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Incoming Peck Place School Principal, Eric Carbone with his family.

Orange Welcomes Two New Principals

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The school buses have barely rolled away from the schools for the last time before a long summer, but two people are already looking forward to the first day of school. Both Turkey Hill and Peck Place Schools will have new principals next school year.

Just before press time, Stephen Bergin accepted the position as principal at Turkey Hill School. Bergin was principal at a Hamden elementary school for five years. Prior to that, he was an assistant principal in Westport for three years, where he was also a teacher. He earned his sixth year degree from Southern and is currently in the doctorate program at Boston College.

On June 21, the full Board of Education had an opportunity to meet Bergin and according to Superintendent of Schools Lynn Mullin, during the application process, Bergin impressed them with a very open, approachable style. "He's very likeable. He also has a strong reputation for collaboration,

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Race Brook Country Club was founded in 1912.

Race Brook Country Club Continues Celebration

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

If not for a lone balloon tied to an inconspicuous mailbox at 246 Derby Avenue, the entrance to a stately clubhouse overlooking 275 acres of manicured pristine greens would largely go unnoticed. But for the past 100 years, members and guests who turn onto the tree-lined driveway that leads to Race Brook Country Club have been treated to stunning views of landscape and nature and welcomed by a friendly staff.

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ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



STUDENT NEWS

Christina Rully Named to Dean's List for Spring 2012 Semester

Christina Rully '13 of Orange, CT, was named to Eastern Connecticut State University's Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester. Rully is a full-time Sport & Leisure Management major.

Eastern Connecticut State University is the state's public liberal arts university. Eastern serves approximately 5,600 students each year on its Willimantic campus and satellite locations.

Zachary Kirwood Makes Dean's List

Zachary A. Kirwood, son of Roger and Lucia Bartiromo Kirwood, recently graduated with departmental honors from Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, where he majored in American Studies. He is a 2008 graduate of Amity High School and is currently employed by Planned Parenthood of America.

Kasey Killeen Makes Dean's List At Villanova University

Kasey Killeen of Orange, a 2010 graduate of Amity High School, has earned the high standard of academic excellence of placement on the Dean's List at Villanova University. She has completed her sophomore year in the Honor's Program at Villanova and is majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Spanish. Recently, she was selected to be an Honors Peer Advisor, and is the Community Service Chairperson for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars at Villanova. Kasey is also a member of the Villanova National Spanish Honor Society.

Kasey is a volunteer for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics which is hosted at Villanova and is a Relay for Life Committee member. Kasey works at the Villanova Math Learning Resource Center and she is also a volunteer tutor to the high school students at School of the Future in Philadelphia, PA. In addition, she volunteers at Kairos House (a project H.O.M.E. facility).

AnnMarie DeMichiel Makes Dean's List

AnnMarie DeMichiel, an English major at Albertus Magnus College, has been named to AMC's Spring 2012 Dean's List and has earned a 4.0 GPA. She currently works as a tutor at the Albertus Magnus Writing Center and volunteers at the Case Memorial Library in Orange. AnnMarie graduated from Amity High School in 2010.

John Drelich Graduates from Calvary Christian H.S.

John Drelich, former Orange resident and Amity High school student, recently graduated with honors from Calvary Christian High School, Clearwater, Florida, on June 1, 2012. While at Calvary, John was inducted into the National Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society and served as Vice President of the Student Government Association. He will be swimming Division One for Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina and plans to major in Business. John resides with his family in Safety Harbor, FL and trains with Randy Reese and the Clearwater Aquatic Team.

Scott Backer Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Scott Backer has graduated Magna Cum Laude from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a double major in Political Communications and Journalism & Mass Communications with a minor in Political Science from GW's School of Media and Public Affairs. As part of GW's Commencement Weekend Scott was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest Academic Honor Society. Scott is the son of Bruce and Lois Backer of Orange. He was a 2008 graduate of the Amity Regional High School.



Scott Backer

Nicole Sweeney Receives Saint Anselm College Book Award

The faculty and staff of Lauralton Hall proudly revealed the names of this year's underclass award recipients at an awards ceremony held on June 6th. Over 150 students received awards for outstanding accomplishments in academics, athletics, the arts and for community service. Nicole Sweeney of Orange received the Saint Anselm College Book Award which is given to a junior who has demonstrated academic success and exceptional leadership qualities in the area of civic engagement.

Michael Tucci Makes Dean's List

Michael Tucci, Amity class of 2009, achieved the Dean's List from Bryant University in R.I. Over his 4 years, his scholastic average is 37.6. This spring semester Michael held a 38.8 average. Originally from Orange, he now resides in Foster, R.I.



Retiring principal Al deCant and administrative assistant Amy Ruggiero.

"Singing Principal" Retires after 39 Years of Service

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

It may be melodramatic to compare Peck Place Principal Al deCant's retirement to the lyrics in singer/songwriter Don McLean's 1970s classic hit, "American Pie" but when deCant leaves the job next week, it may indeed feel like "the day the music died."

Affectionately described as the 'singing principal,' deCant's legacy as the leader of the elementary school will be the positive environment he fostered and the catchy, upbeat songs he scribed for every occasion from daily classroom lessons to school-wide assemblies. Whether it was a DARE graduation, the "CARING" program he championed, a song about butterflies to highlight one of his teacher's science lessons or a town-wide recycling music video, an event wasn't complete without a new song he could sing and a new melody deCant could strum on his ever-present guitar.

DeCant's decision to leave the "best job in the world," after 39 years as an educator did not come easily. "It's a wonderful school and I'm going to miss everyone so much," he said. "I've looked forward to coming to work every day." But an early retirement package incentive and a desire to pursue a lifelong dream of a full-time musical career enticed him to retire. His staff was shocked when he called an "emergency meeting" to tell them of his decision.

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Lee Among Haverford College's 2012 Graduates

Haverford College is pleased to announce the graduation of James Lee, son of Myung Won and Yun Hee Lee of Orange, and a graduate of The Hopkins School. One of 307 members of Haverford's Class of 2012, Lee received a bachelor's degree in classical culture and society during commencement ceremonies in Haverford, Pa., on Sunday, May 13. The title of Lee's senior thesis, which is the capstone of the Haverford academic experience, is "Characterizing Hades, Pluto and the Transition Between Greek Roman Gods in Antiquity and in Modern Works of Rick Riordan." While studying at Haverford, Lee was a member of the a cappella group, "The Mainliners," and a bass for the Bi-College Chamber Singers, which draws people from both Haverford and Bryn Mawr Colleges. He was also a House Keeping Services employee in the summer of 2011 and a visiting research assistant at Yale University School of Medicine, Genetics Division, Stem Cell Center in the summer of 2010. He was also a volunteer at Yale New Haven Hospital in his freshman year.

DeMaio on Penn College Spring 2012 Dean's List

Aaron R. DeMaio of Orange, has achieved the Spring 2012 Dean's List from Penn College. Aaron is majoring in Residential Construction Technology and Management. (Our apologies as we mistakenly listed Aaron as having graduated in our last issue.)

Orange Resident Graduates from GFA

Yang Wan graduated on Thursday, June 7th from Greens Farms Academy in Westport as part of the 66-member senior class. Yang will attend Gettysburg College in the fall.

Greens Farms Academy is a K-12, independent day school in the Greens Farms section of Westport and serves students from 22 different towns. Students from the Class of 2012 were the first to be eligible to graduate with a Concentration in Global Studies.



Yang Wan

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August 24th.....	<i>Labor Day/Back to School Issue</i> August 31st

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

FROM OUR READERS

To the Editor,

The Town of Orange Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade were held on Sunday, May 27, 2012. James M. White, Lt. Colonel – U.S. Army retired, West Point graduate and Vietnam veteran was the Grand Marshal. Vito J. DeVito, World War II Army veteran, and Purple Heart recipient was the Chief of Staff. The Honored Veterans this year were all World War II veterans, living or deceased, who served from 1941 - 1945. The Reverend Ann M. Ritonia, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Orange, and U.S. Marine veteran from 1979 – 2007 was the Keynote Speaker. Diane Raikis sang the National Anthem. Robert Mirto, Esq. was the Master of Ceremonies and Fred O'Brien, Esq. was the Parade Announcer.

Memorial Day was coordinated by Mr. Kevin Gilbert. The services at the Veteran's Memorial Monument at the Orange Center Cemetery were led by Lawrence Czajkowski, Commander, American Legion Post #127. Wreaths were laid at the monument by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Jewish War Veterans.

We would like to acknowledge those who made the day successful including the Highway Department, the Police Department, the Police Benevolent Association (PBA), the American Legion and its Auxiliary, the Fire Department, and the Park & Recreation Grounds Department. A special "Thank You" to the Orange Cemetery Association in memory of Marjorie Case who bequested funds each year to help defray parade costs, The Orange Foundation for the plaques given to the honorees, Eagle Leasing for the use of a flat bed trailer that was used as our reviewing stand, Chris Winkle for the use of a bus and driver to shuttle people to and from the cemetery and back to the parade grounds, Tom Hill for the use of two outdoor conveniences, the Graphic Arts Department of Amity Senior High School for their banners, Pinpoint Pro Motions & Printing for their poster boards, Stitch and Print Logo Wear for their generous contributions, COSTCO for their donation, Mr. Kold Kuts for their help, Stop & Shop for their donation, Bob Fantarella for his audio system, and Robert Mirto and Superior Roofing & Installation for the purchase of hats given to the World War II veterans. Another special "Thank You" to Rich and Jeanne-Consiglio Hoin for their large food donation given in memory of Milton Consiglio, deceased, who also was a veteran. Their donation was used for the World War II veteran's luncheon held after the parade. Lastly, we thank the school readers and the boys and girls who handed out all the flags and programs during the ceremonies.

Generous contributions from private parties and organizations were received to honor our fallen veterans and to support the soldiers who are presently serving our country.

Kevin Gilbert
Memorial Day Parade Coordinator

Dear Editor,

Hats go off to Racebrook School third graders for a phenomenal Memorial Day production entitled "A Walk Through Washington D.C." As the students marched into the gymnasium to the music of Mrs. Olden's piano, everyone started singing the words to George M. Cohen's "You're A Grand Old Flag".

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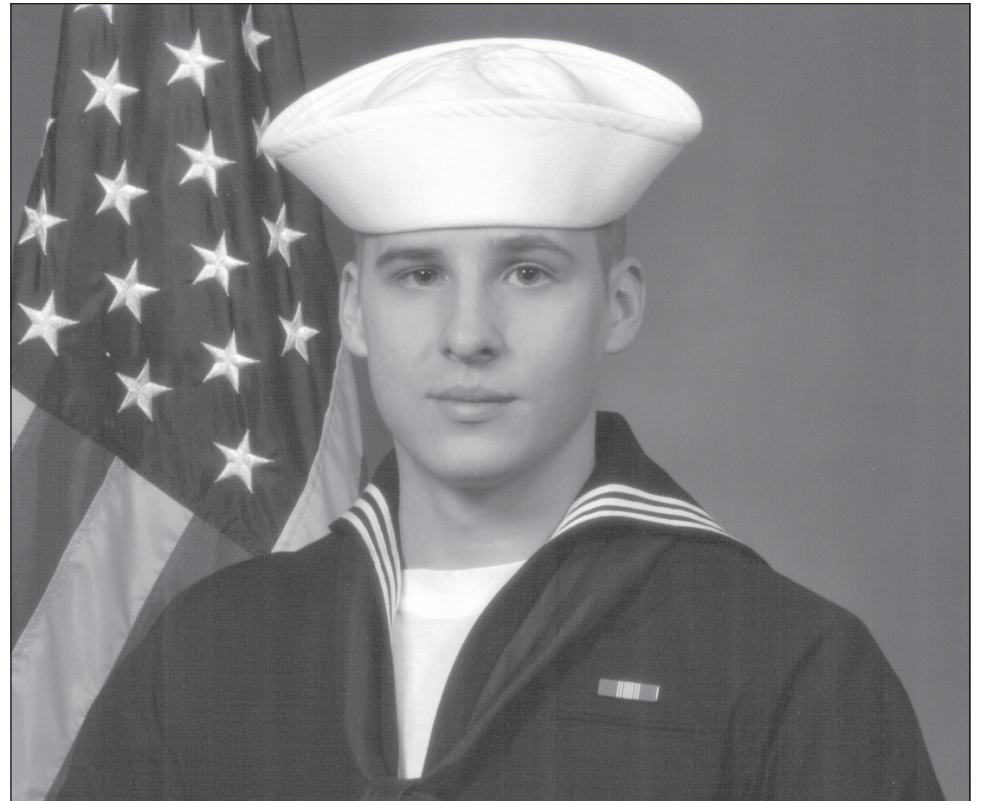
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Zachary Urbonas Earns Naval Promotion

Zachary Urbonas, grandson of Michael & Patricia Urbonas of Orange, was promoted to Petty Officer Third Class May 25, 2012 after graduating from Nuclear Field "A" School in Charleston, South Carolina. He'll continue his Nuclear training in his next class starting in July. Zach's parents are Steven & Helen Urbonas of Chesapeake, Va. Zachary attained the rank of Eagle Scout prior to his enlistment into the Navy December 2011.

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"I can't even talk about it," said deCant's assistant Amy Ruggiero, her eyes tearing up. "I get so emotional I can't even keep it together. He is the hub of the whole place. And when he sings you can just feel his energy, the music is very catchy and it touches you."

Third grade teacher Linda Sobolewski said the entire school will miss the positive attitude and energy he brings to the school. "He genuinely cares about everybody, the kids, the staff, the teachers and the parents," she said. "He knows the kids by name, he always has a smile for them and he disciplines in a firm but kind way. The other day he popped into my class just to say 'I love all of you' and we had a big group hug. He will be a tough act to follow." Sobolewski said the goodbye cards her class made for their principal brought tears to her eyes. She shared a few: From Anthony, "You are the best principal ever. If I had one wish come true it would be that you could stay." Lauren wrote, "You will leave, but your kind heart and spirit will not." And Sydney wrote, "I am very sad you are leaving Peck Place School but I'm very happy you will share your music with the world like you shared it with us."

Before becoming principal of Peck Place in 2003, deCant was assistant principal at Bungay Elementary in Seymour. He also spent 26 years as an elementary school teacher at Mary L. Tracy, Race Brook and even Peck Place schools before becoming an administrator.

DeCant has always been able to combine his love of music with his work as a teacher and an administrator. His music is child-centered and his Peck Place students and his own children have always served as his muses and at times even his backup singers. "I try to incorporate subtle messages into my music without being 'preachy,'" he said. "My music is always fun and very interactive with a lot of movement. My goal is to put a smile on peoples' faces," he said. During summer recess and school breaks he often performs family concerts at libraries, rec centers, and other popular child venues. He's released several CDs, including "Metamorphosis" and most recently, "I Don't Want to Go to Bed," inspired by his difficulty as a new father getting his own children to sleep.

He is most proud that he's leaving his school on a kind and caring note. Since implementing the CARING program two years ago, deCant has seen a noticeable and positive change in the school's climate and the way students treat each other. Students are rewarded if they're "caught" CARING (courteous, achieving, responsible, interested, neighborly and growing) which they do with surprising regularity. Decant has been a champion of reducing and hopefully eliminating bullying among students, an issue near and dear to his heart. "It is part of who I am. I think it is so unfair to see a child who is uncomfortable and doesn't want to come to school. It wreaks havoc on a child's life," he said. "When a child feels good he performs better."

When he leaves he will take with him his moniker, "The Singing Principal," hoping it may give him a hook as a child entertainer. "My dream would be to open for the 'Wiggles!'" he said. "I hope my students and friends visit me when I perform at the Case Memorial Library. And maybe they'll invite me back to do a concert!"

DeCant lives in Orange with his wife, Karen, who is a paraprofessional at Race Brook School. They have two grown, boys, Zack who is in medical school and Kyle who is in law school.

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Gina Driscoll and Roy Lobo of Racebrook School after their "Dancing with the Stars" performance. They are 5th graders from Mrs. Krajcik's Class.

Dancing with the Racebrook Stars!

