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Orange's Russell Ready to "Play Ball" for Angels

By Laura Fantarella – OTN Correspondent

Nearly every little boy dreams of one day becoming a professional baseball player but for 21-year-old Max Russell, the dream is likely to be a reality. A left handed pitcher, Russell was recently the fourth-round draft pick for the California Angels and will head to Utah later this month to begin training in the team's minor leagues. One of the top 20 left-handed pitchers among col-

lege and high school students in the country, Russell was the 144th draft pick out of 1,500.

Russell and a group of friends were waiting anxiously at his Estate Acres home waiting for news about the draft. "The computer froze! I couldn't believe it," Russell said. He learned he was picked by the Angels when a friend texted, "Congratulations, you're an Angel." "It was so exciting; I had a lot of emotions. Everyone started coming over, former coaches, kids I had learned to play baseball with, I was just jumping up and down," he said.

Russell has dominated the local baseball scene since he was a child playing in Little League where he quickly became known for his fast lefthanded pitching and batting skills. "I think I was pulled out of tee-ball and moved up to the all-star coach pitch team my first year!" he recalls laughing.

in his neighborhood where Russell was

ANGELS BASEBALL Max Russell His edge and love of the game began the youngest on a street of older boys. "I had to try hard to keep up," he recalls. His brother Seth was a lefty so Russell made due with his cast off and extra gloves. "I am right-handed in everything else so I guess that's how I became a left-handed pitcher," he mused. Growing up, he lived and breathed baseball. "I just always loved it. It was fun. I'd always grab a bat and ball, I

to catch it on the other side." His parents, Carl and Marla, spent many hours throwing balls with Russell and turned their backyard into a pseudo ball field. "We played hundreds of wiffleball games there, I lost a lot of balls hitting home runs," he said. But once windows started breaking (about 13 he thinks), Russell had to take his game elsewhere. Father and son would often practice at the Little League fields after hours.

never got sick of it," he said. "I'd throw a ball over the house and run around

Russell has fond memories of playing in the town's Little League, where he made most of the close friends he still has today. "Orange Little League

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Pictured are Mrs. Madigan's third grade class celebrating the red, white & blue.

Race Brook Students Celebrate Red, White & Blue

Race Brook School's third grade students recently completed their state studies which culminated in a musical play on May 20th all about the United States. On State Day, June 2nd, each student presented an in-depth project about the individual state they had each researched including a state food, 3-D replica, poster and report.



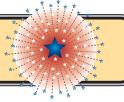


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From the Orange Special **Events Committee**





Out of Touch to Perform on July 2nd

By Dana DeAngelis

The Independence Day weekend is already upon us and it's time for Orange's annual Fireworks Spectacular! The Fourth of July celebration will be held on Friday, July 2nd. The festivities will begin with a concert at 7:30pm on the Orange Fairgrounds and will culminate with a fabulous fireworks display at 9:30pm. The concert will feature a two-hour performance by the local band, "Out of Touch." Out of Touch will play "the best of Rock-n-Soul." As its name implies, Out of Touch specializes in renditions of Hall & Oates hits, but their diverse repertoire includes popular songs from the '60s through the present. We can expect to hear anything from Beatles tunes to Otis Redding and John Mayer hits.

The Peck Place School PTA and the Orange Lions Club will be selling refreshments during the concert. While there is no admission fee for the concert and fireworks spectacular, there will be a parking fee of \$5 per car. In the event of rain, the concert and fireworks show will be postponed to the rain date of Saturday, July 3rd.

So pack a picnic dinner and set up your chairs early. The Orange Fairgrounds are sure to be packed with friends and neighbors, as they always are for our fantastic Independence Day concert and fireworks extravaganza!

Mark your calendars for the rest of our 2010 Summer Concert Series, as well. We have some very talented musicians scheduled to play in the coming weeks. Boogie Chillun', a local favorite, will perform on Wednesday, July 7th (rain date July 8) at 7pm. The band will play funk, blues, and R&B hits that are sure to get the crowd up out of their chairs. This will be Boogie Chillun's third year performing at the Summer Concert Series. Its concert is always a lot of fun with a lot of audience participation. For added convenience, Chip's Restaurant, the Racebrook PTA and the Orange Lion's Club will all be selling food and beverages under the pavilion.

The Wednesday, July 14 (rain date July 15) concert will feature Richard "Cookie" Thomas. Thomas will perform the well-known classic standards of artists such as Nat King Cole, Frank Sinatra and Johnny Hartman. A.R.A.C. and the Orange Lions Club will be selling refreshments.

The Kick Band will perform the final concert of the 2010 Series at 7pm on Wednesday, July 21st (rain date July 22). Kick Band proclaims itself "the ultimate rock show" with high-energy performances of rock hits from the '80s through today. This group of five accomplished musicians is very popular throughout the Northeast and is regularly scheduled to play venues like Margaritaville at Mohegan Sun. We can expect a very entertaining evening at the Kick Band concert. The Orange Lions Club and SOaRIn' will be selling refreshments during the concert.

