Andrea have revitalized the theater program at Amity and their productions have won state and national awards. They have directed several plays at Amity, including: *The Laramie Project*, *The Boys Next Door*, *Grease*, *Rent*, *Les Miserables*, *Almost, Maine*, and *Chicago*. This year the ACT has been invited to perform at the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland, where they will mount *Almost, Maine*. The Kennedys have made theater going at Amity a community event, at which audience members can proudly support the creative efforts of our young people.

Come and join us—the meeting is open to the public and we welcome everyone.

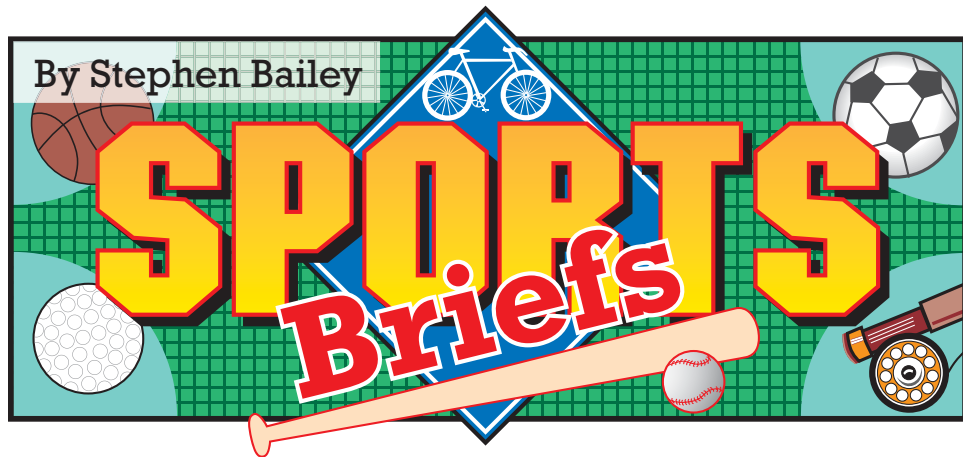


Zeoli Dedicates "The Gallery at Town Hall"

On May 9th, Orange first selectman Jim Zeoli cut the ribbon at the grand opening and dedication of "The Gallery at Town Hall", a joint venture of the Orange Arts & Cultural Council and the Town of Orange. The Gallery is an intimate exhibit space, a part of the initiative to put art in public spaces, and is located on the second floor of the Town Hall (617 Orange Center Road, Orange). The Gallery has a cable hanging system hanging apparatus comprised of flexible cables and hooks. The apparatus allows for a wide range of possibilities when determining how to configure artwork on the walls.

The opening exhibit features the work of Graham Dale (who attended the event), a local artist who has exhibited in the U.S.A. and abroad, and is well known as a teacher as well. Some of the work feature scenes of Orange and will be exhibited now through June 30th; Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:30 P.M.





By Stephen Bailey

Amity Baseball Captures SCC Title, Making Run in LLs

The No. 3 seed Spartans won their first Southern Connecticut Conference title in six years when they defeated Shelton 2-1 on May 26. Senior reliever Austin Pokluda got the call from Amity coach Sal Coppola and came through with a two-hitter to stifle the top-seeded Gaels in his first-ever varsity start. After allowing a run in the first inning, Pokluda settled down quickly and did not allow another hit through six innings of work.

The Spartans evened the score in the fifth inning when Keith Klebart drove in RJ Moquet on a RBI groundout. Then in the seventh, they won it. Pinch-hitter Sean Bieulieu hit a leadoff single, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt and came home on a Grayson Amoroso two-out single to centerfield. Sam Nepiarsky came in for Pokluda in the seventh to strike out the side and seal Amity's fourth SCC crown.