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

They may have lacked spray tans and sequins, but the Racebrook School fifth graders who strutted into the gymnasium ready to show off their ballroom dance moves looked every bit as confident as the dancers and celebrities featured each season on the ABC hit, "Dancing with the Stars." It is the third year the elementary school has hosted "Dancing with the Racebrook Stars," during which students perform choreographed ballroom dance routines learned from professional dance instructor Kristie Entwistle. Entwistle, who teaches at Milford's Ballroom Experience studio, showed each class a different dance – Mrs. Krajcik's class learned the cha cha; Miss Boken's Class the salsa; Miss Granata's class the swing dance, during half hour lessons, twice a week throughout the month of May. The students' initial reluctance to participate quickly gave way to enthusiasm. "At first they were very concerned about who their partner would be and that they would have to touch," said Entwistle. "But after a couple of lessons this wasn't an issue anymore." In addition to learning dancing is healthy exercise that is also lots of fun, the kids realized other lessons as well. "They had to be in each other's personal space, so they had to be respectful of each other and they learned how to be a team. I think they may have learned dancing is so much better than sitting in front of a computer!" Entwistle said. Boys enjoyed dancing just as much as the girls did. "I think if ballroom dance was put in front of kids more often, more would try it," she said.

The Racebrook Stars program is the brainchild of fourth grade teacher Jennifer Bronson, made possible each year with a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Fund for the Arts, a non-profit organization dedicated to the support of young artists. Bronson, a former dancer, said she was inspired to bring ballroom dance to Racebrook after watching the documentary film, "Mad, Hot Ballroom," about fifth graders in New York public schools who compete in a city-wide dance competition. She noted the Hulley grant is especially meaningful because Jamie, who died of leukemia in 2002, was a former Racebrook School student who began dancing nearly from the time she could walk.

When she first introduced the program, Bronson faced a little resistance from the students. "They thought ballroom dance was boring and for old people," she said. "But their minds changed a lot! Now the younger classes say they can't wait to get to fifth grade so they can participate too." Fifth grade teachers reported that students often begged to have more dance time if their lessons finished early. "They were even practicing at home with their moms and dads," Bronson said.

The students' enthusiasm was apparent in the poems they wrote and posted around the gym, in the remarks they made to the audience, and in the journal entries Bronson shared with the audience. "Dance is my life and in the air I breathe," one student wrote. Another said, "Now I have the confidence to dance at social events." According to Bronson, common themes that emerged in the students' writings were how their initial feelings of awkwardness gradually grew into confidence. "I read those words over and over again," she said.

But perhaps the best displays of enthusiasm and confidence were on the dance floor as the performers' smiles grew wider as the crowds' cheers grew wilder. And when the crowd was invited to get up and learn the merengue, the dance floor was standing room only. "I don't know who enjoyed the show more, the parents or the kids," one mom said.

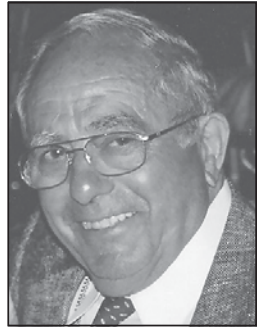
Town Mourns Passing of Joe Cuzzocreo

Served 47 Years on Police Commission

By Richard Weizel – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE -- Town residents are still mourning the passing of lifelong resident Joe Cuzzocreo Sr. who died suddenly at the age of 83 on June 15th at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven. Cuzzocreo served 47 years on the Orange Police Commission before stepping down a few years ago, and was a long-time member and past president of the Orange Rotary Club, as well as a long-time volunteer fireman.

Those who knew him best say that getting to see his son, Roy Cuzzocreo, appointed to the Police Commission two years ago was one of his proudest moments. Joe Cuzzocreo took over running Orange Fence and Supply Company in 1958 from his father, Anthony, who started the company in 1930. Joe Sr. then handed the reins of the company to his son, Roy, in 1990. But for the next 22 years he continued to work and serve the town in a wide range of public service and volunteer endeavors, for which he gained the admiration of Orange residents for endless hours of volunteerism.



Joe Cuzzocreo

Earlier this year Cuzzocreo was presented by the town with a 2012 Living Treasure Award and it wasn't surprising that hundreds turned out for his funeral. "He always said Orange is a great town and do what you can to help it be even better," said Roy Cuzzocreo, a former selectman. "He was born in a house on the Post Road in Orange and never left. He loved this town and believed strongly in public service. He was just a great guy and touched so many people's lives."

Cuzzocreo said his family has been "overwhelmed and gratified" with the community response to his father's death. "We've been getting a tremendous outpouring of support and even my four children kept saying they knew grandpa knew a lot of people, but had no idea of how many lives he touched," Roy Cuzzocreo said. "He did whatever he could for whoever he could."

First Selectman Jim Zeoli said Cuzzocreo was one of the few remaining lifelong residents who helped the town grow from a small farm community to a thriving New Haven suburb. "Joe volunteered in so many areas it's hard to even list them all," said Zeoli. "He was a person you could go to no matter what time of day or night. If you needed help, Joe would find a way to help you. He loved people and saw the best in people," said Zeoli. "And if he didn't feel something was right he would try to do whatever he could to change or improve a situation to make it right."

One example was the five-decades Cuzzocreo and his wife Emma devoted to improving conditions for those with developmental disabilities. With twin sons needing special services more than 50 years ago when few programs were available, Joe and Emma Cuzzocreo, in 1982, established a non-profit organization for a community living facility in the town for adults with developmental disabilities that continues to this day. "When my brothers, Joe and Jim were born 54 years ago, there just weren't any programs for them," Roy Cuzzocreo said. "My father and mother are responsible for many of the services in the state for the developmentally handicapped that are available today."

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Helping To Secure Your Parents Financial Future

By Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

As your parents age, it's particularly important for you to help ensure that their assets are protected and their wishes carried out. However, in order to help them in the future, it's necessary to involve them in the planning now. Here are some positive steps you can take to begin putting everyone's mind at ease.

As life expectancy continues to rise, so does the likelihood that you will inevitably have to step in at some point and help your parents make financial and other decisions. Consider that as many as 16%-25% of people aged 65 and older have mild cognitive impairment which will understandably have an adverse effect on financial decisions.¹ For example, researchers have found that investors with reduced cognitive function take more risk and earn lower returns in the stock market.²



It's never pleasant to discuss one's mortality, but putting off a conversation could mean that you are left scrambling to help your parents protect their hard-earned assets. Becoming more aware now will mean that you are clear on making sure that financial and other matters are handled, and in a way that reflects their wishes.

Experts advise that you should begin while your parents are healthy, so you can introduce the subject slowly and continue the conversation over the years, instead of waiting until they have declined cognitively or an urgent matter arises. The best approach is to reassure them that you are their partner and share a common goal.

Preparing your parents—and yourself—for the future

Here is an overview of the topics you'll want to cover. The more open and forthcoming your parents are now, the more it will help when it starts becoming necessary for you to intercede and make decisions on their behalf.

- Do they have enough income and assets to see them through a long retirement?
Where are assets held? Perhaps funds should be consolidated. How have their investments performed? Do they have a Financial Advisor and a financial plan?
- What kinds of insurance and coverage do they have?
If it isn't enough, how would they want the shortfall to be paid? How would they fund home healthcare or nursing home expenses?
- Where do your parents want to live in the future?
If they become unable to take care of themselves, do they want to stay in their own home with help from you or a home healthcare worker?
Would they prefer to sell the house and move to an assisted living facility?
- Do they have the necessary legal documents?
They'll need:
 - » A will, which directs the distribution of most of their property upon death.
 - » Advanced medical directives that speak for your parents if they become incapacitated: A health care proxy appoints an individual to make medical decisions if they're unable to communicate, and a living will states their wishes in regard to end-of-life medical treatment.
 - » Power of attorney, which authorizes someone to make business or legal decisions on their behalf. In your parents' case, it could be you, a sibling or a tax/legal advisor.
- Where are all important papers kept?
Know where to find their important financial statements, legal documents, tax returns, insurance policies, loan/debt paperwork. Make sure you are listed as a co-renter of a safe-deposit box or you won't have access if a parent dies.
- What creditors do they pay regularly?
Should they be unable to handle paying bills, you'll need to know who gets paid and when. Talk to your parents about making you a cosignatory on a checking account so you can access checks to pay bills if they're unable to. See if they're willing to consider ways to simplify their finances and cut back on the number of credit cards and checks that need to be written by establishing automatic bill pay with a checking account.

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The power point presentation about our American Presidents was a history lesson the children and adults will not soon forget. There was a wealth of information that would make all of us proud to be Americans. Thank you to Racebrook Principal Mr. Gray, Mrs. Galatioto, Miss Greenspan, Mrs. Madigan, and Mrs. Martorana for teaching the children about our wonderful country. Great job Mrs. Olden for your musical expertise!

Ed & Alice O'Doy
Grandparents of 3rd Grader, Preston Kral

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involvement in the school community, data teamwork, technology integration. He’s got a very strong background,” McMullin says. Bergin lives in Cheshire. He will be formally introduced to the community at a Meet and Greet at the Orange Board of Education July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Eric Carbone will take the reins at Peck Place School. He was one of 39 applicants for the position. Superintendent of Schools Lynn McMullin calls him personable and knowledgeable. “He’s our hope for the future,” she says. “He can talk about education without throwing a lot of acronyms out onto the table. It’s not about ‘who I know and who I’ve read’, he can talk education in very practical ways. He’s able to take what he’s talking about and backs it with examples from both ends of the spectrum, with a first grader and a sixth grader.”

Carbone comes from assistant principal positions in Wallingford schools at the elementary- and middle- school levels. He says he’s looking forward to being a principal. “It’s a really exciting time to have your own school and work with people in that role as principal.” Carbone says he took a long hard look at Orange as a community before he applied for the position. “I had the opportunity to look at the board of education’s ‘shared beliefs’. We have a lot in common as far as how we believe children should be educated in a safe and nurturing environment, educating the whole child, making it a community effort,” he says.

It is the strong community that drew him to Orange. “I think that’s one of the things I saw right away in Orange. There’s a real sense of community there and pride. I see a lot of Orange pride, whether it was board members inviting my children to the firemen’s carnival or the welcome I received from the staff and the PTA. It’s the type of community I was looking for,” Carbone says.

“He’s about kids and communication. He’s family oriented. He’s everything that we need for Peck Place at this point. His references were glowing and everyone had fantastic things to say about him and his commitment,” says McMullin. “He has an ability to go above and beyond in planning something. Those were the things that help make whatever he is successful. It’s the whole package.”

Carbone takes over for Albert deCant, who is retiring after a 39-year career in education. Turkey Hill School Principal Colleen Murray took a position as Central Office Director of Curriculum/Mary L. Tracy Kindergarten Principal.

The search process began with a meeting with members of each school community. “We met with the Peck Place teachers and parents and the Turkey Hill teachers and parents separately and did two separate searches,” explains McMullin. “To be honest, they are two different communities and they’re looking for two different sets of characters.” The parents and teachers developed a list of basic criteria that they would want an ideal candidate to possess.

After parents were given an opportunity to share what they would like to see in a principal, two committees were formed for each search. Committee Number One was made up of 10 people including one member of the board of education, three parents, four teachers, and Director of Special Education Kaye Graves represented the administrators. McMullin was a non-voting member of the committee.

The first committee screened all of the applicants and was asked to bring forward about eight candidates for an initial interview. “They’d do the screening, come up with questions and interview the candidates, and then recommend their top candidates for Committee Two,” McMullin explains. During the process, a rubric was developed for each school based on the important qualifications that each school community deemed necessary. “Both schools had indicated that prior leadership experience and elementary teaching experience were an absolute necessity,” says McMullin. “They wanted somebody who had knowledge of implementing Common Core Standards and they wanted someone who was child-centered.” The Common Core Standards is a set of guidelines that teachers are now using as CMT tests are phased out and new mandatory testing for students is rolled in.

The committees used a three-point rubric 3-2-1-0 that more heavily weighed some aspects. “If prior leadership experience was a necessity, it was times two,” McMullin says. “In the development of the rubric we talked about where you find those things. If we wanted someone who was child-centered, how were we going to go about finding that out?”

The committee was instructed where to find each characteristic they were looking for in a candidate, whether on a resume, cover letter, or on the application itself. “How do we find out if someone has Common Core experience? That shows up in their resume or they list the types of training and experience that they say that they’ve had. We not only talked about what we wanted, we talked about where we were going to find it,” McMullin says. Committee members were turned loose with their rubrics and they came back with a list of candidates to interview. At the end of the interviews, a select few candidates were named to Committee Number Two, also made up of parents, teachers, board members and an administrator in the same proportions as Committee One was. “That was really nerve-racking for Committee One because they did all of the groundwork and did the second interview. I told them if the process works, that same candidate will rise to the top of committee number two. If it doesn’t work and the same person doesn’t rise to the top, then it might not be the right candidate. It worked,” McMullin says.

Carbone’s role as principal begins Monday, July 2. Bergin was still ironing out the details of his first day as Turkey Hill Principal at the time of this publication.

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Supporting Orange Residents through Scholarships & Grants for more than 35 Years: 1976-2012

Written by Janice M. Lettick

The Orange Foundation Distribution Committee recently announced its 2012 recipients of grants and scholarships. Eight Orange students were awarded scholarships totaling \$10,600 and one student of Ukrainian heritage from Derby is the recipient of a \$17,300 scholarship. The Foundation awarded 11 grants totaling \$13,900 to support the work of organizations benefiting Orange residents. Over the past 36 years the Foundation has distributed \$133,222 in grants and \$379,825 in scholarships.

Distribution Committee Members include:

- **Robert Archambault**, who has served as President of The Orange Foundation since its inception in 1974.
- **Giulio Balestrino**
- **Jacqueline Koral**
- **Katalin Baltimore**
- **Janice Lettick**
- **Michael J. Dorney**
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2012 Orange Foundation Grants and Scholarship Recipients

Grants

- *The Olga Fund*, established by a family in Orange who wishes to remain anonymous, provided the funding for the following grants:
- Amity Animal Rescue Fund (AARF) – materials for display at Case Memorial Library;
- CT Yankee Council, Boy Scouts of America – support for ConnJam 2012;
- Orange American Legion Post 127 – to support removal of underground oil tank;
- Orange Elementary School – for the purchase of 12 digital readers for use by ELL and students with special needs;
- Orange Senior Center – to offset costs of annual holiday party for Orange seniors;
- Special Olympics, SW Connecticut – to support 2012 Special Olympics SW Connecticut Regional Games;
- In addition, the Olga Fund provided support for an Orange resident in need of financial assistance.
- *The Dusty and Frank Downey Fund*, in conjunction with the Olga Fund will support performances by the New England Ballet at Peck Place and Race Brook Elementary Schools during the 2012-2013 academic year. Dusty and Frank Downey were long-time Orange residents and very active in community activities.
- *The O'Sullivan Family Fund* is providing funding to the

Orange Fire Marshal's Office for the purchase of an iPad and Firehouse software. This fund was established in memory of Judge Thomas O'Sullivan.

- Funding from *the O'Sullivan Family Fund, Olga Fund*, and *Robert F. Stankye Fund* will assist with purchase of a new scoreboard at the Old Tavern Road Park. Officer Stankye was a member of the Orange Police Department who died in the line of duty.
- The *Orange Foundation General Fund* is providing support for the Orange Recycling Committee to participate in the 2012 Orange Country Fair.

Scholarships

Brian Diaz of 819 Robert Treat Drive was selected to receive a *Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Award*. Brian will enter Stonybrook University in the fall to study marine science. Mr. Flynn was the founder of The Orange Foundation.

Eric, Katherine, and Rachel Holden of 870 Garden Road were each awarded scholarships – Eric received the *Thomas F. Birmingham Scholarship Award*; Rachel was awarded an *Elizabeth and John W. Povalitis Community Fund* scholarship; and Katherine received the *Harry Haynes Scholarship*. Eric will attend college at the University of Virginia, while Rachel and Katherine will go on to the University of Connecticut.

Sabrina Maher of 478 Skyline Drive was selected to receive an *Elizabeth and John W. Povalitis Community Fund* scholarship and *William Knight Scholarship Award*. Sabrina will study Speech Pathology at the University of Connecticut. The William Knight Award was established in memory of Mr. Knight who was a former First Selectman and Fire Chief for the Town of Orange.