The Orange Special Events Committee wishes you a relaxing and funfilled summer. We look forward to seeing you at the concerts! Please visit www.orangespecialevents.com for concert updates, links to our performers' websites, and more.

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

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was the best. We had great fields and I had great coaches. My little league coaches were the ones who taught me how to play and made me fall in love with the game. It was such a great experience, just playing baseball with all your friends. Each year I couldn't wait till I got up to the next field," he said. To play "under the lights" was the ultimate goal in the Little League echelon. He remembers a coach early on pulling him aside during practice and telling him he had a 'special gift' and he was better than most older boys. He was also a pitcher for the AAU baseball travel team, The Bombers, where he was coached by Bob Turcio who runs the Batter's Box in Hamden.

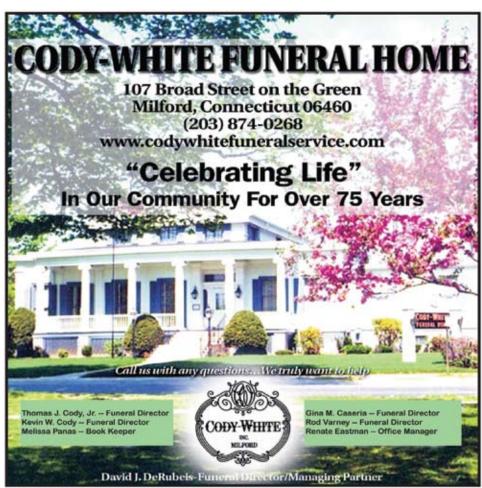
His high school career was illustrious. After transferring from Notre Dame West Haven to Amity his junior year, he was first-team all-state selection as a junior and senior and pitched Amity to back-to-back class LL state championships. With a career pitching record of 29-1, Russell pitched a complete-game three-hitter with 13 strikeouts in the 2007 state title game in the final game of his high school career.

Courted with full scholarships by many colleges with top baseball programs, Russell decided to play Division II ball at Florida Southern in Lakeland, Fla. "It was a smaller school and I thought I could be more focused with less distractions. I wanted to work hard and I had my eye on the goal...getting drafted," he said. The tragic, 2004 death of his best friend, Tim Garofalo from Derby in an ATV accident has also motivated him to do well. "I keep him in my heart and mind and want to make him proud," Russell said.

He was the Florida Southerns' Moccasins' top starting pitcher this season, going 11-2 with a 4.15 ERA. He struck out 109 in 95.1 innings and led the team in wins and strikeouts. He had a career record of 24-4 with a 4.27 ERA in his three seasons at FSC. He struck out 244 and walked 85 in 221.2 innings.

For the future, Russell plans to keep doing what he's been doing for the past 15 years; training, working hard and playing baseball as he heads off to the minors. "If and when I make it big I'm going to give back, starting with buying lights at the Amity High School ball field," he said.







Police Commission Chairman Don Lewis (1) and Police Chief Robert Gagne (r)

Gagne Receives Distinguished Chiefs Award

By Laura Fantarella - OTN Correspondent

Orange Police Chief Robert Gagne has added another honor to his long list of awards and accomplishments. The Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut recently presented Gagne with the Distinguished Chiefs Award. According to Jill Marcus, president of the PCAC, Gagne is one of the "most worthy chiefs in the state" to receive the honor. "I can't say enough good things about him, he is really the top of the heap," Marcus said. "He is highly regarded by everyone in the law enforcement community. Chief Gagne is a seasoned professional who has had a very distinguished career at a young age. We couldn't be prouder."

Gagne knew early on what he wanted to do with his life. When he was just 8 he dreamed of becoming a police officer, influenced in part he admits sheepishly, by the popular television crime drama Adam 12.

His long relationship with the Orange Police Department actually began in the 1970s when he was a teenager growing up in West Haven. "I worked part-time at the Orange Showcase Cinemas as an usher and I got friendly with many of the officers who were on duty there," he said. In addition to the police that handled traffic at the cinemas, there were always officers on duty inside the theater. "I loved listening to their 'war stories' and it firmed up my decision that this was something I wanted to do," Gagne said. When a part-time civilian dispatcher position opened up, Gagne jumped at the chance. He was still in high school but already learning about his future career. "It taught me a lot about being a police officer, how they responded to calls, and how the calls were handled. I loved the job and the Department liked me."