The Spartans carried their momentum into the Class LL State Tournament as the No. 7 seed. Amity thrashed No. 26 Fairfield Ludlowe in the first round as Vin Siena drove in four runs and finished a single short of the cycle. Moquet and Paul Gusmano chipped in with two RBIs apiece. A 4-3 victory over No. 10 Xavier followed and the Spartans now take on No. 18 Southington, a team coming off a 3-2 upset of No. 2 Pomperaug, in the quarterfinals.

Spartans Softball in Class LL State Quarterfinals

The Amity softball team rebounded from a loss in the Southern Connecticut Conference championship game with two strong victories to start the Class LL State Championship. The sixth-seeded Spartans disposed of No. 27 Newtown 8-1 behind Dana Blydenburg, who allowed five hits while striking out five batters. Emily Fox recorded two hits and two runs while Jacqui Ferrailolo led the offensive charge with three hits and two runs scored while Emily Fox added a pair of runs and two hits.

After taking down No. 22 New Milford 9-3 in the second round, the 20-5 Spartans now face No. 3 Darien in the quarterfinals. The Orange bats will have to be ready as the Blue Wave pitching staff has allowed just one run combined in its two tournament games thus far.

Eldracher Leads Amity to 3rd Place Finish At State Championship

Junior Alexa Eldracher won the long jump and triple jump at the girls Class LL State Championship Meet, helping the Spartans to a third-place finish in Manchester. Eldracher leaped 17 feet, 2 inches to win the long jump by just a two-inch margin. In the triple jump, however, her 37-foot, 2.25-inch mark was tops by more than two feet. Eldracher also ran the first leg of Amity's second-place 4 x 100-meter relay team.

Zoie Reed, Shaylyn Sullivan and Allison Maier rounded out the squad. Catherine Simon placed second in the shot put with a throw of 38 feet, 3 inches as the Spartans finished with 71.5 points, behind only Glastonbury (85.66) and champion Norwich Free Academy (110.5).

On the boys' side, Amity's David Karabinos won the discus with a 131-foot, 9-inch toss and finished fourth in the high jump, clearing the 6-foot, 2-inch bar. Mike Vitale and Jehanzeb Kayani took second and third in the shot put, throwing 48 feet, 6.5 inches and 46 feet, 4 inches, respectively. Amity finished fifth with 48 points as Staples took the Class LL title.

Amity Rugby Competes at Connecticut State Championship

The Amity rugby team wrapped up its season on May 27 at the Connecticut State Championship. The Amity 15's side defeated divisional rival Madison in its first match before falling to division winner Fairfield Prep in its second.

Amity continued to make strides in only its third year of existence this season. 23 members of this year's team return as the club sees five seniors graduate, including founding members Tyler Bishop (Orange, Conn.) and Eddie Walsh (Woodbridge, Conn.).

Students interested in playing rugby this summer, Olympic-style 7s events will be held in Springfield, Danbury, Cheshire and New Britain. For more information, visit the Amity Rugby page on Facebook.



Orange Native "Reaches New Heights"

By Stephen Bailey – Orange Town News Correspondent

Allison Barwise has always been one to rise to the occasion. As an athlete at Amity Regional High School, she won the indoor state high jump four years in a row. As a senior in 2009, she was named Amity's Athlete of the Year and New England's outdoor high jump champion. And upon graduation, Barwise held six high school records.

But when the now-Boston University junior lined up for her second attempt at the ECAC Championship on May 13, Barwise rose higher than ever before. She cleared a 1.87-meter (6-foot, 1.6-inch) bar to qualify for U.S. Olympic Trials. "It was the most exciting thing that's ever happened to me," Barwise said. "I was ecstatic. I jumped off the mats and was immediately overwhelmed because it was so important to me. It was just such a big goal so accomplishing that was just very exciting."

Barwise's jump was good for second best in the nation this year, and was just short of the Terriers program record, though she has a whole year to meet that mark. It was the latest, and most impressive accomplishment of the 21-year-old Orange native's athletics career.