Zelun Wang of 442 Barton Drive, received scholarships from the *Elizabeth and John W. Povalitis Community Fund* and the *Vaughn Family Scholarship Fund*. A recent graduate of Amity Regional High School, Zelun will continue his studies at Rice University. Mr. Vaughn started his nursery business in 1934 and was Tree Warden for the Town of Orange for 42 years.

Ammar Zafar of 76 Indian River Road, received scholarships from the *Elizabeth and John W. Povalitis Community Fund* and the *Dorothy Finlay Timmins Scholarship Fund*. Ammar will continue his education at Wesleyan University where he will study psychology.

The Frank and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship was awarded to **Volodymyr Jatsiv** of 132 Prospect Street in Ansonia. Volodymyr will study biology at Fairfield University. Established in 2006, the *Frank and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship* fund provides assistance to a student of Lithuanian or Ukrainian descent who is a resident of either Derby or Ansonia.

Grant Funds

Officer Robert F. Stankye Fund

Established 1994

“To provide support in whole or in part the projects and programs of the community organizations with the Town of Orange.”

O’Sullivan Family Fund

Established 1994

“To provide support in whole or in part the projects and programs of the community organizations with the Town of Orange.”

The Olga Fund

Established 2002

“To provide assistance to any senior Orange resident(s) who require medical, social, family and/or other needs. Also to provide assistance to resident families requiring temporary respite care; or funding for any event or project sponsored by the Town of Orange, a Community service organization or any other non-profit group.”

Dusty & Frank Downey Fund

Established 2007

“To provide support in whole or in part the projects and programs of the community organizations with the Town of Orange. Also, to provide assistance to any resident who is in need and has requested help from the Town or any of its community service organizations.”

Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Fund

Established 1976

“This scholarship will provide assistance towards tuition, room and board at the Undergraduate or Graduate school of the student’s choice for the regular school term.”

Harry Haynes Scholarship Fund

Established 1976

“This scholarship is designed for assistance to a student of Veterinary Medicine, either Graduate or Undergraduate. If there is no applicant for the Veterinarian Scholarship, the fund shall be available for General Scholarship.”

Thomas F. Birmingham, Jr. Scholarship Fund

Established 1981

“This scholarship is for a male or female recipient who is both an athlete and a scholar. The intended definition of a scholar is an individual who maintains a B+ or higher average in his or her senior year in High School. An athlete is one who has won one or more letters in any varsity sport.”

Frank P. and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship Fund

Established 2006

“To provide assistance to a student of Lithuanian or Ukrainian extraction who is a resident of the Town of Derby or Ansonia.”

William Knight Scholarship Fund

Established 1986

“A bi-annual (even number years) scholarship award with selection based upon a combination of the student’s financial need, scholastic record and service to the community. The

latter criterion will have the greatest emphasis in making the award.”

Vaughn Family Scholarship Fund

Established 1988

“To provide assistance towards tuition, board, etc., for an undergraduate student in need of financial assistance in the top 25% of his/her class.”

Elizabeth C. and John W. Povalitis Community Fund

Established 1993

“To provide assistance for students who plan to attend college as an elementary education major, who have maintained a grade average of B, and participated in extra-curricular and community service activities. There can be no repeat recipient for this scholarship.

Dorothy Finlay Timmins Scholarship Fund

Established 2007

“This scholarship provides assistance to an undergraduate student in need of financial assistance that has a record of service to the community.”

General Fund

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For more information about The Orange Foundation, including establishing a fund, visit www.orangefoundation.org. Contributions to The Orange Foundation may be sent to P.O. Box 729, Orange, CT 06477.









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("Race Brook" continued from page 1)

cluding a "Stroll Down Memory Lane" with a 10 person panel of people who have been members of the club for 20-50 years; a "Fireside Chat" with Yale faculty member William Kelly; a recent fireworks display; and an upcoming black tie gala.

According to the book, "Race Brook Country Club—A Centennial History," the club was founded in 1912 by a group of golf enthusiasts who realized that there was a need for another golf club in the New Haven area. The diverse group of men, which included Scottish native Robert D. Pryde, purchased two parcels of farmland owned by C. Clark and L.F. Andrews totaling 120 acres to the east of Race Brook Road for \$16,500. An additional 25 acres were later purchased from J.J. Reynolds for \$3,000 and in 1923; four parcels of land located on the west side of Race Brook Road were purchased for \$56,750. When Race Brook opened its doors, an active men's membership cost \$25; women's (yes, women were admitted right from the start, unheard of in that era!) fees were \$15; and a family membership could be had for \$50. It originally opened as a 36-hole course but after WWII, part of the course was closed and it is now a 27-hole course.

General Manager Sean McLaughlin describes the club culture as diverse and welcoming, much the same as when it was first founded. "Each club has its own unique culture and ours is a venerable New England golf club that is golf-centric," he said. "The beauty of our golf course is our identity and what sets us apart. It is an inviting place where credentials are not significant; it's more about the friendships and fellowships that develop here and make up the fabric of the club. The feel is more colloquial and family oriented." Unlike many golf clubs, there are no "tee times" at Race Brook, which naturally leads to more camaraderie among the members. "Members don't have to show up with a group to play, they can just come by and our golf pro will form an impromptu group with other players," McLaughlin said. "There's less cliquishness and more spontaneity. There's a general feeling of 'come in and get a game.'"

McLaughlin credits the farsightedness of past presidents with Race Brook's ability to weather and even prosper during the current recession. In 2007-2008, former president Bob Berchem and his board made "tough decisions and smart moves to enhance our procedures and services so we'd be prepared in hard times," McLaughlin said. They even made improvements and renovations to the facilities, adding 3,500 feet of golf cart path, renovating the halfway house, expanding the Grill Room and making the Pro Shop more upscale. The club was in good stead when Oak Lane and Woodbridge Country Clubs closed the doors, and Race Brook welcomed many of their former members. Today the club has about 450 active, social and junior members, most of whom come from the surrounding towns and Fairfield County. "We have a stable membership and our future looks bright" McLaughlin said.

Race Brook was recently recognized by the town's Economic Development Corporation for "supporting the community's social interests and its significant contribution to the town," noting that Race Brook is the venue for many town functions and gatherings. "It's a first class facility in a bucolic setting," McLaughlin said. "We have a reputation in town as being a 'good citizen.'"

Hampton Close resident and cardiologist Dr. Mark Marieb, 52, has already been a member of the club for 40 years. Marieb started golfing and caddying at age 12 when his family moved to Orange and his dad, Dr. Norman Marieb, joined the club. He recalls the course was always as beautifully manicured as it is today. "I used to ride my bike to the club to caddy and there would be 50 or 60 of us sitting under the overhang at the cart barn waiting to go out. Very few golfers took carts because they were expensive," he said. "Golfers had the heavy leather bags and we could get \$6 a bag. I would usually carry two bags and go out twice." Now Mark's two teen boys, Alexander and Brent, are golf stand-outs and play at the club. On Father's Day three generations of Marieb men celebrated the day with a family round of golf. "It was pretty cool," Mark said.

Superintendent's Recognition Award

Alexandra Ashworth, Shayna Goldblatt, Emily Kilian and Patrick Winkel from The Peck Place School; Amelia Bailey-Schetlin, Ryan Ford, Courtney Greifenberger and Hannah Rappaport from Race Brook School; and Anne Marie Allen, Carsan Dzikowski, Emilia Steinbrick and Grace Vocalina from Turkey Hill School were awarded the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' (CAPSS) Superintendent/Student Recognition Award at a ceremony held at the Board of Education on May 14, 2012. Criteria for the award include leadership, service to school, academic prowess relative to ability, and service to others in the community. Ms. McMullin, Superintendent of Schools in Orange, made the presentation as part of a program designed by school administrators to recognize students who have served their schools and communities while maintaining good scholastic progress.

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Lawrence Receives Eagle Scout Award

Anthony James (TJ) Lawrence, a resident of Orange and senior at Amity Regional High School, received his Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, June 3. His Court of Honor was held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Woodbridge. TJ is a member of Troop 926 which is sponsored by the church.

The American flag posted at the ceremony was a historic flag which was flown on the US Navy ship USS LST-125 in the Pacific Theater during World War II. TJ's grandfather Benedict James Silvani who served on the USS LST-125 provided the flag for the ceremony. The family heirloom was presented to TJ in honor of his achievement.

For his Eagle project, TJ organized a shoe collection activity for Soles-4Souls, an organization which donates shoes to needy recipients throughout the world. Over eleven hundred shoes were collected for the project.

After graduation, TJ Plans to serve a two year volunteer mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Upon his return, he hopes to study at Brigham Young University and pursue a career in computer animation.

TJ, his parents Steve and Lora Lawrence, and his sister Elizabeth have lived in Orange for twelve years.

Amity Class of 1977 Reunion

The Amity High School Class of 1977 will hold its 35th year reunion on Saturday, August 11th, at 630 p.m. at Laurelwood Country Club, Hamden, CT. Tickets are \$65.00 per person and include dinner and an evening of dancing. Please send payment by July 30th to Ginny Proestakes, 327 Hollow Road, Orange, 06477.

The Reunion Committee is also trying to find missing classmates. For a list, please email Proestakes at vproestakes@sbcglobal.net. Anyone who helps find missing classmates will be eligible for a special drawing at the reunion.

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Eagle Scout Project Restoration of Paul Ode Trail

The Paul Ode Trail, located behind the High Plains Community Center in Orange and named for a past Conservation Commission Chairman, underwent recent restoration by Orange resident and Eagle Scout candidate, Jacob Wilczek. He spearheaded the effort by directing over 30 local scouting volunteers from both Milford Boy Scout Troop 1 and Orange Cub Scout Pack 922. The project took place over two separate weekends in June under the auspices of Orange First Selectman James Zeoli.

The previously hidden trail had suffered significant disrepair and plant overgrowth. Numerous improvements were undertaken, which included: the creation of a new trailhead sign, repositioning of the trail map/history kiosk to improve visibility, installment of several waterbars to combat trail erosion, repair of an existing footbridge, construction of two additional footbridges, and finally general clearing of garbage and brush. The Paul Ode Trail is now more easily located and user-friendly.



Lana Ho, Floral Designer; Pam Staneski, 119th Representative candidate; Dolores Nastro, President, Women's Republican Club; Mike DeGrego, State Senate candidate.

Woman's Republicans Club Luncheon

The Women's Republican Club of Orange held its Spring Luncheon event at the Racebrook Country Club on June 6th. It was a very successful occasion, both socially and politically.

Lana Ho, award winning floral designer from the Orange Garden Club, created three magnificent arrangements. Material Girls of Orange displayed an amazing selection of jewelry and boutique items under the direction of Kristina Kaoud. Two perspective candidates from Milford spoke to the group. They were Pam Staneski who is running for the 119th District State Representative seat and Mike DeGrego who is running for the State Senate.

HAPPENINGS AT THE SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

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

Presentation for Upcoming Hawaiian Cruise 2013 July 17, 4:00 pm Tours of Distinction and the Orange Senior Center will host a presentation in the senior lounge on an exciting Hawaiian Cruise we have scheduled for January 2013. Space is going fast so if you are serious about this trip do not wait for the presentation, come see us in the office. See our "Trips" section in this newsletter for more information. Call the senior center to let us know you are coming.

Cabaret Night The next Cabaret will be on Monday, July 16 from 5:30 to 7pm. The entertainer will be Brian Gille and his unique brand of entertainment. The theme will be a Summer Beach Party. Coffee and dessert by Mary Ann White of Coldwell Bankers 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 July 2.

Gizmo & Gadgets: What the Kids 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, July 24 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 will 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 Aug 15. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled and served with salads followed by dessert and coffee. Kickback Duo will perform 50/60's 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 State-wide Senior Outing at Holiday Hill in Prospect, CT on Monday, August 20 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 HPCC 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.

Chess Club We have a chess club that meets every Tuesday & Thursday at 1:30 pm in cafe. They are accepting new members. Novices welcomed. You do not need to know how to play, they will teach you. All levels are welcomed!

Ping Pong Ping Pong meets on Wednesdays from 12 – 1 in the Billiards Room. They are looking for more players. If you have an interest, come on down and play. All levels welcomed. We'll supply the paddles!

Birthdays of the Month We will be celebrating Senior Center members' birthdays for the month of July on July 31. 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 to celebrate the birthdays of the month!

Trips

Seats are still available!!! **SAVOR RHODE ISLAND CULINARY HERITAGE** – Wednesday, July 11, 2012. Visit a turn of the century grist mill dating back to 1600's. Tour the mill and learn about its history. Lunch at the Matunuck Oyster Bar and learn about the aquaculture of oyster farming. Lunch includes choice of Linguini with Clams, Rib Eye Steak or Lobster Roll. Cost: \$87 pp includes admission where applicable, lunch,

transportation, and driver gratuity. Full payment at registration. Departs from Mary L. Tracy School.

A true delight! **QUEBEC CITY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL of MILITARY BANDS** – Tuesday, August 21-24, 2012. No other city in North America reflects the charm of Europe the way Quebec does. Tour the city, shop in boutiques, enjoy a carriage ride, visit St. Anne De Deaupre, and enjoy the Quebec City Military Tattoo. Cost: \$595 double pp includes transportation, hotel accommodations, admissions, tickets to Quebec City Military Tattoo, 5 meals, driver and tour guide gratuities. A passport is required. Cancellation insurance is recommended. Full payment at registration.

MYSTERY TRIP ??? Tickets are going fast – Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Boats, Trains, and Automobiles!?! We hope you don't get motion sickness as we whisk you around...who knows where, on this nostalgic trip of yesteryear. No passports required but a sense of adventure is. Cost: \$81 pp includes lunch, transportation, and driver gratuity. Full payment at registration.

BRITISH LANDSCAPE – September 6 – 15, 2012. Enjoy 10 days traveling through vibrant England, hear the unique sounds of Scotland, and see the rolling countryside of Wales on a trip that combines the exploration of dramatic history and natural wonders. See a London Theater Performance, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Cambridge, York, Stonehenge, Edinburgh Castle – even stay overnight in a castle located in the north of Wales. Cost: \$3,399 pp double, \$3,799 pp single, \$3,369 pp triple. Cancellation Insurance available for \$220.

THE BIG 'E' FAIR – Wednesday, September 19, 2012. Connecticut Day at the Big E, "New England's Great State Fair", is the premier event each Fall. There is something for everyone at the Big E! Cost: \$47 pp. Driver gratuity is not included. Full payment at registration. This trip is open to non-members of the senior center.

CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH, & JEKYLL ISLAND – 36th Annual Home & Garden Tour October 17-22, 2012 6 Days/5 Nights. This is a special time to visit, as we will be attending a once a year event, the 36th Annual Charleston Home & Garden Tour. We will have access to some of the most exclusive homes & gardens in downtown Charleston. We will also visit the wonderful cities of Savannah & Jekyll Island, and enjoy great meals at Paula Deen's & the Pirates' house! \$1,838 pp dbl inclusive of air, taxes, transfers, hotel stays, all sights/inclusions as listed on itinerary and gratuities. \$250 pp deposit due at registration. Cancellation insurance is available.

THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR AT SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY HALL – Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The world's most beloved choir has been thrilling audiences for over 500 years. Its eagerly, anticipated tours perform before sell out crowds nationwide. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind holiday program featuring classic and contemporary Christmas favorites. Lunch is included at the La Renaissance. Cost: \$91 pp includes transportation, entertainment, lunch, meal & driver's gratuities. Full payment is due at registration.



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Left to right - Lt. Anthony Cuozzo, Chief Robert J. Gagne, Off. Michael Luzzi, Officer Jeffrey Platek and Asst. Chief Edward A. Koether.

MADD Recognizes Two Orange Officers

On Wednesday June 20, 2012, Connecticut Mothers Against Drunk Driving held its 26th annual Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. The ceremony is held each year to honor Officers and Troopers across the State for their efforts towards prevention of alcohol related crashes and enforcement of drunk driving laws. The Keynote speaker this year was Edmund H. Hedge, Jr. Law Enforcement Liaison, Office of Highway Safety, Connecticut Department of Transportation.

The Orange Police Department this year had two officers recognized. Officer Jeffrey Platek and Officer Michael Luzzi received certificates recognizing their commitment and contributions to eliminate drunk driving.

Orange Park & Recreation Tennis Summer 2012

Orange Park & Recreation is offering Pee Wee Tennis Clinics (ages 4 - 5) from 9 - 9:45 am and Junior Tennis Camp (ages 6-9, 10-13) from 9:45 am - 12:30 pm 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 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.