Upon graduation from high school he enrolled in the University of New Haven's criminal justice program and was also hired as a part-time Supernumerary Officer. While still in college he completed his training at the Milford Police Academy, graduating first in his class. He was sworn in as a full-time officer in June of 1981, rising quickly through the ranks in the Department. He was promoted to Sergeant in January 1987 and several months later to Lieutenant. In 2000, he became commander of the Investigative Services Unit and was appointed Assistant Chief in 2003 and Chief in June 2006. He is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Leadership at Albertus Magnus

Gagne is quick to point out that his latest honor is really a reflection of the Orange Police Department. "A chief is only as good as the men and women in his department," he said. "We have an outstanding staff who are all very hard working." Still, the award takes its place beside a host of others, including the Department's Lifesaving Medal, Exceptional Service Award, several Letters of Commendation and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association Samuel Luciano Award.

Today, at just 50, Gagne has witnessed more tragedies than he'd like to remember in his tenure, balanced by his belief that even in horrible situations, he has brought a positive influence. "Tragedies involving young people are always the worst," he said. "But I get comfort knowing that I am empathetic towards people dealing with tragedy. And how a professional reacts in a crisis can make a big difference in how someone moves forward." In one instance he was able to talk a woman out of committing suicide. "She was able to turn her life around and I got a heartfelt letter from her thanking me for my help that morning," he said.

Gagne also takes pride in keeping Orange a "quiet little town in which nothing much happens." He is particularly proud of several of the Department's programs, including the purchase of new technology, like the mobile video cameras installed on several of the Department's police cars; upgrading existing technology; re-instituting a K-9 unit; participating in a regional Special Response Team; continuing the Citizen's Police Academy for residents to learn about the Department; refurbishing and renovating the physical building; active shooter and patrol rifle training programs for officers; leadership training for supervisors; and taking advantage of in rem and drug asset forfeiture procedures that enables the Department to acquire vehicles and equipment at no cost to taxpavers.

He is a member of the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, and serves on the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association Board of Directors and Highway Safety Committee.

Gagne and his wife, Laurie, live in Bethany and have a son, Robert Jr. and a daughter, Morgan.

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Two Orange Students Honored at CAS Banquet

Local students, Demery Ormrod and Brent Marieb pictured here with, from left to right, McDonald's owner operator Scott Taylor, keynote speaker Joan Jarrett, Commissioner Mark McQuillan, and master of ceremonies, Scott Gray, were honored as outstanding scholar-leaders from Amity Middle School - Orange. They were among 282 scholar leaders from 142 middle schools honored at a banquet on June 7, 2010 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

The award honors one girl and one boy in each Connecticut middle school who's record of academic achievement and service is truly exemplary, whose personal standards and accomplishments are models for others and who possess high levels of integrity, self discipline, honesty and courage. Distinguished educator and president-elect of the National Middle School Association, Joan Jarrett, was the keynote speaker for the event and the master of ceremonies was Scott Gray from WTIC News Talk 1080.

The Connecticut Association of Schools and McDonald's Owner Operators of Connecticut sponsored the banquet, with 1,400 students, parents and educators in attendance.



ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP





Turkey Hill Students Learn Business Management

Fifth graders at Turkey Hill School participated in the Second Annual Super Sale Store Day Unit in which groups learned about marketing, percents, discounts, and applied their knowledge to a product for sale. As a culminating activity, each student shopped throughout the classrooms with a given amount of money and visited each "store" to make purchases. The winning group from each classroom was the group that gained the most profit from their initial investment. Students were engaged in learning through real life experiences. Maya Mutalik is quoted as saying, "We learned that owning a business requires organization and that you need to make wise decisions with your money." When asked her opinion, Emma Gehr said, "Owning a business is hard work, but it can be a lot of fun too!" Everyone did a fantastic job!

Winners in Mrs. Roy's class were Maya Mutalik and Emma Gehr with a profit of \$118.00. Miss Cohen's class winners were Theo Weber and Tory James with a profit of \$410.71. Miss Fiore's winners were Cameron Formica and Michael Perry with a profit of \$360.00.



Ruggeri Honored as Scholar Athlete

Lauralton Hall student Emily Ruggeri, '10 from Orange, was one of 341 top Connecticut senior scholar-athletes honored at a banquet on May 2, 2010 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington.

The banquet, with over 1,700 in attendance, was made possible through the generosity of the McDonald's Owner-Operators of Connecticut and Western Massachusetts.

To qualify for the award, each student must have accumulated a 3.5 grade average, participated in at least two years in a CIAC varsity sport, have exhibited service, character and self-discipline. The high schools were allowed to choose one male and one female senior student-athlete for the award.

Mr. Robert F. Kanaby was the keynote speaker for the event. He was introduced by Mr. Michael H. Savage, Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Schools/Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference. Welcomes were given by Dr. V. Everett Lyons, President of the Connecticut Association of Schools and Principal of Bristol Eastern High School; Mr. George Synnott, Chair of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference and Principal of Berlin High School; Commissioner Dr. Mark K. Mc-Quillan and Mrs. Patti McKnight of McDonald's.