With NCAA's coming up June 6-9, Barwise is maintaining her focus on competing against the best of the best collegiate jumpers, but by achieving her season-long goal clearing the "A" standard for U.S. Olympic Trials, she guaranteed herself one of 24 spots in the June 28 preliminary round. The top 12 competitors will return two days later and three Olympic representatives, all of whom must clear a 1.95-meter, Olympic "A" standard bar, will be selected to represent the United States in the 2012 Games in London this summer.

While Barwise said that height, which equates to roughly 6 feet, 5 inches is likely out of reach at this point in her career, she values the opportunity to compete at trials and still plans on jumping her best. "It is very competitive on paper, but you never know what's going to happen that day," Barwise said. "People aren't feeling well or their nerves get to them. But I'm just going there — it's such an honor to be in that group of athletes."

But to perform at her highest at both national and Olympic trials, Barwise knows there are still improvements to make. As she continues to raise the bar, Barwise must learn to stay patient. The higher the bar is set, the longer she must wait to throw her head back and initiate her arc. By starting the process too early, she risks knocking the bar off on her way up. BU assistant coach Mike Delgado said the two have been working on this technical aspect almost exclusively over the last few weeks in hopes of having her qualify for trials and clearly it paid off. "She jumped pretty high indoors and things were continuing to go well outdoors," Delgado said. "[Qualifying for trials] was pretty much the goal for the majority of the outdoor season. Every time she jumped, we basically put the bar through that qualifying mark, until she finally cleared it."

Delgado said Barwise elevates her performance considerably in meets. She brings an unmatched intensity and thrives on the adrenaline of competition. But in practice, she never even attempts to clear anything higher than 6 feet. "There's kind of two different people," Delgado said. "In a meet she's very intense, borderline on nervous when she's competing. But as far as practice goes, she's pretty laid-back and easy to coach." Delgado believes Barwise could likely jump as high as 1.90-1.92 meters with her best jump now, but she has the time and room for improvement to break that 1.95-meter mark.

With a full season of collegiate competition ahead of her, the ceiling is high for Barwise. If she chooses, Delgado said Barwise could be a contender to make the U.S. 2016 Olympic team. But regardless of which direction she takes, it's clear she'll continue to rise to each and every challenge she faces. "I never really thought about competing after college until recently," Barwise said. "... I'm going to see how trials go this year and how my college season goes next year, and decide with my coach what we want to do for the next three years. "But it's definitely a possibility just to think about training for it. I think I would be upset with myself if I didn't at least try."



LOCAL SPORTS



Amity Rugby Club Finishes Strong

The season ended well for the young Amity rugby club on Sunday at the Connecticut State Championship. The event was held at the Madison Surf club fields with 21 teams playing. The Amity 15's side finished the day with a strong win over division rival Madison in its first match and a very narrow loss to the ultimate division winner Fairfield Prep in the second contest.

With just five seniors leaving this year, the club will see twenty three returning players in 2013 – the largest number from Orange. Rugby is not completely over for the club in 2012 as there are plans to play Olympic style 7's rugby at events in Springfield, Danbury, Cheshire and the Nutmeg Games in New Britain this summer. Students interested in Olympic style rugby can visit AMITY RUGBY on Facebook for more information.



Pictured (L to R): Front row: Grace Whitman, Nicole Koshes, Victoria Kellogg, Shari Minalga, Taylor DeRienzo, Emily Mullins, Brittany LaChance, Jenna Geffert, Caitlyn O'Hara, Jenna Thomas, Carly Marchitto. Back row: Coaches Jim Geffert, Frank Koshes, Carl Marchitto, Jackie Mastracchio.

Locals Bring Home a Trophy"

The Connecticut Raiders 12U Travel Softball program brought home a trophy from the CT Bombers "Rose City Rumble" that was played in Norwich this past weekend. They finished strong in the Championship game against the Mirage Travel program which is from Brookfield. This tournament had elite teams from across the States of Connecticut and New York.