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



Just last week, I went to a very interesting meeting hosted by Operation Fuel. This agency is a nonprofit organization and operates to assist people with their heating/utility needs. I learned a couple of interesting things at this meeting.

First, if you decide to choose a different supplier of electricity, make sure you check all the disclaimers (all that really teeny, tiny writing). Some plans want you to lock in for a year and if you cancel you could be financially penalized. Other plans have a varied rate which basically means they will fluctuate from month to month. Other plans might have a really low introductory price and then after two or three months might go really high. So it is buyer beware. For a list of alternate electric suppliers, you can go to ctenergyinfo.com.

The other piece of news I received is that Operation Fuel will be opening an additional window for utility assistance. This will start August first and run until October 1. To qualify for this, you must have a shut off notice/be thirty days in arrears and a very important qualifier is that you must have made at least four payments to the utility company in the past 12 months.

From the Fire Marshal's Office



Fireworks Safety

As the Fourth of July approaches and summer celebrations begin, the use of fireworks, both legal and illegal, is on the rise. Unfortunately, numerous incidents of injuries, fatalities or accidental fires caused by the private use of fireworks are reported each year. The risk of injury is two and a half times higher for children aged 5-14 than for the general public. On Independence Day, more fires are reported in the United States than on any other day of the year. Fireworks are responsible for over half of these fires. The best place to enjoy fireworks is at a public display which is conducted legally and safely by trained professionals. After the display there may be stray fireworks. Never pick them up, as they may still be active.

As we are aware by the presence of fireworks vendors, in the State of Connecticut it is legal for any person sixteen (16) years of age or older to possess, sell, or use any hand held or ground based sparkling device that is non-explosive and non-aerial and does not contain more than 100 grams of pyrotechnic composition. Use of any type of sparkling device by a person under the age of 16 is illegal. **NO OTHER TYPES OF FIREWORKS ARE LEGAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF PUBLIC ACT 00-198.** This includes, but is not limited to, devices known as "M-80's", "Cherry Bombs", "Bottle Rockets", and any other device that explodes or is aerial such as ground displays or "Roman Candles". While sparkling devices are legal in Connecticut, they can be dangerous if not used properly. The Orange Fire Marshal's Office asks that you remember the following safety guidelines:

When handling a sparkling device, wear protective goggles and gloves. The tip of a sparkler can reach temperatures over 1200 degrees Fahrenheit which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns and eye injuries. (Glass melts at 900°F and wood burns at 575°F.)

Do not use ANY open flame devices when dry ground conditions are present. The Fire Danger Level is available at our website, www.orangefire-marshal.com or by calling the Fire Marshal's Office at 203-891-4711.

Be aware of the surroundings. Be sure others are a safe distance away before igniting any sparkling device. Do not use them at public events such as carnivals, fairs, or concerts where large groups are gathered.

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This partnership was designed with both residents and businesses in mind. "Our hope with "Show Your Card" is that we can generate traffic to Orange businesses and help to advertise their products and services at no cost to the business," says Meryl Farber, Library Director.

Each business will decide on a discount or gift to offer and the library will create and distribute promotional materials and generate publicity for "Show Your Card" and, in turn, all of the participating businesses. According to Rebecca Harlow, Head of Reference and Adult Services at the Case Memorial Library, "the response from the business community has been very positive thus far. We have a very good mix of businesses participating - from restaurants to retail stores to professional services."

The library hopes this will increase awareness of all of the great businesses and services of which Orange residents can take advantage. "Orange is a wonderful community that's full of fantastic resources," says Meryl Farber, Library Director. "We believe this is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate to Orange residents the value of patronizing local businesses as well as the Case Memorial Library."

Brochures will be made available to the public in August. Interested businesses can contact the library for more details or visit www.casememorial-library.org/showyourcard.htm for a "Show Your Card" participation form. Forms should be completed and returned to the library by July 15. For more information, please contact Meryl Farber, Library Director, at 203-891-2170 or mfarber@lioninc.org. This promotion is supported by Orange Economic Development Corporation and the Orange Chamber of Commerce.

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

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On a rainy afternoon, the Race Brook School Student Garden Committee planted a new garden in the front courtyard. The RBS Spirit Garden was created with red, white, and black (school colors) perennial flowers and rocks formed into the shape of the school's initials, RBS. The garden was sponsored by the Student Council. What better way to show school spirit than with nature!

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celebrity extra
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Timothy Hutton

Q: When will my favorite show, "Leverage," be back with new episodes? -- Paul T., via e-mail

A: The premiere of season five of the hit TNT show will be Sunday, July 15, at 8 p.m. ET/PT. This year brings 10 all-new episodes starring your favorite gang of thieves, grifters and con artists led by Academy Award-winner **Timothy Hutton**, along with **Gina Bellman, Christian Kane, Beth Riesgraf** and **Aldis Hodge**. This season promises to deliver high action and intrigue -- and maybe some more romance -- as well as big-name guest stars, such as **Cary Elwes** and **Treat Williams**.

Q: Is it true that **Matthew McConaughey** finally tied the knot? -- Tina R., via e-mail

A: Lustful ladies all over the world had to give up the dream of becoming Mrs. M. in early June, when Matthew married longtime girlfriend -- and mother of son **Levi**, 3, and daughter **Vida**, 2 -- **Camilla Alves** in an intimate ceremony at the couple's home in Austin, Texas.

Q: What's next for the beautiful **Andie MacDowell**? It seems I see her only on hair color/make-up commercials anymore, and I really miss seeing her in movies. -- Britta, Fairview, Mich.

A: Andie just started production in mid-June on the new Hallmark Channel original series "**Cedar Cove**," which is based on the best-selling book series of the same name by **Debbie Macomber**. Andie will star as Judge Olivia Lockhart, whose Cedar Cove Municipal Court is the professional milieu and social microcosm of issues the judge will face in her own day-to-day life with family and friends. The series kicks off with a two-hour pilot, scheduled

to air at the end of the year, with a weekly one-hour series to follow in early 2013.

Readers: For your summertime reading pleasure, I want to give one lucky reader a copy of **Rebecca Bloom's "Eat, Drink and Be Married."** Simply e-mail me at letters@cindyelavsky.com or send a letter to Cindy Elavsky, King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 by July 31, and tell me your favorite beach read. This contest isn't just for the ladies, although many beach books are classified as "chick lit."

I asked Rebecca if it bothered her to have books pigeonholed as "chick lit." She told me: "I was offended by it before, but because I thought, 'Why does it have to be classified?' But now I'm much more of a realist than when I started writing, and you have to do whatever you can to market your book. It's a way to classify and sell, and ultimately, that's what any writer should want. So, I'm not as against it. I don't think there's anything wrong with celebrating women with your writing. 'The Help' was awesome, and that was a chick flick and chick lit, so if my book is classified as chick lit, that's fine with me."

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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Youth Services Intergenerational Tutoring Program Completes School Year

Youth Services Intergenerational Tutoring program recently completed its year with a graduation acknowledgement program that highlighted the work of both the students and tutors. Parents attended the program as well. Graduation certificates were given to students and certificates of appreciation were distributed to tutors. Cake and refreshments were served. Tutors who assisted the program were: Joan Goda, Pauline Lemieux, Veronica Hendrick, Ethel Bitzer, Pat Drury, Connie Lundrigan, Jonathan Smith, Lea Turner, and Yael Wertheimer.

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DeGrego to Challenge Slossberg

Mike DeGrego of Milford held a fundraiser earlier this month at the Stonebridge Restaurant in downtown Milford. Over 65 people attended the two-hour affair to meet Mike and hear the encouraging words from republican leaders. Mike was unanimously endorsed at the local Republican convention held at the Orange Community Center and will be on the ballot on November 6th. After having several smaller fundraising affairs, this was the first major event that brought in the top Republican leadership. The 14th State Senate District includes Milford, Orange and parts of West Haven and Woodbridge.



The 4 year-old children in Mrs. Conroy and Mrs. Bea's class at Holy Infant Pre-school in Orange recently celebrated their preschool graduation.



Scholar Leaders Honored

The Connecticut Association of Schools held its Twenty-Eighth Annual Connecticut Middle Level Schools Scholar Leader Awards Banquet on Monday, June 4, 2012 at Aqua Turf Club in Southington, Connecticut. Orange Amity Middle School students Haley Forcier and Matthew Arovas were among a select number of students from across the state selected to represent their district and receive this most prestigious award. The Banquet was attended by more than 1500 people and included numerous educators and family members from across the state. Scott Gray, Sports Commentator, WTIC 1080 was the Master of Ceremony and Dr. Marion Martinez, Associate Commissioner, Connecticut State Department of Education provided opening remarks. The event was sponsored by The Connecticut Association of Schools along with McDonald's of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

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Laura Fantarella

Spearfishing is an ancient method of using sharpened sticks to hunt and kill fish. Today spearguns and slings are used to strike the hunted fish. The 45-year-old Orange resident has accumulated a boatload of championships over the past three decades. He holds a world spearfishing record for shooting a 68.4 lb. striped bass; won the U.S. National Spearfishing Championship in 2003 and finished in second place twice; is a five-time North Atlantic winner; and won 30 state spearfishing titles from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York. He has dived depths of up to 140 feet in oceans around the world, from the United States' east and west coasts, to Greece, Israel and Turkey and the Caribbean. These days Hochman is less competitive, but no less enthusiastic. He typically dives several days a week from April to December, mainly off the Rhode Island coast.

Hochman grew up on the beach in Fairfield, where his love for the ocean firmly took root. "I am fascinated by the ocean and sea life," he said. By age nine he was routinely borrowing his mom's pink and black polka-dotted wet suit and his dad's primitive "Hawaiian sling" to spear his own fish. "I would spend hours on Sunken Island spearing blackfish that we'd eat for dinner," Hochman said. When he was 15 he entered his first tournament, confident that he would be a contender. What he encountered were a group of "hard-core" spear fishermen who showed Hochman how inexperienced he was. "I was the worst one there. The catches they got were incredible. I had nothing," Hochman said. So he befriended the best ones of the group and learned all he could, returning the next year to win the tournament. In those days, spearfishing was considered an "underground sport" with only a handful of enthusiasts in the U.S. Today its popularity is slowly growing, as gear improves and information is more readily available through the internet. Hochman, who regularly lectures about the sport around the East Coast, estimates there are only about 150 serious spear fishermen in the U.S.

To be a competitive spear fisherman, Hochman had to train vigorously and learn the unique techniques for breathing and slowing the heart rate that enable the body to stay underwa-



David Hochman

ter for up to two minutes. Any longer and the diver is at risk for "shallow water black out" a condition in which the lungs cannot effectively metabolize oxygen and CO2, leading to drowning. An intricate computerized watch tracks the time and alerts the diver when it's time to surface. While underwater, Hochman typically lays motionless on the ocean floor, waiting for prey, then shoots them with a speargun. He also has to stay in top shape to endure the rigors of the sport, which hasn't been a problem for active, 6'1" chiropractor who is on staff at the Orthopedic Sports Medicine group in Trumbull. In addition to cardio workouts, Hochman regularly practices 'air packing' a breathing technique to suppress breath while training with weights and push-ups.

Hochman has become so adept at the sport that he can slow his heart rate to 20 beats per minute and become so tuned into his surroundings that he can pinpoint the type and size of an approaching fish without seeing it. "I can tell by its tail movement," he said.

Hochman has plenty of fish... and shark...tales to tell. He has kept company with mako, bull and even great white sharks without incident. "I don't trust them but the majority of the time they are not interested in biting you. If they bite a human, it is usually by mistake," he said. He has lain prone on the ocean floor, blending into the sand, observing sea life in its natural environment without the distraction of air tanks and air



bubbles. "I've watched fish playing, chasing and eating each other. It's beautiful to watch. Those two minutes feels like forever," Hochman said. One of the most exciting scenarios he witnessed was three 30 lb. striped bass standing vertically in the water working together as a team to pull a lobster from beneath a rock and then ripping it apart to eat it. But the beauty of the sport is not without its dark side. Typically about three spear fishermen drown each year. "At one of the national championships one of the guys did not come back. His wife and kids were on shore waiting for him and he had drowned," Hochman said.

Hochman says his fascination with the sport never ends and his family is beginning to share his enthusiasm. He's begun training two of his three children and recently his wife, Noel, expressed interest in learning the sport. Though he has nothing left to prove, Hochman is planning to make one more trip to the nationals in 2013, hoping for another win. "I'm never bored by it, I could do it 12 hours a day, every day," he said.



Girls Lacrosse Ends First Season

New Summer Camp Offered

The Amity Girls Youth Lacrosse League recently ended their season with a party under the HPC Pavilion. The night included fresh made pizzas from Felix Proto and his Red Wagon Pizza, and the DJ from Hot Rocks spun the dance tunes. Pictured are some of the 7th and 8th graders who played for one of the three teams this year. In its first season, the Amity Girls program was 96 girls strong and was competitive playing area teams; and in tournaments in Branford, Newtown and Glastonbury.

There is a Lacrosse camp July 16th-July 20th 8:30-12:30 at Amity High School, which is open to interested players from grades 2nd-8th. No experience is necessary, and will include basic skills to advanced game play, run by coaches and college players. Camp will also include sport specific agility, speed and condition training and workouts, presented by the staff of Jim Ronai's Competitive Edge. For more information email Bill McNeill at: Billassure@hotmail.com or Kellie Martino at: kelliemartino@yahoo.com.

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Petrowski Celebrates 100th Birthday

The Town of Seymour wishes resident Rose Petrowski a very happy 100th birthday. First Selectman W. Kurt Miller joined family, friends, and neighbors of Rose at Smithfield Garden for a luncheon celebration on Monday afternoon, her actual birthday. Rose was eager to meet the First Selectman because she used to work for the mayor of West Haven. Kurt says, "I was honored to share this special day with Rose."

Rose and luncheon attendees sang and enjoyed birthday cake in the dining room at Smithfield Gardens. Rose was joined by her son Robert Caroti and his wife Joan of Orange.

This is the third of four birthday celebrations Rose will be attending. Rose celebrated with family on Saturday, June 10th, church friends and family on Sunday, June 11th, and had a ladies luncheon on Tuesday, June 12th.

Smithfield Gardens is an assisted living facility located on Smith Street in Seymour.

"Dining with Susan"
 By Susan Noonan



Happy Independence Day!
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HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

The Silent City...

Did you ever look down from an airplane as it takes off and see the little squares that make up an ordinary city or town? For the most part, one can see rows going this way and that, wider or smaller until up into the clouds, it all disappears. The city or town by no means is silent although from the distance, no sound can be heard. There is another "city" that speaks from silence and has left behind volumes for others to hear. It's a cemetery.

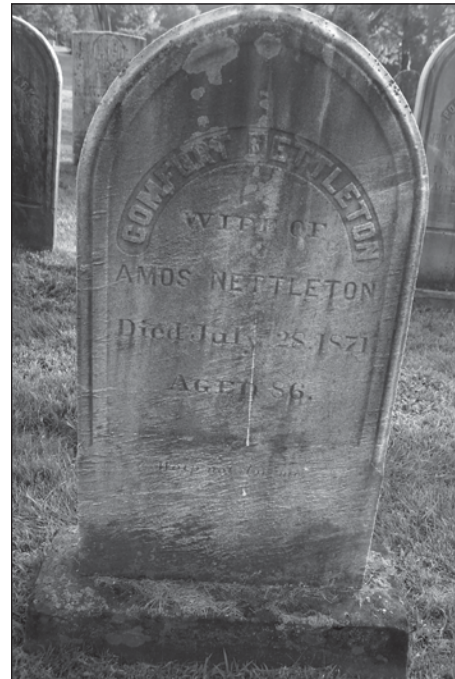
Never did such a place give folks a reason to pause, to reflect or to run from its silence as in literature where the silence gives way to moans and groans of spirits the author wishes to present to his readers, good or bad, gentle or malevolent. There is something to be said for the very old cemeteries as the stones begin to shift from their original position, crumble from the weather or become illegible from centuries of wearing away. The silence is in the fact that the stones are inanimate but their very condition, position and deterioration speaks for them.