FROM OUR READERS

Celebrate Independence Day Safely

This Fourth of July, Americans will toast the country's independence with friends, family and fireworks. Before these celebrations get underway, Dichello Distributors, Inc. reminds adults to show their patriotism by designating a driver or skipper to keep everyone safe. You'll join the millions of American adults who have been a designated driver or designated skipper, or been driven home by one.

Here are some additional tips for safe celebrating during the holiday weekend:

- Buckle Up. Ask everyone to wear a seat belt or a life jacket.
- Be an Attentive Driver. Always be in control and aware of those around you.
- Don't Speed. Resist the urge to speed by making sure there's plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Drink Responsibly. Adults who choose to drink should make responsible choices about when, where and how much.

Dichello Distributors, Inc. is committed to keeping our nation's roadways and waterways safe. We offer programs to encourage the use of designated drivers and skippers. Thanks to efforts like these and increased law enforcement, drunk-driving fatalities during the Fourth of July holiday period are down 40 percent since 1982, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

We can all do our part to make sure everyone has a fun and safe holiday. Remember, Responsibility Matters!

Sincerely, Tony Lota

Alcohol Awareness Coordinator, Dichello Distributors, Inc.

Residents Need to Attend Important Hearing

News of Hubbell's request for a zoning change to permit cluster housing on their woodland property between Derby-Milford and Wheelers Farms Roads has been in the local papers, but it doesn't seem that the majority of town residents have grasped what this change could mean for the entire town, not just the people living up on the northwest end. True, its groundwater and wells are in jeopardy and their roads and school will be most affected, but we all pay the price in taxes and property value in the long run. Most important, though, is that if this change is made, the new regulation will govern all future attempts to develop any remaining large spaces in Orange farmlands, golf courses, any remaining woodlands, which could be near your home—and our zoning restriction of one house per one-and-a-half-acre lot will not apply. This is why it's so important for us all to turn out for the next public hearing of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission on July 6. This issue is too vital to all of us to brush aside. Please, please, fellow townsfolk, come to the hearing—8 PM, July 6, High Plains Community Center. Whether you've been here a long time or expect to live here for only a few years, it matters to you!

> Sincerely, Elizabeth DC Meyer

Hubbell Development Not in Orange's Best Interest

I attended the meeting last Monday about the possible development of the Hubbell property. I purchased a home on Derby Milford Road in Orange last year. If I had known that the Hubbell property had the possibility of being developed into "affordable cluster housing" I would have looked elsewhere. I honestly do not believe that there are many Orange residents who approve of this development. We are all taxpayers in this town and deserve to vote before this development comes in and restructures our entire town. I spoke at the meeting last week. I talked about how I believed that traffic on Derby Milford Road and Wheelers Farms Road would definitely increase. The big wigs at the meeting (Hubbell's people) claimed they did their research and their data showed that there would be no increase in traffic. This is completely unbelievable and ridiculous. The traffic is already bad enough now. Add 200 more homes with at least 2 cars per home, all of which will be traveling on Derby Milford Road or Wheeler's Farms Road. How could traffic not increase? Data is just data. It is not reality. Things look wonderful on paper during research, but it does not make any promises. Plus, Hubbell's attorneys do not live in the town of Orange so what do they care if traffic increases? They'll get their money and be done. I am not buying into any of the guarantees they are making. In my opinion, this entire development is a huge mistake and a terrible idea. Orange needs to remain a small town and there is absolutely no need for "affordable housing." I am going to say it like it is. If you can afford to buy in Orange, that is great. If you cannot, there are plenty of other wonderful towns in the New Haven area to buy in. I am a young home buyer. My husband and I made a goal to buy our first home in Orange after we finished college. We lived at home for 2 years, worked, and saved our money to buy an Orange home. No one offered us a \$300,000 2,000 square foot home for only 30% of our income. If we had not found our

home on Derby Milford Road, we would have looked in another town for more affordable homes. This development is going to negatively impact the townspeople, our schools, our roads, and our valuable wetlands. And let me tell you, 225 extra homes is going to put a toll on the roads, police force, and fire department. It is inevitable that because of this, taxes will go up. I refuse to pay more taxes for these homes to be built. That is not why I moved to Orange and that is just unfair. It's not like we are building an extra 10 or 20 homes. 225 extra homes? No thank you Hubbell! Let's stand together Orange and fight this to the end.

Thank you, Heather Spadoni Ventura

Memorial Day Ceremonies – A Day of Remembrance

The Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade were held on Sunday, May 30, 2010. Trevor H. Davis, Sr., World War II Veteran, was the Grand Marshal. Charles M. Robear, World War II Veteran, was the Chief of Staff. The Honored Veteran was T-Sgt. Gertrude E. Noone. She was the oldest living veteran in the world at the time of her death last year at the age of 110. She was honored posthumously.

Dr. Linda S. Schwartz, Commissioner, State Department of Veterans' Affairs 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.