The players are from Orange, Bethany and Seymour.

Alumni Hall of Fame Set to Induct Five

The Amity Athletic Alumni Hall of Fame will induct five new members at the annual Amity Block A dinner June 10th at Grassy Hill Country Club at 5:00 p.m.

The 2012 inductees include Gary Rispoli, Steven Kuster, Kristen Logue, Dawn Hirokawa and George Taylor.

Gary Rispoli ('71) played basketball (3) and baseball (3) during his three years at Amity. In basketball, Gary was a member of the 1971 Undefeated Housatonic League Championship (20-0) regular season team and made Second Team All Housatonic in his senior year. In baseball, Gary was a very talented second baseman. He was a Co-Captain of the baseball team in his senior year. Gary won the Block "A" Award once for basketball and baseball. In addition to his athletic career, Gary was Amity's head baseball coach from 1978-1991 with a won/loss record 210/101, Housatonic League Champs 1987 and qualified for the state tournament all 14 years. Gary also won the Amity Coaches Award 1990.

Steven Kuster ('88) was a member of the swim team (4) during his four years at Amity. Steven made First Team All Housatonic in all four years. He made First Team All State in his sophomore, junior and senior years. Steven served as team Captain in his senior year. He was New Haven Register Athlete of the Week and Top Area Swimmer during his junior and senior years. Steven was Amity Male Athlete of the Year for 1988. Steven's individual awards for swimming include LL State Champion for 200, 500 Freestyle, 400 Freestyle Relay 85-86 and 87-88, LL State Champion and State Open Champion for 200 Individual Medley, 100 Butterfly, 400 Freestyle Relay 86-87. He also was the State Open Champion in the 500 Freestyle 87-88. When Steven graduated from Amity he held records in 100, 200, 500 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 100 Butterfly, 200 Individual Medley and 400 Freestyle Relay.

Kristen Logue ('92) played soccer (4), basketball (4) and softball (4) during her four years at Amity. In soccer, Kristen made First Team All Housatonic in her sophomore, junior and senior years. She was selected to the All Area and All State teams during her senior year and won the MVP Award too. In basketball, Kristen made First Team All Housatonic in her senior year and won the MVP Award. She was also elected to the New Haven Tap Off Club Scholar Athlete Team in 1992. In softball, Kristen made First Team All Housatonic in her sophomore, junior and senior years and won the MVP Award. Kristen was Captain of all three sports during her senior year. She was also Amity's Versatility Award winner for 1992.

Dawn Hirokawa ('95) played soccer (4) and softball (4) during her four years at Amity. In soccer, Dawn made First Team All Housatonic and All Area in her junior and senior years. She also won the team's MVP Award in her senior year. In softball, Dawn made First Team All Housatonic and All Area in her junior and senior years. She also made First Team All State in her senior year. She was the team's MVP Award winner in both her junior and senior years. She was Captain of both teams in her senior year too. She was Amity's Female Athlete of the Year in 1995. In addition to her athletic accomplishments, Dawn excelled in the classroom and was named Amity's Scholar Athlete of the year for 1995.

George Taylor (Teacher/Coach) for 36 years as a teacher and currently 43 years as a coach, George has been part of the Amity High School faculty. Well respected by his administrators, peers, students/athletes both in and out of the classroom, George's teaching career began in 1969 and lasted until his retirement in 2005, where George was a Physical Education/Health Teacher (Dept. Chairman 1986-2002). George started his coaching career in 1969 as varsity men's soccer coach and he held that position until 1979. He coached men's junior varsity basketball from 1970 - 1978 when he took over the varsity program from 1979 - 1987. He became the men's golf coach in 2003 and is still coaching the team today. During these years his teams have won numerous league and divisional championships as well as qualifying for CIAC state tournaments. For his achievements, George won the New Haven Register Golf Coach of the Year Award in 2011. He has also received, in the past, Amity's Coach of the Year Award. George was also instrumental in the development of Amity's Intramural Program and was its coordinator from 1969-1994.