The words on the old stones and the carvings speak of the man, woman or child who lived their life and went on in silence but in walking among the monuments, who were these people? Just reading the names of the women of the 17th and 18th century gives us an idea of what values their parents held. Content, Silence, Mercy, Comfort, Prudence, Charity and Humility are names often found on the ancient stones, the monuments that are usually clustered together near the edge of the cemetery itself.

The difficulty in tracing a family genealogy is made harder when names were repeated within the extended family and if dates are missing, the connections are all the more challenging. In the early burying grounds of New England, a unique expression of primitive art exists with the carvings, giving us a look at the individuality of the deceased as well as the sense of design and craftsmanship of the stonecutter. These stone slabs with the brooding death heads, winged cherubs, willows and urns are a reflection of the religious beliefs and philosophy of the time.

The names Rachel, Rebecca, Adam, Daniel, Isaac, Job, and Jacob to name a few, are indications of the religious sense of those in the "silent city." To people who suffered the rigors of a severe climate, famine, and epidemics, death was a fearsome prospect. It is not surprising that these monuments of their lives contain images of what they feared most, death. The graveyard when close to the meetinghouse was a place for contemplation during the time that was spent between the morning and afternoon church services.

Given the populations of colonial villages, the stone cutter could hardly rely on the "silent city" for daily bread but he no doubt was a craftsman in a trade such as woodcutter, mason or cordwainer who, not only made and repaired shoes, but produced ornamental leather goods such as wallets and powder pouches that required fine tooled work easily transferred to stone. Given this wide variety of craftsmen it is not surprising that one or more was artistic enough to carve a stylized likeness of the deceased with hairstyle and clothing details even a frown that was probably the person's "look" in life as well as death. Whether we know these artisans or not, their stones display a



Comfort Nettleton has an inscription at the bottom Weep not for me.



This stone dates to November 2, 1805 with the first burial in the new burying ground on the north side... It stands alone for Joseph Treat 3 months old.

rich variety of design and a remarkable degree of originality.

What they used for their "canvas" of course depended on what was available and IF the departed was wealthy enough to import a stone of choice. Slate being easy to carve was used but subject to flaking while sandstone was popular and held up in the New England weather. The earliest monuments were fieldstones, aplenty in New England but the informality of them gave way to the tall, erect stones of granite, limestone and what seems most common, sandstone, which accounts for the variety of colors seen in the older cemeteries.

The ancient graves were laid out with the head to the west and the feet to the east so that at the sound of the cock's crow, on the Day of Judgment, the resurrected dead would arise to face the dawn. Thus the carved surfaces would be facing west, away from the grave but in the town cemetery, the inscriptions for the old section are facing east. The willow tree found on many town stones meant life and mourning while the willow with a severed branch meant, "a life was cut short."

Although the cemetery on Orange Center Road was first established in 1805, there is a monument for William Andrew who died in 1796 having written his will just two days before his death. His handwriting was shaky and it was obvious that the majority of his bequests were dictated to another. He once owned the 1740 house on Old Tavern Road and it appears, by the inscription on the stone, that he was interred elsewhere in town. His will is the sound of silence.

Some of the inscriptions have fallen into oblivion but Charlotte Prudden's stone is clear and simply says "Charlotte, wife of Deacon Joseph Prudden fell asleep April 19, 1869 AE 72 years." Joseph's first wife was Naomi Stone and their daughter Emily is credited with establishing 15 schools for poor children in the south and was a prolific water colorist. They are the sounds of silence.

The Town of Orange was not yet 5 months old when John Butrick died October 18, 1822 at the age of 51 leaving his wife Mary and 8 children; Mary died in 1852. They too are the sounds of silence.

William Travis Grant, a shoemaker, lived next door to the church on the west side. His diary does not speak of stone cutting but of being a Justice of the Peace, Post Master, sexton of the church and he sold farm produce and wood. Esther, his wife died in Ohio in 1890 and her stone simply says, "Esther wife of William T. Grant died September 3, 1890 AE 80 years." With their stones, side by side, they are the sounds of silence.

"Hello darkness, my old friend
I've come to talk to you again
Because a vision softly creeping
Left its seeds while I was sleeping
And the vision that was planted in my brain
Still remains
Within the sound of silence."



This stone is in excellent condition and may be one of the ones that was repaired after a truck struck the front row of stones several years ago. Content was her name but she was lovingly known as Tenty.



This young man died of Typhus which was very common in the early 1800's

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. The library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Regular hours resume on Thursday, July 5.

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

Dream Big! READ is for children entering grades K-6 and runs from June 18 to August 11. Children may register in the Children's Room. 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.

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

Thursday, July 19, 4 p.m.: Teddy bear storytime and picnic held outside on the sitting wall. Stay with your teddy bears for the stuffed animal sleepover!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Thursday, July 19, 5 p.m.: Bring your favorite stuffed animal to a sleepover in the storytime room at the library! What fun things will happen after the library closes? Animals will be ready for pick up on Friday, July 20, 12 noon.

Nocturnal Animals

Tuesday, July 24 at 11 a.m.: Owls, mice, and a hedgehog visit from the Connecticut Audubon Society of Fairfield. For children ages 5-10. Limit of 30 children.

Children's Film: Over the Hedge

Saturday, July 28 at 1 p.m.: Rated PG. 83 minutes.

Teens

Teen Summer Reading: Own the Night

Own the Night is for teens entering grades 7 through 12 and runs from June 18 to August 11. Teens may register at the Adult Circulation Desk. 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. And may the odds be ever in your favor!

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 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, eat some pizza, and collect your summer reading prize!

Adults

Adult Summer Reading: Between the Covers

Between the Covers is for adults and runs from June 18 to August 11. Every time you finish a book between June 18 and August 11 stop by the library to fill out a raffle form. Tell us your name, phone number, the title and author of the book you read, and whether or not you'd recommend it to a friend.



Case Memorial Library

Each time you fill out a raffle form you will be entered into one of our raffles for a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card. Raffles will be held on July 2, July 16, July 30, and August 13. At the end of the summer we'll publish a list of all the titles that were recommended over the summer!

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Oscar Films

- 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.

Square One Theatre: Freud's Last Session

Monday, July 9, 7 p.m.: Square One Theatre Reader's Theatre presents Freud's Last Session by Mark St. Germain, centered on legendary psychoanalyst Dr. Sigmund Freud, who invites a young, little known professor, C.S. Lewis, to his home in London. Directed by Tom Holehan. Starring Alexander Kulcsar and Gabe Morrow. Sponsored by the Shirley Martin Prown Fund.

Genealogy Workshop

Monday, July 16, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will teach you how to research your family history. Topic: Using Revolutionary War Records.

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.

Skywatch

Monday, July 30, 7 p.m.: Did you see those lights in the sky? Have you ever seen something streak overhead? Was that a star, a plane, or something else? The Smoking Gun Research Agency will show you how to be a knowledgeable observer and identify objects in the night sky. See the sophisticated computer programs the SGRA team uses to determine what people are looking at and whether or not something people saw can be identified or is unexplained! Multimedia presentation followed by an outdoor skywatch. Rain date: Monday, August 6.

Art in the Library

Works by the Art in the Library Committee will be on display in the meeting room through the month of July. A reception will be held in their honor on Thursday, July 5 from 5-7 p.m.

Museum Passes at the Library

The Library's museum pass program gives you and your family the opportunity to explore wonderful resources ranging from art to dinosaurs to live animals all year round. Discover what the Case Memorial Library has to offer you outside its walls! The museum pass program, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is open to all Case Memorial Library patrons and provides passes for free or reduced admission to 21 museums and attractions in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

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Orange Visiting Nurse Association Director Judy Benson, left, and assistant director Carrie Gordon go over patient files.

Gordon Hired as New OVNA Assistant Director

By Bettina Thiel - Orange Town News Correspondent

Orange Visiting Nurse Association Director Judy Benson recently welcomed Carrie Gordon as the new assistant director to the OVNA staff. The two women have known each other for close to 10 years as they had been working together at two previous agencies Benson said. Benson said she is delighted to be working with Gordon at her side. "She is an excellent clinician," she said. Gordon will be focusing on staff development and training. That will entail checking charts and bringing care issues to the fore. "We are a licensed and accredited agency," Benson said. "We need to make sure that we meet certain standards of care."

Gordon has worked in the field of home care since 1996. Most recently, she was part of the Yale New Haven Hospital, where she participated in a pilot program to reduce hospital re-admissions, in particular for cardiac patients. The transition from hospital to home has become a hot topic in elder care Gordon said. As people live longer, they come home sicker than in the past.

Medicare will reduce its reimbursements to hospitals that have a high re-admittance rate for cardiac patients. These changes are lined up for October 2013, but eventually will be extended to all high-risk patients she said. The key is to identify high-risk patients and to figure out what needs to be done to keep them from being hospitalized. "She will focus on the discharge planning piece," Benson said. "Part of that is to teach people how to manage their disease and keep them home." The OVNA is one of only a few such community-based agencies in the state. It just recently celebrated its 75th anniversary. The agency employs two full-time nurses and several per diem nurses as well.

One of the changes that has taken place within the last year is that all the nurses carry laptops and enter all assessments, doctors visits and schedules. The care is being recorded in real time Benson said. It provides immediate access for all care givers, including therapists and aides. "We are in the 21st Century," Benson said. Its charge is not only to offer care to the sick and help them stay at home; in addition, the OVNA is responsible for community health programs. The OVNA offers blood pressure clinics, tuberculosis skin tests and other community health programs. "We have come full circle," Benson said, referencing the first visiting nurse back in the 1940s, who also served as a school nurse. Any of the OVNA services are available to Orange residents as well as neighboring towns, namely Woodbridge, Milford and parts of West Haven. Services will be covered by Medicare as long as the patient is homebound and under the care of a doctor. If people call with an issue that the OVNA cannot handle at this point, the staff will help them find the resources they need Gordon said. Benson applauded Orange and its town leaders for seeing the value in supporting a Visiting Nurse Association. "They put in the support it needs to allow people to stay in their own home," she said. Gordon has two children, Alli, 10 and Ryan, 12. She lives in Milford.

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Orange Commercial District – “The Best Investment in Southern CT”

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

If Economic Development Director Paul Grimmer could pick one word to describe what's happening in the Orange business sector it would be “thriving”. At a recent event to kick off the annual Business and Community Expo, First Selectman Jim Zeoli and Grimmer are finding that the team effort between town departments, officials and area commercial realtors to actively recruit and encourage businesses to come to town is paying off.

“Last year at this time there were 58 vacant properties. This year there are only 41,” Grimmer reported. Grimmer noted the Economic Development Department is also flourishing, citing the success of the new OrangeLife Magazine; and the organization's annual golf tournament and Business and Community Expo.

Describing Orange as the “best investment in Southern Connecticut,” Zeoli noted business growth is one of his top priorities. “I recently received a call from a printer that was looking for 10,000 square feet and I could only think of one suitable property. That wouldn't have happened three years ago,” he said.

The businesses that officials are most proud to see come to Orange is obviously United Illuminating. To show their appreciation, United Illuminating's CEO, James Torgerson, was given a key to the town. “United Illuminating is the belle of the ball,” Grimmer said. “Thank you for moving here.” Upon accepting the honor, Torgerson said he is “thrilled” to be located in Orange. The move enabled 1,100 UI and Connecticut Natural Gas employees to move to a central location, consolidating six different locations. “Things are going great,” Torgerson said. “Orange is the perfect location. It is central to our 17 service territory and having our employees in one spot has created good synergy. We hope to have a long relationship here.”

Shelton developer Bob Scinto, who holds an option to purchase the 40 acre parcel on Marsh Hill Road known as the Stew Leonard property, said he has had inquiries from several different types of businesses and manufacturing companies interested in the site. “It is a fabulous piece of property in a wonderful town,” he said. “There are people here who believe in service and who want to make a difference. When you come to a meeting like this you will hear fabulous stories from fabulous people.”

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How's Your Life Insurance Doing?

By Roberta L. Nestor

The majority of Americans do own life insurance and many have been the recipient of proceeds from a life insurance policy. You might even remember exactly when you bought your first life policy and why. Back in the day, traditional life insurance policies were sold by career agents (which means they worked for one insurance company versus representing several). Agents would come to your house, sit around your kitchen table and explain all of the reasons you needed to buy the insurance. They didn't use high pressured sales tactics and were able to convey the need for insurance.

Dollars and sense

Most often, life insurance is purchased to protect loved ones. If you are newly married and your lifestyle depends on the support of two incomes, life insurance is the best way to protect and insure income for a surviving spouse. It can also help to pay off a mortgage or pay for college in the event of premature death. However, over time, things change. You have saved for retirement, the children are finished with college and on their own and you no longer have a mortgage. You might even wonder if you still need the insurance.

Before you even consider cancelling or cashing in any life insurance plan, it is important to understand what type of insurance you own. There are marked differences in traditional whole life, universal life and term policies. The points below relate specifically to traditional or universal life policies. As a review, term insurance comes in two forms, either level premium and level death benefit for a term certain (10, 15, 20 or 30 years) or decreasing term which has a decreasing death benefit and a level premium (also known as mortgage insurance). Unlike traditional whole life or universal life, term policies do not have a cash value.

Whether you own traditional or universal life policies, chances are you haven't reviewed them in a long time. It's easy to forget; the premiums come right out of your checking account and you may receive an annual statement that gets filed away. The annual reporting you receive for your life insurance contract is officially known as an “In Force Policy Illustration” and it is loaded with pertinent information. But unless you have recently passed a state life insurance licensing exam, the illustration can be meaningless to the average policyholder.

Somewhere in the pages of this illustration it will show what would happen to your life insurance policy under different scenarios. One column will illustrate if you continue to pay the same premium and will assume the contractual minimum guaranteed interest rate. What you are looking for is if, at anytime, the death benefit starts to go down or is eliminated completely. It will show the same information assuming the policies current interest rate prevails (non-guaranteed) over time and yet another with a hypothetical rate, like 4 or 5 percent.

The illustration itself can give you insight to whether or not you will need to increase the premium you are currently paying. In layman terms, you might have to put in more money to keep the policy from lapsing. Newer policies have “lapse” protection which gives you some guarantees that no matter what if you pay “x” dollars, the policy will not lapse. Sometimes the lapse protection is only for a period of 5 years or can be as long as 20 years or to age 100. Why is this important? Quite simply, years and years of paying premiums could be lost and you could find yourself without any life insurance or cash value.

In a perfect world, you should be able to ask a third, uninterested party to give you an analysis of your life insurance contracts. The reality is, most insurance agents may use a policy review as a sales opportunity and you may find yourself, once more, owning a life policy you don't understand or may not need. The message is – life insurance is not a “set it and forget it” purchase – dust off those old policies and schedule a review!

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Gilbert, Salperto, Nuvita & Race Brook Country Club Receive Awards

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

A young entrepreneur, a premier golf club, a selfless volunteer, and a savvy businessman were among the recipients of this year's Economic Development Commission awards.

First Selectman Jim Zeoli presented the awards at an early morning breakfast ceremony that was held at the site of one of the businesses that received an award -- the Racebrook Country Club. State Representative Paul Davis was also in attendance presenting corresponding proclamation certificates from the State of Connecticut.

Racebrook Country Club, which is celebrating its 100 year anniversary this summer, received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for its "success over a sustained period of time, its contribution to the town and support of the community's social interests." In his remarks Zeoli noted the club is a wonderful neighbor and gorgeous facility with one of the "most beautiful and well maintained courses around." "Orange is lucky to have such a fine establishment within our boundaries. I am always truly proud to attend events at Racebrook and proud that it is part of the long-term fabric of the Orange Community," he said.

Racebrook Board of Directors President Bruce Bickley accepted the award on behalf of the club. "I am a steward with a two-year reign," he said. "Receiving this award on our 100th anniversary makes it very special." He reported that the 275-acre, 27-hole golf club is well-managed and proud to be a resource to the community. Currently the club is applying for a Level Seven certification from the Audobon Society as open space that is home to abundant wildlife that includes deer, fox, turkeys, hawks, swans and owls.