The parade was organized by Mr. Kevin Gilbert. The services at the Veterans Memorial Monument at the Orange Center Cemetery were led by Peter MacDonald, Commander, American Legion Post #127. Wreaths were laid at the monument by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Jewish War Veterans. The Committee again this year concentrated on increasing civic involvement in the parade and hopes to continue to encourage local organizations to participate in the parade.

Many people help make this parade 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 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 to shuttle people from the cemetery back to the parade grounds, Tom Hill for the use of two outdoor conveniences, the Graphic Arts Department of Amity Senior High School, the Graphic Arts and Carpentry Departments of Bullard-Havens in Bridgeport, and lastly 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, Parade Organizer

Animal Rescue Fund Thanks Volunteers

Amity Animal Rescue Fund, Inc. (AARF), has just completed its 6th rabies clinic. The volunteers could not have succeeded in their efforts without the help of some very special people in our community.

AARF would like to send a special "Thank You" to Dr. Kimberly McClure-Brinton who has helped and encouraged AARF since its inception, and Melissa Walsh, Stacey Bowers and Marissa Bedron for their dedication and hard work during the clinics.

AARF would also like to thank the Gagel Family for the use of their mobile home which allowed AARF to make certain that all the animals attending the clinic were always safe.

Lastly, we would like to thank the town of Orange for permitting AARF to run the clinic at the outdoor community center pavilion.

Cheryl Lipson AARF president, Woodbridge



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FROM OUR READERS

Bob Lettick Thanks "Robo's Rooters"

On May 22, 2010, our team, "Robo's Rooters", participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life held at High Plains Community Center in Orange. I want to take this opportunity to thank the members of our team and all of our supporters for their generosity. Our team raised over \$4,500; all total the BOW Relay for Life raised more than \$100,000 to support the fight against this dreaded disease.

Special thanks to team sponsor, Greenberg, Rhein & Margolis and Amity Motors, and other local businesses who contributed to our efforts: Paisan's Pizza Buffet, Katz's Deli, Fortune Pavilion, Georgina's, Massage Envy, and the Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, and Orange Town News.

The support and encouragement we received is greatly appreciated. Be well and have a great summer!

Robert Lettick & Team Robo's Rooters

Resident Finds OPD Course Extremely Rewarding

This letter is to Chief Robert Gagne and all the officers of the Orange Police Department. I was one of twenty people that took part in the spring class called Orange Police Academy. This course, which was through Amity Adult Education, proved to be not only informative, but opened the eyes of all who came. Through the officers, we were given insight into the life and duties of the police officer. Not only did we learn how they serve to protect, but how they show a great dedication and interest in the lives of this community.

For anyone in Orange, this course offers not only the chance to see the duties and various programs that are through the police department, those who take this course will find it is extremely rewarding.

Charles E. Pigaty

Coach Lindgren Gives Thanks for Community Support

I would like to take this opportunity to express how grateful I am to everyone involved in this year's pursuit and achievement of our second Division II Ice Hockey State Championship for Amity Regional High School. Reaching this goal twice in three years is more than I could ever have hoped for.

I am extremely proud of the players on this team who truly understand what the word "TEAM" represents. This group of young men possessed the confidence, commitment and desire to win - a coach's dream. Along with this outstanding group of players I would be amiss not to mention the support I received from the Amity Administration, my Assistant Coaches and the Amity Hockey Parent Group. Without their involvement our program would not be of the caliber it is today. In fact because of their participation, we have brought this program back to a Division I Hockey Program. A goal I had set when I first became coach of Amity Hockey.

As for the Amity Student Body, your support throughout the hockey season was extraordinary. One writer in a local paper referred to our fans as the 7th player on the ice. Many times, especially in the third period, your presence gave us the confidence we needed to prevail. I am also thankful for the outstanding coverage we received all year from the local papers. It was an honor to hold such high rankings from area papers throughout the season.

I am so proud to be affiliated with this community as a coach and a counselor of this school. Our success would not have felt so wonderful if you were not there as an integral part of it. Please know I will forever be thankful for your role in this State Championship. I hope you will continue to support all the teams of Amity; you have proven what "community support" is all about. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Coach Gary Lindgren

Stew's Pull-Out Not A Victory

On the heels of Stew Leonard's decision to give up the battle and not build his dairy store in Orange, I ask that those who worked to block this business temper their celebration and perception of victory and to think about the broader consequences of their actions. In a town desperate to maintain its commercial tax base, I ask what effects the 14-year fight to keep this store out of town may have had. Could it have influenced the decision of such businesses as Barnes & Noble Booksellers, La-Z-Boy Furniture, and Paint Products Company to move out of Orange and into neighboring Milford? Could it have influenced the Aldi Supermarket chain to open stores in both surrounding West Haven and Milford, but not in Orange? If the small group of anti-Stew forces "won," then, unfortunately, the majority of us taxpayers in Orange "lost."