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Messore Named West Haven Businessperson of the Year

Michael Richetelli, President of Colonial Properties, Inc. is pleased to announce that Fred A. Messore, Vice President has been named the 2012 Businessperson of the Year by the West Haven Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Messore has been an active member of West Haven's business community for many years. Fred's interest in the progress of the city began when he was the Executive Director of the West Haven Economic Development Corporation where he spearheaded many projects critical to the economic health of the City, including the \$110,000,000 regional train station which is currently under construction. As a Commercial Realtor with Colonial Properties, he has sought to enhance West Haven's business community by facilitating the sale of buildings such as Chuck's Steakhouse and Car Tech on the Boston Post Road, the Knights of Columbus building, and participating in the sale of 135 Front Avenue - a 43,000 sf light industrial building. One of the many projects that he is currently focused on is representing the University of New Haven with the expansion and development of its campus.



Fred Messore

Fred's commitment to West Haven is apparent with his active involvement with the West Haven Chamber of Commerce since 2000 and his nomination to the Executive Board of Directors last year. "He has always been a leader in our community, has great energy, and a good vision of what economic development efforts will benefit West Haven. When help is needed Fred is always one of the first to step up. We are fortunate to have him on the Board of our Chamber" said Executive Director, Nick Dematties. Mr. Messore is very active in many other professional and civic organizations including being a Past President and Director of the Alife Italian Society of America, Vice President of the Paugusset Pool and Tennis Club, member of The Amity Club, Knights of Columbus, Holy Infant Church and a graduate of the Greater New Haven Leadership Center.

Orange Rotary to Honor Two Community Servants

The Rotary Club of Orange has chosen Tom Pisano, Founder and Director of the Orange Soccer Association and James Messina, of St. Martin dePorres Academy as its Paul Harris Award recipients for 2012. The awards will be presented at its annual Installation and Paul Harris Fellows Night on Friday, June 15th at Racebrook Country Club.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named in honor of Rotary's founder and the recipients are chosen based on how they exemplify the object of Rotary in their community involvement. "Both of our recipients this year are outstanding men who work tirelessly to improve their respective communities - Tom through his vision and longstanding commitment to create and grow the soccer program in Orange has influenced hundreds of young people in the past 25 years and Jim devotes his professional and private life to working with inner city youth, as the founder and faculty mentor for the Interact Club at St. Martin de Porres Academy" said club President, Diane Eger.

Tom Pisano is the face of soccer in Orange. Having founded the Orange Soccer Association in 1985, he has led its growth from the early days at Mary L. Tracy School to overseeing the development of the soccer complex at Fred Wolfe Park. On any Sunday the fields at Mary L. Tracy, High Plains Community Center, and Fred Wolfe Park are packed with children and their families. Three generations of young people have benefitted from Tom's dedication and determination. From clearing the fields, coaching the teams, refereeing the games, overseeing the parking lots to designing the pitch - Tom has a hand in all aspects of the program. Tom is a professional engineer employed by Trane Heating and Air Conditioning Systems. He lives in Orange with his wife Peggy. They have two children, TJ and Katie.

Jim Messina was a founding faculty member of Saint Martin de Porres Academy in 2005. The school is a tuition-free Catholic Middle School that is located in the Hill neighborhood of New Haven. Jim is presently the Director of Spiritual Development which involves teaching Religion and coordinating all student service projects, retreats, and in-school prayer services. In 2010, Jim was chosen to be the faculty advisor for the first Interact Club in a middle school setting for Rotary District 7980 which is sponsored by the Orange Rotary Club. After two years, Jim is proud that his middle school students have worked to raise awareness about important issues within the school's neighborhood and around the world. The club's "Kyle's Kids" program was recently recognized as the Outstanding Middle School Community Service Project of the Year by Rotary International.