Orange Town News publisher Rocky Salperto received the "Business Person of the Year" award in recognition of his entrepreneurial spirit and the success and growth of his local town paper. In presenting the award, Zeoli said, "In a time when newspapers are struggling -- folding, consolidating, and reducing their coverage -- the Orange Town News is thriving. Rocky has proven that if you do news right it can expand and flourish." He also commended Salperto as a "fine business operator and dedicated town servant" who always steps up to promote town events. Most recently, Salperto volunteered to produce the annual July 4th Fireworks Display to be held July 7 on the town fairgrounds. In accepting the award, Salperto said it is a "great time to be part of the economic development community." "There is a lot going on in Orange -- and a lot of new business coming to town -- Colony Hardware, Pez Visitors Center, Aurora Foods, United Illuminating, the Orange train station and the development of Marsh Hill Road. It's a privilege to cover local events and make the townspeople aware of all that's going on here." Salperto also announced plans to start another local town newspaper in Woodbridge in August.

Long time Orange resident Kevin Gilbert was presented the "Community Service Award" in recognition of his outstanding and ongoing commitment to volunteerism, his dedication to the town, and his acts of kindness and



Pictured (l-r): Lifetime Achievement Award winner, Race Brook Country Club Board of Directors President Bruce Bickley; New Business of the Year, Nuvita Frozen Yogurt owner Jason Moon; Community Service Award winner, Kevin Gilbert and Business Person of the Year, Rocky Salperto.

generosity. Gilbert, who owned the Gilmart Auto Parts store on the Boston Post Road for many years, has served on several town boards and is known around town for his tireless help with many town-sponsored events. He has long supported the town's volunteer fire department -- he was even named an honorary fireman -- and is also one of the key organizers of the annual Memorial Day parade. "If the fire department ever needed something and they didn't have it or couldn't afford it, Kevin made it possible," Zeoli said. "His piece de resistance is the Memorial Day parade and he makes sure it goes beautifully every year. His volunteer efforts to the town can never be recognized enough."

The "New Business of the Year" award went to Orange native and young entrepreneur Jason Moon in recognition of his "Nuvita" frozen yogurt café that opened last July. In the coming months, Moon has plans to open two more locations in the Connecticut Post Mall and Branford Center. Zeoli, who is a frequent customer at the shop, said Moon exemplifies "Excellence in business and customer care and support of town events." "He has created a place for the community and family to hang out. Everyone is welcome to stay as long as they like and enjoy the atmosphere, the product and the place," Zeoli said. Moon was humbled to be nominated for the award and

thanked his parents for all the help and support they've provided. "This is truly an honor," Moon said. "There's not a better place than Orange to open a business. Sometimes I'm not sure I'm on the right path but this award may be a hint that I am."

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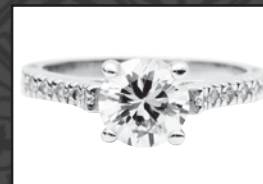
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Amity High School Graduation

June 22, 2012 – Photos by Bruce Becker



Amity Graduates move their tassels to the left signifying their new status.



Amity graduates' caps at conclusion of graduation.

ARTS & LEISURE



Robert Reid at the Davis Gallery

On Saturday, July 7th, The DAVIS GALLERY will hold an Opening Reception for a well-known personality around Orange; our own Bob Reid. Known to many, but not to all, Bob is an extremely accomplished traveler and photographer. Over the years, with the influence of his news-photographer/photo-journalist grandfather and years of work experience in the photographic field, Bob says "It's no surprise that all of this came into sharp focus when I reached that glorious point in life where vacations and travel become a part of normal living. With a collection of cameras at my disposal, I became an ardent wildlife, scenic and adventure photographer. I started out with the conviction that I would pursue this pastime purely for pleasure - not as a profession. That has never changed, but the pleasure has consistently grown - whether on safari in Africa, enjoying the beauty of Costa Rica, or traveling to enjoy and capture the scenic wonders of our own country."

His amazing photographs taken during his travels to Costa Rica, Wyoming, South Dakota, and multiple African safaris will enchant and amaze you. So come and see his fabulous photography and join Bob and all his (and your) friends at his Opening Reception at the Davis Gallery on Saturday, July 7th, from 1pm to 4pm.

Also showing in the Davis Gallery are the works of well known local artist Robert Greiner in the 'Gallery's, "Past Presented" wing, where Dara Tomeo and examples of nine other artists are currently on display, including, Graham Dale, Steve Bollman, Mark Dittmar, Joan Handschumacher, Jennifer Duff, Maiga Doocy, and Natalie Fifer.

In addition to the Robert Reid Opening on Saturday, July 7th, the Davis Gallery is located at 200 Boston Post Road in Orange and is free and open to the public from 10am to 6pm weekdays and Saturday until 4pm.

The Davis Gallery is affiliated with VideoLab in Orange and is located in the VideoLab Vestibule.

The Antique Shop at the Academy Museum has recently received new and exciting items from local Orange residents just in time for summer entertaining and unique gifts for the hostess or newlyweds. Vintage glass, jewelry, china, glassware, vintage dolls and more. With loving care, the antiques at the Orange Historical Society shop have been affordably priced and available every Saturday from 10-3 at the museum, 605 Orange Center Road. For more information call 203-795-3106.

OACC Calls for Artists

The Orange Arts and Culture Council is seeking artists to submit samples of artwork to be considered for exhibition in 2013 in the newly opened Gallery at Town Hall, 617 Orange Center Road, Orange. The Gallery is a small and intimate space established and operated by the OACC with the cooperation of the Town of Orange. This is part of the initiative to put art in public places, making artistic experiences part of daily life.

Applications and exhibit guidelines may be obtained online at orangeartsandculture.org or in the information display racks in the Gallery at Town Hall. The artist is asked to submit name, address, phone number and e-mail contact information along with images of three pieces of artwork in jpeg format on a CD to:

The Gallery at Town Hall
Lucia Bloom, Chair
621 Racebrook Road
Orange, CT 06477.

There is a \$15.00 application fee that entitles the artist to a one year membership in the OACC. The application fee is waived for OACC members in good standing. Since this is the first year, the submission date has been extended and submissions will be accepted through October for 2013.

An opening reception for each artist will be held at Town Hall from 5:00-7:00 P.M. on the second Wednesday of the first month of the exhibitions which will run for two months. One of the benefits of exhibiting at The Gallery at Town Hall is that an artist's work will become part of OACC's Encore Virtual Gallery, an online exhibit linked to the OACC's website, mentioned above. Jpeg images of work exhibited at The Gallery will be displayed there for up to 12 months following the showing of the exhibit.

This is an exciting opportunity for area artists to participate in this program for the arts in Orange. For additional information, call 203-397-8915.

Art in the Library Committee Show

Art in the Library Committee will exhibit works of members in the July 2-31st show in the gallery in the Meeting Room at Case Memorial Library. Paintings done in various media as well as pottery and photographs will be included in the show. The Art in the Library Committee is responsible for selecting works to be exhibited, acting as liaisons for the exhibiting artists, hanging shows and assisting with Artists Receptions, held monthly.

Members showing their work include: John Bencivengo, David Byrne, Susan Clark, Thomas Cook, Graham Dale, Audrey Galer, Marion Gemmell, Carlyne LaBrecque, Harriet Lattanzi, Lindsay Marieb, Barbara Mazur, Pat Miller, Bonnie Pellaccia, Jane Scully, Joan Stenner, John Ulatowski, Penny Vaughn, and Margaret Uleck-Wilson. The reception will be hosted by committee members Stephanie Jatlow, Judy Primavera and Barbara Tiven.

The Art in the Library Program began in 2001 as a single exhibit by the students of Audrey Galer, local artist and instructor. The show was well received and provided the impetus for forming a committee to foster the promotion of artists and to develop the space into a superior exhibition space. To this end, the committee has implemented the design and purchase of materials, equipment and lighting to facilitate display of artwork.

Since 2002, monthly exhibits of a wide variety of artworks have been held in the gallery space, affording many artists of exceptional talent the opportunity to participate in the program. Displayed artwork may be purchased through the artist(s), using the contact information on pricelists available in the acrylic information wall rack. Exhibits have been scheduled through 2013.

Monthly opening receptions are held, usually on the first or second Thursday of the month. Look for the sign outside of the Library on designated days. Light refreshment is provided and the artist is in attendance, ready to discuss his/her work and to answer any questions.

Artists wishing to submit work for consideration should contact Audrey Galer (Chair) at agwaterworks@optonline.net or 203-795-3695.

ARTS & LEISURE

Kramer Award Sends Her "Off to Broadway"

By Courtney Zorena

A senior at Amity High School, Alli Kramer turns blonde and represents a fantastic version of Legally Blonde's "Elle Woods". So fantastic, in fact, she won outstanding lead actress for Connecticut High School Musical Theater Awards. This award will lead her to perform at a competition at the Minskoff Theatre on Broadway.

Starting voice lessons in fifth grade, a few acting lessons, and hard work has led her to this excellent opportunity. "I have had three vocal coaches so far who have all helped and been so supportive" said Kramer.

Her previous experiences before being blonde include Éponine in Les Misérables and Hunyak in Chicago. Her love of theater and her bubbly personality made her continue to represent Ms. Woods. However, the part was much more difficult than anticipated. "It was a very tough role because Elle never really leaves the stage." Although tough, Alli enjoyed every minute of it. "I love how I can be able to use my imagination and meet so many new people," said Kramer.

At the National High School Musical Theater Awards, Kramer will be competing against students from 20 other high schools. There will be two group numbers and a medley in which Kramer will individually sing as well. "I will be working with Broadway's Liz Callaway which I am extremely excited about. This is such an amazing opportunity," said Kramer. The judge will pick four finalists who will get to perform again.

If Kramer wins the National High School Musical Theater Awards, she will be given a reward that comes with a \$20,000 scholarship to the Tisch School of the Arts and also a check for \$10,000.

With high school coming to a close and college arriving, Kramer will be heading to Northeastern University to major in business and minor in performance. However, with Northeastern giving her the chance to study abroad, Dublin School of Business will be seeing Alli Kramer in August.



Gary Harger Featured in "My Fair Lady"

Orange resident Gary Harger is currently featured as Col. Pickering in Summer Theatre of New Canaan's smash revival of "My Fair Lady". The production, garnering rave reviews, offers noted British stage, TV, and film actor Richard Sheridan Willis in the starring role of Henry Higgins. NYC actress/singer Jazmin Gorsline plays Eliza Doolittle. The company, in its eighth season, utilizes Waveny Park in New Canaan and hires a core group of professional actors, musicians, and technicians from the NY - CT area. Gary was in the original company of "Shenandoah" on Broadway, National tours of "Les Misérables" and "West Side Story" and has been featured as a principal tenor with such prestigious opera companies as The San Francisco Opera, Dallas Opera, Connecticut Opera, and The Wexford Festival. He has also worked extensively in regional theater and concert venues. He currently teaches voice privately in Orange, and is also Music Director and Cantor at St. Lawrence Church in Huntington, CT. "My Fair Lady" continues Thursdays through Sundays until July 7th, and for further information and tickets, please visit www.stonc.org, or call the box office at (203) 966-4634.



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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 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.

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.

Milford Chamber of Commerce "Summer Nights by Harbor Lights" Concert Series, Fridays, 7:00pm, Fowler Field Rotary Pavilion (behind the Milford Library) on the following dates: June 29, 2012 - American Festival Band, Patriotic Music & Show Tunes; July 6, 2012 - Steve D'Agostino, Swing; July 13, 2012, RPMs - Pop Music; July 20, 2012 - The Rumrunners, Pop Music; July 27, 2012 - Gunsmoke, Country & Western; August 3, 2012 - The Bernadettes, Rock, Soul Music; August 10, 2012 - Flashback, Rock & Oldies.

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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LOCAL SPORTS



Jenna Walsh, Taylor Walsh and Leia Foyer recently competed in the regional finals of Basketball's Skills Challenge, which was held at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA. The qualifying round was held in Milford and included three skills competitions: free throws, speed layups and hot shots. The girls each had the highest total score for their grade level and earned the opportunity to compete in Springfield. They all performed well, with Taylor and Leia both placing second in their respective divisions.

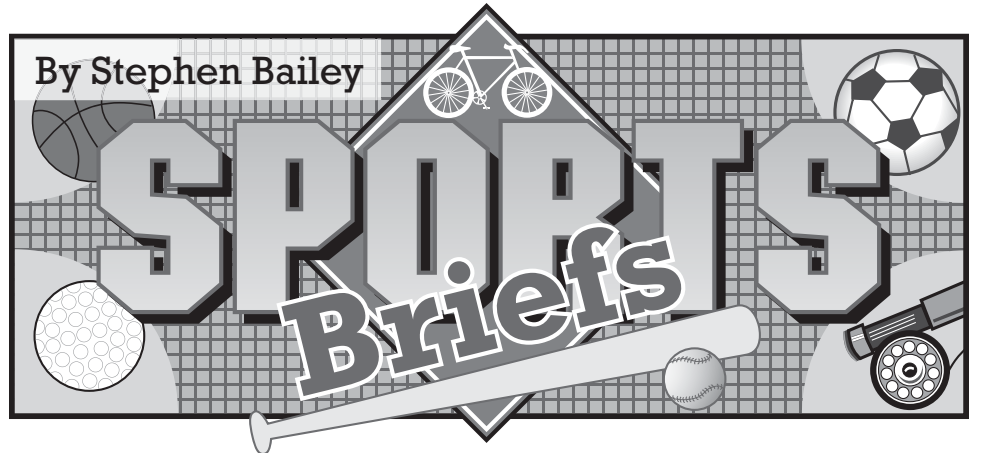


Isabella Ferraro, an 8th grader at Amity Middle School in Orange, was selected to play in the CONNY All Star U15 lacrosse game at Yale's Reese stadium on Sunday June 17th. Isabella has been a member of the Milford Mustangs girls lacrosse team for the past three years.

Barwise Named 2nd Team All-American

Junior Allison Barwise, of the Boston University women's track & field team, was named a Second-Team All-American, the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced on Tuesday. Barwise achieved a height of 1.83m in the national final of the high jump to finish tied for ninth place. She became the second Terrier in as many years to earn All-America accolades twice in a calendar year, as she was a first-team selection after placing fifth at the indoor championships in March with a mark of 1.81m. This is the second major award for Barwise this month, as she was also named the Northeast Region Women's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year by the USTFCCA on June 4. The Orange native will next compete in the high jump at the U.S. Olympic Trials beginning on June 28. Barwise qualified for the trials by reaching a height of 1.87m at the ECAC Championships in May.

By Stephen Bailey



Amity Softball Wins Class LL Title

Amity defeated No. 1 Southington 10-6 in the Class LL state tournament championship game to win its first title in seven years. The sixth-seeded Spartans (25-3) relied on strong performances from their seniors. C.J. Semones had four hits, three runs scored and an RBI. Taylor Baker and Emily Fox each reached base three times.

But it was Jacqueline Ferraiolo who charged the offensive rally. Ferraiolo crushed a Jordyn Moquin offering over the left-center field wall to give Amity a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. A lead the Spartans would never relinquish.

Dana Blydenburg allowed two runs in the bottom half of the first, but settled in soon after. She kept the Southington batters in check, failing to allow another run until the bottom of the fifth with Amity leading 9-2.

Fox and Baker both made exceptional defensive plays in the fifth to help Blydenburg finish off the inning. And from there, the Spartans cruised to victory.

Amity stormed through its postseason competition in getting to the championship game. The Spartans thrashed Newtown (8-1) and New Milford (9-3) in the first two rounds, knocked off No. 3 Darien 4-2 in the quarterfinals and edged No. 2 Westhill 3-2 in the semifinals.

Amity's Karabinos, Eldracher dominate multi-events competitions

David Karabinos took home his second straight state decathlon title and Alexa Eldracher won the heptathlon at Willow Brook Park in New Britain on June 12-13. Karabinos, a junior at Amity, defended his title in dominating fashion. He finished with 6,617 points, topping Steve D'Ascanio from St. Joseph by a large margin of close to 800 points.

Karabinos finished first in the high jump and discus, second in the shot put and javelin, third in the 100-meter hurdles and tied for third in the long jump. He also tied for sixth in the pole vault, tied for eighth in the 100, was 10th in the 1,500 and 17th in the 400, and will have an incredibly rare opportunity to three-peat in the 10-event competition as a senior next year.

Eldracher, also a junior at Amity, finished with 3,869 points, barely edging Pomperaug of Southbury's Jess Miller (3,779). She came in first in the long jump, third in the 200, fifth in the javelin, seventh in the 800, tied for 12th in the high jump, was 14th in the shot put and 15th in the 100-meter hurdles.