William Sherman

Town Needs to Come Together to Prevent Hubbell Development

As I read the Orange Town News on June 4th I can't help but think that the town and its elected officials need to come together now more than ever to prevent any development of the Hubbell Property. Instead, a full paragraph is dedicated to showcasing the Democrats need to make Mr. Zeoli look bad. While everyone wishes there was a crystal ball in our path to life's decisions we don't possess one. After living in Orange personally for 12 years, and my husband his whole life, we value what the town stands for. Excellent schools, a wonderful community of neighbors, quiet living and low crime. We, like many in Orange, have paid a premium price to live here. I cannot imagine how 225 single family homes, of which roughly 75 would be designated affordable housing, will do anything to add to the quality of the town. No amount of taxes that will be brought from these homes will compensate for the change in the neighborhoods, schools and community.

We absolutely as a town must come together to do whatever it takes to acquire this land and not allow the development to occur. I hope that the passion the town felt at stopping Stew Leonard's' can be redirected to this endeavor! Because if this occurs people will be wishing we had a simple grocery store off of I-95.

> Respectfully, Karen Sim

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Pictured above is First Selectman Jim Zeoli signing the Proclamation.

Zeoli Proclaims June 8, 2010 Garden Club of Orange Day

The Garden Club of Orange membership was founded in 1930 by a group of women whose goal was to preserve the beauty of the town of Orange. The Club membership has continued with this goal, and currently works to improve the Town Green, the Race Brook Tract, the Wepawaug Conservation Area, and Wright's Pond as well as decorating Town buildings for the Holidays. In recognition of the Club's 80 years of community pride and continued efforts to enhance the beauty of the Town, First Selectman Zeoli of the Town of Orange proclaimed June 8 Garden Club of Orange Day.

Orange Tree Committee Announces 2010 Champion Tree Contest

The Orange Tree Committee's 2010 Champion Tree Contest-THE NOR-WAY SPRUCE-is underway. The goal is to find the largest Norway Spruce tree in Orange. The winning entry will receive a certificate and a ribbon to be presented at the Orange Country Fair in September.

The Norway Spruce, an evergreen conifer, is found throughout much of the United States as perhaps the most common Spruce. It is used as an ornamental tree in urban environments and as a windbreak in both urban and rural areas. The Norway Spruce can reach heights of 80 feet by 40 feet in spread with a medium to rapid growth rate.

A distinctive feature of the Norway Spruce is the strong central leader, horizontal side branches, and vertically pendulous branchlets. The cones are the longest of any spruce (4 to 6 inches).

To measure your tree, use a tape measure to find the circumference around the trunk at a height of 4.5 feet from the ground. For more information, see the display in the Case Memorial Library or call Nancy Nyhan at 203-799-2217.

YOUR CHAMPION NORWAY SPRUCE CANDIDATE

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If my entry wins, I agree to be photographed and allow my picture to be Published by news media without compensation.					
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Entries must be mailed by August 31, 2010 to: Nancy Nyhan 1 Club Road Orange, CT 06477

Orange Rotary Awards Three Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Orange recently held its scholarship awards luncheon at the Racebrook Country Club. As in past years, the quality of all of the applicants was impressive. In making a decision, the scholarship committee considers many factors which include academic excellence, community involvement and financial need. Although its work is never easy, the committee chose three outstanding students, all residents of Orange.

They are Emily Ruggeri, Connor Shortell and Eric Zheng. Emily will study civil engineering at Cornell and Connor will pursue nursing at Stevenson University. Eric Zheng is enrolled in the medical program at Union College. They each represent the best that Orange has to offer.

Joe Cuzzocreo heads up the scholarship program which is now in its tenth year. Although the Rotary Club of Orange supports many initiatives within the community, this is surely one of the most important. When you participate in a Rotary fundraiser, you are contributing to programs like this one.

Troop 925 Boy Scouts to Hold Reunion

A reunion for all former Troop 925 Boy Scouts and leaders will be held Saturday, July 24, at the pavilion behind High Plains Community Center from 12:00-4:00.

All former Boy Scouts who participated in the Troop are invited to attend regardless of how long they were in the troop or what rank they achieved. Wives, children, girlfriends are invited.

This is a great opportunity to reconnect with your scouting friends and leaders from the past.

Food and beverages will be served.

The co-chairmen are Richard Meisenheimer, Larry Langerman and Tony Ianniello.

Please respond to troop925reunion@gmail.com if you plan on attending or have any questions. Let your fellow scouts know so they can plan on coming.

Amity High 40th Reunion

The 40th Reunion for the Amity Senior High School classes of 1969, 1970, and 1971 will be celebrated this Labor Day weekend! All classmates are asked to check out www.amityreunion.com for a reservation form and full information.

On Friday, September 3rd, a cocktail party will be held at the Holiday Inn at 201 Washington Avenue in North Haven, CT from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. The price for this event is \$45 per person and includes plenty of great hors d'oeuvres, a DJ, and cash bar.