The Club will also install the 2012/13 officers that evening. Michael Richetelli is the incoming president, Carl Russell, President elect, Rich Pit-tala, Vice President, Ned Martin, Treasurer and Baxter Walsh, secretary.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner with a choice of salmon with beurre blanc, chicken marsala or grilled hanger steak is at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person with a cash bar. Anyone wishing to attend, should contact: Trish Pearson, trishpearson281@gmail.com or call 203-516-0780 by June 12th.

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Death Notices



John L. Capecelatro

John L. Capecelatro, age 89 of Orange, beloved husband of Gloria Aldo Capecelatro, passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at St. Raphael's Hospital. Born on October 9, 1922 he was the son of the late Gennaro and Frances Cuzzocreo Capecelatro. John was co-owner of Hillside Farms Co. with his brother Ralph, who predeceased him. He was a member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department, belonged to many fire associations and was proud to serve as the Fire Chief, and was also a supernumerary police officer for the Orange Police department. John was a devout and dedicated usher and communicant of Holy Infant Church. He was an antique car and truck enthusiast and, for many years, was involved with the Draft Horse Association.



John L. Capecelatro

Besides his wife Gloria of 66 years, he is survived by children Richard Capecelatro and his wife Diane of Orange; Carol Traester and her husband William of Simsbury; sister, Ann Levenduski; sister-in-law, Elaine Capecelatro, grandchildren, Kevin Capecelatro and his wife Jeanine, Michael and Robert Capecelatro, Mary and Eric Traester; two great grandchildren, Anthony and Julia Capecelatro; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his cherished daughter Mary Lee Capecelatro.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 1 at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Rd. Orange. Interment followed at St. Lawrence Cemetery in West Haven, CT. Memorial contributions may be made to the Connecticut American Parkinson Disease Association, CT Chapter ADPA, 27 Allendale Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 or the Lupus Foundation of America, CT Chapter, 270 Farmington Avenue Suite 218 Farmington, CT 06032.

Reverend Clement Kasinskis, C.P.

The Rev. Clement Kasinskis, C.P., 82, of St. Ann's Passionist Monastery, Scranton, Pa. died Tuesday, May 15 after a long illness. Father Clement was born on August 17, 1929, in Derby, to the late Joseph and Eva Burcius Kasinskis. He was educated in the schools of Ansonia, and joined the Passionists in 1945, graduated from Holy Cross Preparatory Seminary, Dunkirk, N.Y. in 1947. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 3, 1957 at St. Michael's Monastery in Union City, NJ. After ordination, Father Clement spent over 30 years preaching missions and retreats in English and Lithuanian. For 15 of those years he simultaneously ministered in the Byzantine Ruthenian Rite of the Eparchy of Passaic, NJ. He preached missions and did weekend ministry in the parishes of the Eparchy.

During his years as a Passionist, Father Clement was stationed at St. Ann's Monastery, Scranton, PA, St. Gabriel's Monastery, Brighton, MA, and Holy Family Monastery, West Hartford.

Father Clement is survived by a sister, Anne Verbiskas and her husband John of Orange, a brother, Edward Kasinskis and his wife Anne of Bethany, his sisters-in-law Emily Kasinskis and Adele Kasinskis, nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews and great grandnieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Joseph, Anthony and Michael Kasinskis and two sisters, Nellie Stankus and Jennie Kacerguis.

Father Clement's funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Ann's Basilica Friday, May 18. Burial followed at St. Ann's Cemetery, Scranton, PA.

Milford J. Deprey

Milford J. Deprey, 88, of Orange, CT, passed away on April 16, 2012 at Griffin Hospital in Derby. Mr. Deprey was proud of his northern Maine heritage. He was born in the village of Wallagrass and grew up in the French speaking town of Madawaska. He had a lifelong interest in learning which he pursued at Boston University, Wesleyan University and the University of Connecticut. He shared this love of learning as a science teacher with students at Amity Regional Junior High School in Orange for over 25 years and went on to train other science teachers as a member of the faculty at Southern Connecticut State University. Mr. Deprey was known for his memorable attention-grabbing experiments at Amity and his nurturing support of aspiring science teachers at SCSU. He was a founding member of the Orange Land Trust.