Senior 4x800-meter relay team finishes decorated season

The Amity girls' 4x800-meter relay team capped off its record-setting season with a berth at the New England championships. Seniors Rebecca Race, Maggie Jodon, Cynthia Greenberg and Leanne Beedle competed together for the majority of the season.

The team began to break out at the Southern Connecticut Conference championship meet on May 26. With freshman Lisa Gorham running in Greenberg's spot, the team not only dominated its competition finishing in a time of 9:31.19, but shattered the meet record by nearly 11 seconds. They finished third at the Class LL State championships with a time of 9:32.80 and second at the State Open championships on June 4 crossing the line at 9:31:26.

While a ninth-place finish at New England's wasn't the ideal finale to the season, the team competed with the best runners in the Northeast. Race, Jodon, Greenberg and Beedle all graduated last week.

Seidman reaches Class LL singles final

Amity freshman Jason Seidman came from behind to upend previously undefeated Cheshire junior Bryan Adams in the Class LL state boys' singles semifinals. Seidman dropped the first set 2-6 before rallying back and taking the second and third sets 7-6 (3) and 6-1.

Adams seemed to have all but earned himself a spot in the state finals with a 5-1 lead in the second set. He had defeated Seidman three times already this season and needed just one more game.

But Seidman battled back, avenging a Southern Connecticut Conference tournament final defeat. He swung the momentum into his favor in the second set and cruised through the third. Seidman went on to face Tyler Kratky of Greenwich in the final, losing 6-1, 7-5. He showed the same grit though, rallying back in the second set and earning an opportunity to serve for the third.

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LOCAL SPORTS



The Amity Force 5th and 6th grade travel basketball team recently celebrated the end of a great season. Although the team took home several trophies during the year, the highlight of the season was placing first in the Sheehan Center league. Pictured from back left to right are Kaylee Huber, Coach John Walsh, Brooke Matyasofsky, Catie Brown, Head Coach Brian McDonald, Madeline McDonald, Chloe Gherlone and Coach Robyn Martin. Front row is Cailey Esposito, Taylor Walsh, Taylor Martin, Olivia Pisano and Amanda Granados.



Top Left: Coach Mark Junas, Mark Valentine, Jason Anderson, Sean McKenna, Tyler Vincent, Conner Crane, Zach Saracin, Kush Doshi, Alex Mass, Matthew Johnson, Shane Gordon. Bottom Left: Sam Hecht, Jakob Cala, Kenney Johnson, Michael Cavanagh, and Eric Duhl. The Amity Lacrosse Association U15B team recently competed at the CONNY Lacrosse tournament held at Yale University, New Haven. The Amity Lacrosse U15B team defeated Greenwich and Hamden to win their division. All the players on the team are from Orange, Woodbridge, and Bethany.



The Amity Force 4th grade travel basketball team topped off a great season by winning the St. Mark's Tournament in Stratford. Pictured from left to right are Emily Brown, Head Coach Robyn Martin, Kelly Thomas, Jenna VanHise, Jilian Martin, Chloe Smith, Meadow Blakeslee, Jenna Walsh, Coach John Walsh, Leia Foyer, and Avery Dillon. Missing from photo are Coaches John Blakeslee and Bridget Foyer.



Amity Rugby Squad Makes Presence Felt in 3rd Year

By Stephen Bailey

Rugby is a 15-player team sport, but the Amity rugby club operated with no more than eight players in its first season in 2010 — and that was on a good day. Few had picked up a rugby ball prior to the first practice, knew the names of playing positions or even the rules of the sport. “I remember a lot of messing around, but not really knowing what we were doing half the time,” Eddie Walsh, then a sophomore, said. “Trying to figure out the game, but never quite getting it completely.”

Three years later, that’s all changed. Amity now boasts a deep roster of close to 30 players and the Spartans won its first state tournament game this year over Madison. Walsh and Tyler Bishop — the last links to the founding group — graduated last week and have seen the steady growth of the program firsthand from start to present.

The Spartans nearly made a deep run in the tournament too. The team finished tied for first place in its pool, but lost a tiebreaker with Madison and Fairfield Prep due to scoring differential. “I think it’s kind of amazing how far we’ve come from the first year when we had eight people and we didn’t even have a real game to three years later and now we’re winning games in the state tournament and actually being serious contenders,” Bishop said. “Getting our name out there and people knowing who we are and worrying about playing us, that’s pretty cool.” Bishop said that close to 100 people signed up to play this year. While only close to 30 came out to play, that’s far more than last year.

Many Amity players go home and watch rugby in their spare time. They are students of a sport that is not regularly studied in the United States, and this dedication has factored directly into the team’s success. “There’s definitely more of a camaraderie,” Walsh said. “We had that starting out, but it has developed as we’ve gotten more and more players. We’ve been able to have more efficient practices.”

Without Bishop and Walsh next year, the Amity program will continue its ascent toward becoming one of the state’s annual powers. The milestones are now few and far between as the bar has been raised higher than ever before. The Spartans will be in the hands of a large cast of returning players. Bishop said the soon-to-be juniors are going to be heavily relied on and he believes they will be up to the task of continued improvement.

Other than that, becoming a recognized sport in Amity athletics is one of the few obstacles still standing for the young program. “That would be nice to see,” Bishop said. “I think it’ll be tough with the athletic department just because of the nature of the sport. It’s a very physical, rough sport, but if enough people show interest at the school, everyone starts playing rugby and not playing lacrosse — the popular spring sport to play — I think the athletic department will consider it.”

Now, 40 or so months from their first rugby practice, the two graduates split trails with the Amity program. They’ve used these three years to springboard into collegiate opportunities. Bishop will play at Fairfield University this fall and Walsh at Southern Connecticut State University. “I’m excited about the future because of the experience that I’ve had over these past few years,” Walsh said.

At the team’s annual postseason picnic at High Plains Community Center in Orange two weeks ago, two dozen players casually jogged up and down the field tossing the rugby ball around. Passes were on-point and miles stretched across the faces of the players. The cohesion was undeniable and the difference in play from the first practice three years ago was unmistakable.

Even at college, Bishop and Walsh will keep their eyes on the Amity program they helped build arguably more than any other student-athletes. “I think it’s pretty cool to see how far it’s come in three years,” Bishop said. “Now we have somewhere around almost 30 people on the team. We started with six or seven and small practices. Now it’s really cool and it’s growing every year.”

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top 10 movies

- 1. Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG)**
animated
Noomi Rapace, Michael Fassbender
- 2. Prometheus (R)**
Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth
- 3. Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)**
Kristen Stewart, Chris Hemsworth
- 4. Men in Black III (PG-13)**
Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones
- 5. Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13)**
Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans
- 6. The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13)**
Judi Dench, Bill Nighy
- 7. What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG-13)**
Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez
- 8. Battleship (PG-13)**
Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard
- 9. The Dictator (R)**
Sacha Baron Cohen, Jason Mantzoukas
- 10. Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13)**
Bruce Willis, Edward Norton

TOP DVD RENTALS AND SALES

- 1. Man on a Ledge (PG-13)**
Sam Worthington
- 2. This Means War (PG-13)**
Reese Witherspoon
- 3. The Grey (R)**
Liam Neeson
- 4. Chronicle (PG-13)**
Dane DeHaan
- 5. Red Tails (PG-13)**
Terrence Howard
- 6. The Woman in Black (PG-13)**
Daniel Radcliffe
- 7. Gone (PG-13)**
Amanda Seyfried
- 8. Contraband (R)**
Mark Wahlberg
- 9. One for the Money (PG-13)**
Katherine Heigl
- 10. The Vow (PG-13)**
Channing Tatum




Chartbusters

- ### Top 10 Pop Singles

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

Top 10 Country Singles

 - 1. Carrie Underwood**
"Good Girl"
 - 2. Eric Church**
"Springsteen"
 - 3. Zac Brown Band**
"No Hurry"
 - 4. Kip Moore**
"Somethin' Bout a Truck"
 - 5. Luke Bryan**
"Drunk On You"
 - 6. Tim McGraw**
"Better Than I Used to Be"
 - 7. Brantley Gilbert**
"You Don't Know Her Like I Do"
 - 8. Eli Young Band**
"Even If It Breaks Your Heart"
 - 9. Jason Aldean**
"Fly Over States"
 - 10. Toby Keith**
"Beers Ago"
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COUCH THEATER DVD PREVIEW

BY DNA SMITH



Samantha Weinstein in "Jesus Henry Christ"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of July 2, 2012.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

"The Hunter" (R) -- Willem Dafoe plays a grizzled gun for hire sent on a hunt for the elusive Tasmanian tiger. In the Tasmanian wilderness, he stays in a run-down old house with a family that also is in search of the supposedly extinct tiger. Deep into the jungle, Dafoe realizes that the shadowy organization that sent a lone gunman across the world to bring back DNA samples from a rare animal could have hidden motives and might even be untrustworthy.

The plot can get as dense as the jungle, making it hard to appreciate what's going on. Like a real hunting trip, much of the time is spent on getting there, setting up and then waiting. It's not an intense thrill ride, and the plot can get in the way of the character's journey. But although "The Hunter" can be hard to get into, it's

not your common fare.

"Treasure Planet" (PG) [Blu-ray] -- This animated Disney adventure originally hit theaters in 2002 without making much of a splash. Now on Blu-ray, this science-fiction reimagining of the classic "Treasure Island" story has another chance to wow audiences.


You see, since 2002, attitudes have supposedly changed about pirates, and the movie's main voice actor, Joseph Gordon Levitt ("Inception" and "500 Days of Summer"), has become more of a rising star. The movie's combination of hand-drawn and computer-generated animation should hold up pretty well under the light of the Blu-ray.

"God Bless America" (R) -- Frank (Joel Murray) is a bitter, sad, divorced and dying man, and he's our hero in this film. In his bleakest moment, Frank finds comfort in killing reality television stars and other obnoxious jerks. Teenage Roxy (Tara Lynne Barr) is just as misanthropic, and admires Frank's initiative. The two team up for one big road trip and killing spree against the brain-dead denizens of pop culture.

So it's a dark kind of comedy. The kind of comedy where you're supposed to laugh when somebody gets killed for being annoying, feel bad about it for a second, then laugh at the next thing. The outrage and indignation behind the script can get a little overbearing. Certainly not for everyone, but worth checking out when you feel like you've had enough with the pop culture side-show.

"Jesus Henry Christ" (PG-13) -- This movie may be too quirky to live. Wonder-kid Henry James Herman is 10 years old and already wants to go to college. When little Henry starts asking his single mother about the identity of his father, two families are pulled together into a vortex of uncomfortable, cutesy weirdness. Even lovers of the odd and eccentric might find this one to be just too forced.

- Name the group that released the album "Stage Fright."
- What do The 5th Dimension's "Wedding Bell Blues," Peter, Paul & Mary's "And When I Die" and Three Dog Night's "Eli's Coming" have in common?
- Which group struck gold with "Candida" in 1970?
- Name the band that went to No. 1 with "Learning to Fly" and "On the Turning Away."
- Name the soul group that released "I'm Stone in Love with You" and "Break Up to Make Up."
- Who had No. 1 hits on the R&B chart with "She's Gone" and "It Only Takes a Minute"?



The band, in 1970. The album included "Just Another Whistle Stop" and "The Shape I'm In." 2. All were written by singer-songwriter Laura Nyro. Dozens of artists can trace some of their success to the music Nyro wrote. 3. Tony Orlando and Dawn. The group followed up with two No. 1 singles, "Knock Three Times" and "Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree." 4. Pink Floyd. The songs were on the group's "A Momentary Lapse of Reason" album. 5. The Stylistics, in 1972 and 1973. Both songs reached the Top Ten. 6. Tavares, in 1974 and '75.

Sudoku answers on page 44

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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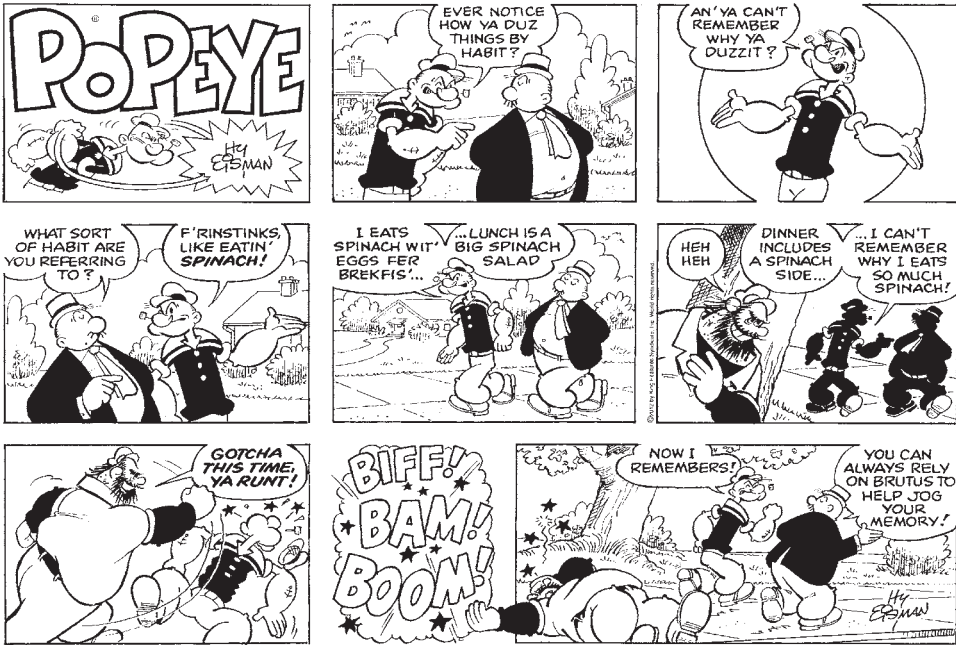
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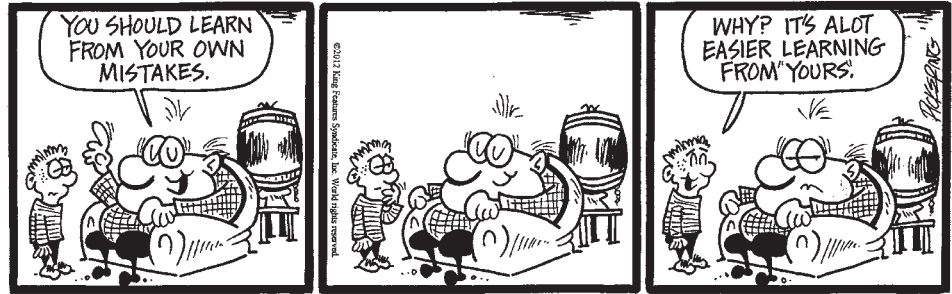
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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Restroom, for short
- 4 Upper limit
- 7 Common ailments
- 12 "The Greatest"
- 13 Flamenco cheer
- 14 Refuge
- 15 Snapshots
- 16 Got really mad
- 18 Rushmore face
- 19 Angle on a gem
- 20 Galvanizing matter
- 22 Solidify
- 23 Poi base
- 27 Weeding need
- 29 Courtroom VIP
- 31 Kiddie-lit elephant
- 34 Portion
- 35 Online bookseller
- 37 Driver's license datum
- 38 Bronx cheer
- 39 " - Blue?"
- 41 Cab
- 45 Second president
- 47 X rating?
- 48 Linda Ronstadt hit
- 52 Moreover
- 53 Supermarket

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- 55 Golf position
- 56 To the rear, at sea
- 57 Roulette bet
- 58 Remiss
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- 2 Out, of sorts?
- 3 Prancer's yokemate
- 4 - salad
- 5 Claim
- 6 Cause of annoyance
- 7 Brat's stocking stuffer
- 8 LummoX
- 9 Fighting Tigers' sch.
- 10 Bad-mouth (SI.)
- 11 Away from NNW
- 17 Healthy
- 21 Actor
- 23 'Mid,
- 24 Sailor's assent
- 25 Fun and games
- 26 Raw rock
- 28 Acapulco gold
- 30 Mimic
- 31 Prevent
- 32 Doc's org.
- 33 Director Luhrmann
- 36 Zilch, in Xochimilco
- 37 Author de Beauvoir
- 40 City boss
- 42 In any way, shape or form
- 43 Ohio city
- 44 Alphabetical listing
- 45 Help a hood
- 46 Sought damages
- 48 Ovine comment
- 49 Canadian pol. party
- 50 G8 member
- 51 Sprite

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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- NBC is taking a cue from "Grimm" to give us a show about --cannibalism! And who's better known than Hannibal the Cannibal from "Silence of the Lambs"? NBC has ordered 13 "Hannibal" episodes for mid-season and cast 46-year-old Danish actor Mads Mikkelsen in the lead role. The Cannes Film Festival jury just handed Mikkelsen top acting honors for "The Hunt," in which he skillfully played a man faced with public hysteria after being accused of child molestation.