This will be followed by a picnic on Saturday, September 4th at the Three Saints Park, 112 Miller Road in Bethany, CT from 11 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and includes a large pavilion to accommodate everyone rain or shine. Food and beverages will be provided by Dave's Caterer's, BYOB. Both events are for adult guests only.

Other surprises are in the works by the organizational committee, so get in your reservations now! Reservations and payment (check or money order) should be sent to Linda Testa Gravante at 422 SE Edgewood Drive in Stuart, FL 34996. Please make checks to Linda. Any excess proceeds will be donated to the Amity Regional High School College Fund. For local assistance, contact Laura "Peach" Reid (peach@fishmartinc.com).

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TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

From the Desk of the Municipal Agent By Dennis Marsh



Scam Alert

On June 14, 2010 WTNH-8 news aired a report from Woodbridge CT. Around 12 noon, a man began knocking on the door of an elderly woman's residence. She originally was not going to answer the door but the knocking persisted. When she answered there was a man who claimed to work for the electric company and they were going to cut some trees down in a neighbor's yard. He managed to convince the resident to come outside as he pointed at some trees. While he did this an accomplice slipped into her house and stole jewelry and cash.

Another version of this scheme that I have heard is two nicely dressed young women arrive at your door. One explains she grew up in the house and she would like to have a look around. Since they are nicely dressed women and look very safe, seniors tend let them in. One woman distracted the resident with conversation about some item in the house while the other loots the home of jewelry and money.

Remember to be careful. Ask to see identification and a work order. Call to verify. And do not allow anyone to lure you outside without locking your doors behind you. If you have concerns with strangers at your door, please call the Orange Police Department at (203) 891-2130.

If you have any questions or concerns if something is a scam, please feel free to call Dennis Marsh, Elderly Outreach/Municipal Agent for Orange Community Services at (203) 891-4787.

OVNA Healthline



The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinics will be held on Thursday, July 8th from 10am-12:00pm and then again on Monday, July 19th from 1:00pm to 2:00 pm in its office at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library No appointment is necessary.

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

Are you experiencing any heart problems and require home health service?



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An Explanation of Household Trash Pick-Up

Many residents of the town have received a letter from their trash man regarding new policies of the Town of Orange. This letter contained some inaccuracies and assumptions that are not correct.

Currently all commercial businesses that dump at the Orange Transfer Station are paying \$91 per ton for trash. The fee starting July 1, 2010 is \$98 per ton. This translates to .05 cents per pound. A household needs to generate 166 lbs per month for a full year to make a ton of trash. The household trash haulers had fallen through the cracks on the fee schedule. The writer of the letter that you received states a substantial increase. I don't know what he is quoting. However the actual cost is five cents per pound.

The statement is made that this is paid for through taxes and you are losing a service. The part that the writer did not explain is, all revenue generated by the transfer station for dump fees, scrap metal, paper or whatever else, is taken into budget consideration. This revenue is calculated into the town's operational budget before tax and mill rates come into the picture. The revenue that private, for profit businesses pay to use the facilities is what keeps the tax and mill rates down.

You are not losing a town funded service and your taxes are considered when the budget formulation is being done. You certainly are not being discriminated against. The service is provided at your door and a location is provided for the private, for profit businesses to dump trash. The only discrimination may be to the other commercial contractors that have been paying the \$91 per ton this current fiscal year.

The Boards of Finance and Selectmen had much discussion and concerns with this issue. The Board of Finance has figured this revenue into FY10-11 budget along with all other revenue generated at the transfer station. The Board of Selectmen also had discussion and moved this forward as well. The Board of Selectmen would not operate to harm the Town of Orange or its residents.

You may contact the Public Works Department at 203-891-4712 for the names and phone numbers of all household trash contractors currently serving the residents of Orange.

An Open Letter to Orange Residents From Ray's Sanitation

We at Ray's Sanitation are very appreciative to our customers for their loyalty, concern and the actions that they have displayed during the Town of Orange's new transfer station dump fee charge.

In all our 40 years of servicing Orange residents there has never been a dump fee on any residential garbage dumped at the Town Transfer Station by us, other haulers or residents.

The Town has now imposed on us a \$98.00 per ton dump fee charge. In addition to now charging a dump fee they are requiring us to dump at their facility. This demand prevents us from using a less expensive and practical alternative. Instead of taking your trash to the Orange Transfer Station where it is collected and then taken to the Bridgeport Burn Plant, we would be taking your trash directly to the Bridgeport Burn Plant. Not only will this cut down on emissions but it would cost one third less of the price of the Orange Transfer Station fee. These savings would be passed on to our customers.

Our customers have complained to us about paying a "double tax". The cost of operating the transfer station is part of the Town's tax structure. With the new dump fee imposed on haulers only, our customers are paying another fee to the Town, while other residents who bring their own garbage do not.