Mr. Deprey is predeceased by his beloved wife Eileen Rice Deprey and is survived by his children, Jerome Deprey of Harwinton, CT; Lissa Law of Orange, CT; Karen Gardiner of Davidsonville, MD; and Marc Deprey, of Sebastopol, CA.

A scholarship fund in Milford's name has been established at Southern Connecticut State University. Checks should be made payable to: SCSU Foundation (note on the check that the funds are intended for the Milford J. Deprey Science Educator Scholarship Fund) and sent to: Advancement Services, Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515.

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What's Trending?

By Roberta L. Nestor

Retirement Income Planning – that is what is “trending” and will be for many, many years to come. It is estimated that 7,000 Americans will be reaching retirement age, every day for the next 17 years. This is a staggering amount of individuals who will have gone through the accumulation phase of preparing for retirement and now have to figure out the “decumulation” phase. How will you generate reliable, consistent income throughout retirement?

There is no one strategy that covers all the bases,” said Dave Littell, JD, ChFC®, CFP®, professor at The American College. “Pre-retirees need to understand the full range of options and solutions that are available to them.” While there is a definitive planning process for retirement income, you will still need to understand some of the risks including inflation, investment performance, longevity, medical expenses, taxation, and other issues.

Dollars and sense

Our markets and economy have much to do with the success of one's retirement plan. Think of the different experience for someone who retired in the early 1990's has had versus someone who retired 10 years ago. From 1982 – 1999 the DJIA averaged an annual return of 15%, whereas that same index from years 2000 thru 2011 generated a 1% annual average rate of return. Recent retirees have had little or no growth of capital and income has been hard to come by with our near zero interest rate environment.

If you don't want your retirement income to be dependent on markets or interest rates, there are few alternatives with income guarantees* that are available in various fixed annuity products. Immediate annuities can provide a guaranteed income for life, for you and your spouse. If you have looked at these products in the past, you may have been turned off because of the lack of liquidity or fear that the income wouldn't keep pace with inflation. Well, you may want to take a second peek. Today's immediate annuities have added two critical components – inflation protection and access to principal.

Insurers have become very innovative and planning ahead for the escalation of forthcoming retirees. Perhaps one of the most exciting products is those that provide guarantees now for income later. You make a single premium deposit and the insurance company will guarantee you a future guaranteed payout in 5, 10, 11, 12 – 15 years – you pick the maturity date. This means if you plan ahead, you will know what your annuity income will be at retirement. These products are referred to as future income annuities versus immediate income annuities.

While immediate or future income annuities can help with inflation, longevity and sometimes tax issues, it doesn't address the risk of medical expenses. Catastrophic medical expenses in retirement often translates into how would you afford the potential costs of needing long term care. While stand alone long term care (LTC) policies have been in existence for nearly 30 years, they have become cost prohibitive for people who are close to retirement age. A stand alone LTC policy for a 65 year old female that would pay \$300 a day for care for a 3-year period would cost \$11,476 a year (John Hancock, CT Partnership with \$328,500 of asset protection). That's steep for anyone, especially someone entering retirement.

The next level of innovation brings consumers a sound alternative to stand alone LTC policies. They are “hybrid” products that can provide tax free accumulation, guarantee of principal and interest and a tax free death benefit that can also be used if you need long term care. This is a solid alternative if you have bank savings that are earning low interest and don't want to pay premiums for something you may never need.

New products are constantly emerging for the baby boomers. Let a financial advisor sift through these and show you which plan will fit best with your needs, time frame and risk tolerance. Retirement is a one shot deal. You don't have to take unnecessary risks, but you do need to plan ahead.