Mikkelsen took on James Bond in 2006's "Casino Royale," and was the leader of the King's Guard in 2010's "Clash of the Titans." In August, he films "Thor 2" with Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman and -- what do you know -- Anthony Hopkins! Who better to get Hannibal Lecter tips from than the man who won his Oscar for creating him? We'll see "Hannibal" long before "Thor 2" is released in November 2013. There's gonna be a lot more vegetarians after this show comes out!

Woody Allen is coming home after making his past three films in London ("You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger"), Paris ("Midnight in Paris") and Italy ("To Rome With Love"). His next, still untitled film will star stand-up comics Louis C.K. and Andrew Dice Clay, as well as "30 Rock's" Alec Baldwin (also in "To Rome with Love"), Oscar winner Cate Blanchett, "Will & Grace's" Bobby Cannavale and "Green Lantern's" Peter Sarsgaard. It's being shot in Barcelona, Paris and Rome, as well as New York and San Francisco.

Woody also has signed former "Doogie Howser, M.D.'s" Max Casella to co-star. Where has Max been since "Doogie" ended in '93? He played opposite Johnny Depp in "Ed



Mads Mikkelsen

Wood" ('94) and played Pvt. Paparelli in "Sgt. Bilko" ('96). In 1997, he created the role of Timon on Broadway in "The Lion King," for which he won a Theatre Guild Award. In '99 he did "Analyze This" with Robert DeNiro and Billy Crystal, and in 2000, he did the revival of "The Music Man." In '02 he joined "The Sopranos" (in its 3rd season) as Benny Fazio, did the ESPN series "The Bronx Is Burning" in '07, voiced the penguin in the animated "The Little Mermaid II: Return to the Sea," was in "Leatherheads" with George Clooney (2008) and now appears as Leo D'Alessio on HBO's "Boardwalk Empire."

Max lives in NYC with his wife and two children, while his "Doogie" co-star Neil Patrick Harris lives in L.A. with his husband, David Burtka, and their two children ... talk about going in different directions!

Woody also has adapted "Bullets Over Broadway" as a musical, and it'll open -- on Broadway -- sometime in 2013. It's worth a shot!

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



Death Notices



ORANGE: Norvel W. "Brownie" Lloyd, 97, of Orange, entered into eternal rest on June 20, 2012, at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven. He was the beloved husband of Violet M. Cannata Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd was born in Salisbury, CT on April 5, 1915, son of the late George and Minnie Vosburgh Lloyd. A resident of Orange since 1956, he was employed as a machinist at Avco-Lycoming in Stratford for 28 years until his retirement in 1978. He was a communicant of Holy Infant Church in Orange where he was a former member of its Catholic Men's Club. Norvel was also a proud former volunteer fireman in Orange for many years and volunteered at the annual Orange County Fair. He was also a past member of the West Orange Civic Association and following his retirement, drove a school bus for several years. Brownie enjoyed gardening and crossword puzzles.



Norvel W. "Brownie" Lloyd

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 2 daughters, Donna Cuthbert and her husband Stuart of Ocala, FL and Gail Cuomo and her husband Robert of Orange, 2 brothers, Donald Lloyd of MI, Charles Lloyd of OK, 3 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by brothers, Kenneth, Walter, John, and George Lloyd Jr. and sisters, Virginia Lloyd and Frances Cunningham.

Relatives and friends attended his funeral on Saturday June 23, 2012 from the SPINELLI-RICCIUTI/BEDNAR-OSIECKI FUNERAL HOME, 62 Beaver Street in Ansonia, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Infant Church in Orange. Interment followed in Mt. St. Peter Cemetery in Derby. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Brownie's memory may be made to the Orange Volunteer Fire Association, 625 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477. The family sends a heart-felt thank you to Orange V.N.A. and the several aides who helped care for Brownie the past few years.

("Cuzzocreo" continued from page 9)

Don Lewis, current police commission chairman who served on the panel with Cuzzocreo for 20 years and knew him as a fellow Rotarian, said "everyone who knew Joe will miss him greatly. I don't know anyone who has been more involved in the community," said Lewis. "I was in Rotary with him for 35 years and he truly lived the Rotary's motto -- Service Above Self." "Joe was very warm and friendly with everyone and he was among the dearest of people I have ever known," said Lewis. If there were more people around like Joe Cuzzocreo, the world would be a better place." Lewis said among Cuzzocreo's proudest moments was when he was presented by Rotary International with both the Paul Harris Fellowship Award and, in 2006, the "Service Above Self" award. Cuzzocreo, friends said, took particular pride in his work on the Rotary Scholarship committee. Joe also received the "Good Scouts Award" in 2011 from the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America, served as a board member for Easter Seals Goodwill Industries and past member of the Lions Club. Friends said he loved working with young people and was, for 55 years, a bus driver for the Orange/Amity school system, often driving to school the children of students he had driven years before.

Joe, who was a Boy Scout and served in the U.S. Army, also volunteered for the Orange Memorial Day Parade Committee, the Orange Country Fair Committee, and at the Case Memorial Library. He also served on several other town committees. He was a founding member of the group that became the Orange Chamber of Commerce and received the Chamber's Community Service Award in 2001, and a 50-year (retired) member of the American Legion.

Though he was a Democrat, even being named Democrat of The Year in 2005 by the Orange Democratic Town Committee, he was just as respected by Republicans. "With Joe Cuzzocreo, you didn't think Democrat or Republican, you thought devoted Orange resident," said Zeoli. "The thing I'll remember about him most is that he could never say no when asked to help. He just left us a lot sooner than we had hoped or expected."

Cuzzocreo is survived by his loving wife, Emma Clini Cuzzocreo. He was also the loving father of Toni Marie (Robert) Gelineau of Woodbridge, Roy (Stephanie) Cuzzocreo and Joseph Cuzzocreo, Jr. both of Orange and the late James L. Cuzzocreo. Cherished grandfather of Matthew, David, Daniel and Brian Cuzzocreo and Marciana Gelineau. Son of the late Anthony and Lucy DeAngelo Cuzzocreo. Brother of Ernest Cuzzocreo of Sonoma, CA and the late Marguerite Viggiano and John Cuzzocreo. Nephew of Mary Cuzzocreo of Orange.

Cuzzocreo's funeral was held June 19 at Holy Infant Church in a Mass of Christian Burial. Interment with military honors followed at Orange Center Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Rotary Club of Orange Foundation, P O Box 894, Orange, CT 06477.

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Death Notices

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On May 20, 2012, 6 gymnasts from Cartwheels, Etc. competed at the USA Gymnastics Level 6 States Meet. The girls performed on Bars, Balance Beam, Vault and Floor Exercise. In order to qualify to compete at this meet, each girl had to achieve an All-Around score of 32 or better during a regular season meet. Pictured from left to right: Ruby Ciskowski, Alyssa Mencucci, coach Linda Mullin, Lexi Ronan, Gianna Iannotti, Kira Chandra and Abby Chamberlain.

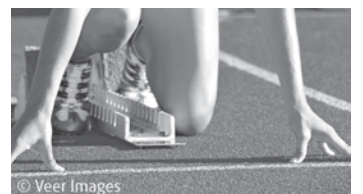
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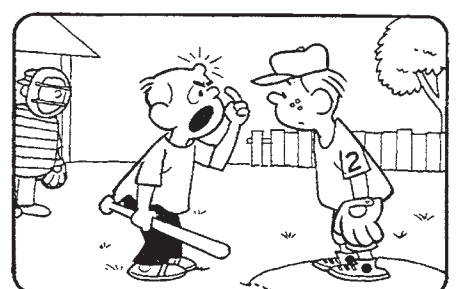
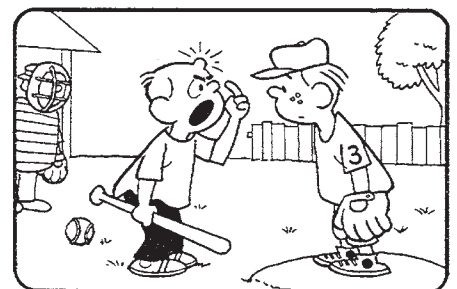
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On June 5th, art teacher Mr. Stevens presented his annual Peck Place School Art Show & Reception to students and their families. Mr. Stevens let the students choose which pieces of art and how many pieces of art they wanted to submit and display at the show. The artwork filled the school's gymnasium and included pottery, masks from around the world, gothic architecture, room perspectives, landscapes and self portraits just to name a few. Pictured is Mr. Stevens with several of his students and behind them is a radial symmetry art display. Thank you to Mr. Stevens, his students and volunteers for putting this fantastic show together!



Sixth graders at Turkey Hill School practicing some Kung Fu forms with Master Jack.

Kung Fu Comes to Turkey Hill

Sixth-graders from Turkey Hill School, Peck Place School, and Racebrook School recently participated in a series of martial arts workshops organized by sixth grade teacher Denise Hart and generously funded through a grant from the Jamie A. Hulley Arts Foundation with Master Cun-Jie (Jack) Guo from the Wu Dang Kung Fu Academy in Orange.

Among his achievements are National Champion in the Dao Shu (broad sword technique), Gun Shu (staff technique), Chang Quan (Long Fist) and Dui Lian (fighting techniques). In addition, Master Jack is certified by the Wu Dang Wu Shu Association as a First Degree Instructor and certified First Degree Judge.

Over the course of two days, sixth grade students learned the historical aspects of Kung Fu and its importance to East Asian cultures. Master Jack explained that martial arts should not only be seen as a form of self defense but also as way to teach focus, discipline, self respect and team work. He facilitated a discussion about how, in many cultures, Kung Fu is viewed only through the eyes of Hollywood films, but in reality, it should be thought of as the process an individual moves through when training. This includes the strengthening of the physical body and the mind and the precision of one's skills that should ultimately be viewed as an honored art form. Later in the workshop, Master Jack brought students, with varying levels of study, from his academy to demonstrate various techniques, forms, and styles. Students engaged in a whole group lesson where Master Jack taught some of the beginning forms of Kung Fu. As students practiced, Master Jack offered supportive words of encouragement and critique.

Miss Hart said, "Having the opportunity to enhance our curriculum through the arts has been such a positive experience for our 6th graders. Each student was able to experience a few of the skills and historical importance that encompasses martial arts through this workshop." For more information about the foundation visit the Web site at jamielhulleyartsfund.org.



Mrs. Gorry's second grade class, along with the other second grades at Peck Place School, had an exciting trip to the Peabody Museum. The children enjoyed learning about the dinosaurs, exploring the Big Food exhibit and the hands on Discovery Room on Thursday June 7, 2012.



Miss Cohen, Miss Fiore, and Mrs. Roy's Fifth Grade Students at Turkey Hill School participated in a culminating store day activity. This was an application project of the skills that had been previously taught. Students worked in a cooperative group and surveyed their grade on 5 different items that they would want to sell. Next, students analyzed their data and chose an item based on the principles of supply and demand. Among other things, students had to research their items in bulk, figure out unit price, and decide upon a markup percent to yield a sufficient profit. Mounisha Anumolu wrote her teacher a note, "It's so much fun now, before it was so confusing!" On store day they also offered a discount, calculated their new price, as well as a 6% sales tax. At the end of the store day, they had to calculate how much profit they made, after deducting their buying costs and loan from the bank. Avery Malone was quoted as saying, "Mrs. Roy, I'm really enjoying these lessons about percentages and tips! I didn't get it before and now I do!" The students pictured earned the most profit in each of their classes. Awesome job everyone!



Students in Mrs. Roy's Fifth Grade class at Turkey Hill School celebrated their teacher's birthday with a Heritage Celebration. On May 16th, 2012, students brought in a main dish or a dessert to share with the entire class. Students had been studying about the immigrants that moved to the United States and also the emigrants that moved west along the Oregon Trail. Each child talked with their family and cooked or baked a dish special from their families' heritage. All the food was delicious and the kids really enjoyed sharing about their foods. In addition to the scrumptious chow, one student, Swetha Tadepalli, brought in traditional Holi colors. These special colored powders are traditionally thrown at children while running around outside in order to celebrate the beginning of Spring. The celebration welcomes the new season by a blast of colors and fun had by all. Thanks to all of you for a really wonderful birthday!!

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Be prepared to face some challenges stirred up by an envious colleague. Your best defense is the Arian's innate honesty. Stick with the truth, and you'll come out ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your sensitivity to the needs of others is admirable. But be careful to avoid those who would take unfair advantage of your good nature, especially where money is involved.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Having an optimistic attitude is fine, as far as it goes. But don't be lulled into a false sense of confidence. There are still problems to deal with before you can totally relax.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel somewhat "crabby," as you fuss over plans that don't seem to work out. Maybe you're trying too hard. Ease up and let things happen without forcing them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Heed that keen Leonine instinct. It's trying to tell you to delay making a decision until you're sure there are no hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to reach out to those who might be nursing hurt feelings over recent events. Best advice: Ignore any pettiness that could

delay the healing process.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your understanding helps a colleague get through a difficult period. Although you didn't do it for a reward, be assured that your actions will be repaid down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You score some high marks in the workplace, which will count in your favor when you face the possibility of changing direction on your current career path.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your goal lies straight ahead. Stay focused on it and avoid distractions that could throw off your aim and cause potentially detrimental delays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Keep that burst of exuberance in check and resist pushing through your new project before it's ready. In your personal life, a family member again needs help.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Paying attention to your work is important this week. But so are your relationships with those special people in your life. Make time for them as well.

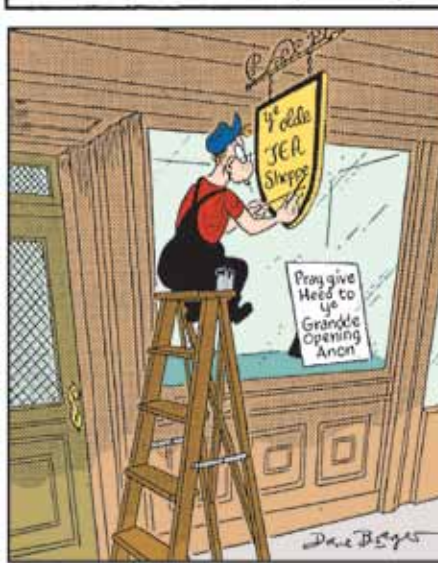
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Good news. Someone is about to repay a long-standing debt. But be warned. That same someone could try to charm you into lending it back unless you say no and mean it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are sensitive to matters that involve your home and family. You would make a fine family-court judge or social worker.

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Confronting a Rude Dog-Park Denizen



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Our town has designated a small park near my home as a place where dogs are allowed. It's not an official dog park, and because it also has a playground at one corner, many of us who visit have agreed that, if children are present, our dogs will be on leashes so as not to cause a problem. We've found the best way to allow our dogs to run free is to show up very early, when kids aren't present. And we pick up after our dogs so the park remains a pleasant place for all.

But there's one person who doesn't respect this agreement. He lets his dog poop wherever and never picks up after it, brings his dog at all hours and lets it run off the leash when kids are around. Is there anything we can do to stop this? -- Naomi in Newton, Mass.

DEAR NAOMI: Have you approached him directly? If he doesn't know that you and other fellow dog-owners have set up unwritten rules on managing the dogs' conduct, he won't know about the leash rule you've established. Remind him that it's good manners and common sense to pick up after his dog, particularly in a park where kids run and play. In many communities, it's a ticketable offense not to pick up after your dog.

If he ignores the request, make it again. Explain that the rules were put together in order to keep the park open to dogs -- if there are too many complaints, the city could ban pets from the park. If you can't convince him, your group may have to form a more official club with written rules, in order to negotiate with both the city and boorish dog owners.

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

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