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Roberta L. Nestor is a financial advisor practicing at 491 New Haven Avenue in Milford, CT offering retirement, long term care, investment and tax planning services. She also offers securities and advisory services as an Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network – a member FINRA/SIPC and a Registered Investment Adviser. Tax planning and fixed insurance products and services offered through TSM Financial Services are separate and unrelated to Commonwealth. She can be reached at TSM Financial Services, 203-876-8066 or roberta@tsmfinancial.com.

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The Sunrise 18 Hole Stroll is an early morning walk at the TPC River Highlands during the Travelers Championship. All net proceeds will benefit The Lustgarten Foundation which is the nation's largest private foundation dedicated solely to funding pancreatic cancer research. Held on June 24, 2012 at 7:30 AM, The Sunrise 18 Hole Stroll aims to raise money and awareness for much needed research for pancreatic cancer, America's fourth-leading cause of cancer deaths.

The event will kick off with registration starting at 6:30 AM and the walk begins at 7:30 AM until 9:30 AM. Registration is \$50 and includes an entrance pass to the tournament, a continental breakfast at the tournament's Pro-Am tent, a complimentary purple shirt, and the Sunrise 18 Hole Stroll. Afterwards, enjoy some of golf's greatest players and help us raise awareness and money to fund pancreatic research. The color purple represents Pancreatic Cancer and we hope to fill the “Gallery” with purple shirts.

Diane Olin of Orange is a committee member of the Sunrise Stroll and is working in this area to help raise awareness and funds. Her husband Steve lost a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer when he was only 68 years old. With an overall survival rate of just six percent, pancreatic cancer is a disease with no prevention, no early tests and, unless detected in its early stages, no cure. The Lustgarten Foundation works to advance scientific and clinical research related to the diagnosis, treatment, and cure of pancreatic cancer. One hundred percent of all donations to the Lustgarten Foundation will go directly to pancreatic cancer research.

To register for the walk or to make a donation, please go to www.lustgarten.org/travelerschampionship. For further questions, please call The Lustgarten Foundation at 866-789-1000 or call Diane at 203-430-8713.

Town of Orange Meetings for the Month of June 2012

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	Country Fair Committee	7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
5th	Economic Development Comm.	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
7th	OGAT.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Tree Committee.....	4:30 pm	Town Hall
	Traffic Authority.....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commissioners	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education.....	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Commission.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education	7:30 pm	Mary L Tracy
12th	Inland Wetlands Commission.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	OVNA Governing Board.....	8:30 am	Clark Bldg
	Board of Selectmen.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
14th	Elderly Housing Liaison Comm.	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services	7:30 pm	HPCC
18th	Family Counseling.....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health	7:30 pm	Clark Bldg
19th	GATA	7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission	7:30 pm	Town Hall
20th	Safety & Health Committee.....	9:00 am	Police Station
	CERT.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Recycling Commission	7:00 pm	HPCC
21st	Case Memorial Library Comm.....	7:30 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
22nd	Emerg. Mgmt. Advisory Council ...	8:00 am	Police Station
25th	Youth Services	7:30 pm	HPCC
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Celebrate the Town of Orange's 190th Anniversary Celebration

Independence Day Concert & Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 7th (rain date Sunday, July 8th)

Orange Fairgrounds - Gazebo

525 Orange Center Road, Orange

Anniversary Celebration
6:30 pm

Concert
7:00 – 9:30 pm

Fireworks Display
9:30 – 10:00 pm.

The town of Orange is celebrating its 190th Birthday this year! As part of the celebration the town is holding an event on Saturday, July 7th at the Orange Fairgrounds. The anniversary ceremony will be followed by the Town's Annual Independence Day Concert and Fireworks Display.

The concert band will be "The Bernadettes" and the Fireworks Display will be performed by nationally renowned "Zambelli Fireworks Company". The Orange Town News is organizing this year's fireworks display and will be producing a "Commemorative Program" for the event.

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