Unfortunately we cannot absorb the entire new dump fee charge. Some of this cost has to be passed on to our customers. Our customers have made it very clear that they understand why we have to raise their rates. They are not happy about the Towns new dump fee, but are very happy with our quality service and do not want to wait in line at the Transfer Station.

Our trucks can hold the trash for over 500 homes, that is a lot of traffic and pollution our company cuts down on every day. Everyone creates garbage. In today's world where people are concerned about reducing traffic and air pollution, it is unfortunate that the Town not only has double taxed some of its citizens, but has created an unnecessary situation where people will be driving more.

Once again thank you for your support, Ray & Darin Bouchard

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Zumba: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm: Join Zumba with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

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

Services:

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



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Pictured (l-r): Kaitlin Muttitt, Mark Wesolowski, and Kasey Killeen.

Holy Infant Council Awards Three Scholarships

The Holy Infant Council of the Knights of Columbus (#12523) recently awarded three scholarships totaling \$2,500 to three young parishioners of Holy Infant parish. The Knights administer the **Father Killeen Scholarship Fund**, which funds each of the scholarships. The scholarship recipients were: **Kaitlin Muttitt, Kasey Killeen** and **Mark Wesolowski**. Each of the scholarship applicants was judged on four criteria: community service, academic performance in high school, character, and a personal essay.

Kaitlin (Katie) Muttitt, the daughter of Michael and Linda Muttitt of Orange, was awarded the eighth annual **Brian T. D'Orso Memorial Scholarship**, named in honor of a Holy Infant parishioner and Amity High School student who demonstrated a particular interest and devotion to community service before he perished in a tragic accident in November 2002. Katie graduated from Amity Regional High School in June and will be attending Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island, where she plans to pursue studies in Psychology. Thomas and Susan D'Orso, parents of Brian D'Orso, presented the scholarship award to Katie. This year's Brian D'Orso Memorial Scholarship was in the amount of \$1,000.

Kasey Marie Killeen, daughter of Kevin and Angela Killeen of Orange, received the **Diane Raikis Scholarship.** This is the sixth annual scholarship awarded in honor of a member of the Holy Infant parish community whose contribution to the parish and the community is honored each year on a rotating basis. Kasey Killeen graduated from Amity Regional High School in June and she will be first year student at Villanova University in Philadelphia, where she will major in both Psychology and Mathematics. The Diane Raikis Scholarship was in the amount of \$750 and was presented to Kasey by Diane Raikis.

Mark Wesolowski is the son of John and Donna Wesolowski of Orange. He also received a \$750 scholarship from the Father Killeen Scholarship Fund. Mark graduated from Amity Regional High School in June and will be enrolling at Pennsylvania State University in State College, Pennsylvania in the fall. Mark is planning to major in Food Science.

The annual honoree scholarship is named to honor a member of Holy Infant parish who has contributed their time, talent and/or treasure significantly to their parish and community over a lengthy period of time. For 2010, Diane Raikis was selected as the honoree. Ms. Raikis has served as the music director of the Holy Infant Folk Group Ensemble for nearly 33 years as well as serving as President of the Parish Council for seven years. She has also been a religious education teacher for the past 22 years. Previous honorees have included Deacons John Hoffman, Joseph Sullivan, Americo Bichi and the late Bernie Hayden. Mrs. Peggy Brinsmade, longtime religious education teacher and retired Director of Religious Education at Holy Infant, was honored in 2006. Retired Judge of Probate and thirty-year member of the Holy Infant Finance Council, Charles Flynn, was named an honoree in 2008.

The Holy Infant Knights of Columbus Council #12523 established the Father Killeen Scholarship Fund in 1999 in honor of Father Bernard Killeen, the co-pastor of Holy Infant parish from 1982-1999. The scholarships funded by the Father Killeen Scholarship Fund are awarded on a competitive basis to any eligible young person who is a parishioner of Holy Infant and who has distinguished him/herself academically, with high moral character and a strong record of community service. To date, more than \$25,000 in scholarships has been awarded by the Fund.

From the Youth Services Coordinator John Ulatowsski



Students and families enjoy K-6 April exhibit reception at Case Library. Youth Services and Art in the Library facilitated the event.



The Talent Show artists take their bows on stage at the conclusion of the show held in January.



Seventh and Eight grade students have a good time at the dances.



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Our members are all moms like you who are looking to meet other moms while enjoying many of the area attractions.

For more information about the MOMS Club of Orange

or to find out how to become a member, please contact:
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CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

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In the Children's Department

Summer story hour schedule:

- Sessions for age 2 will be held on Monday, July 12, 19, 26 from 10:30-
- Session for age 3-5 (no craft activity) will be held on Wednesday, July 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:30-11:30 p.m.

Children's Summer Reading: Books are Dino-mite!

Registration is ongoing for the summer reading program "Books are Dinomite!" for Orange students entering grades 1 through 6. Pre-schoolers may join as Read-to-Me members. Dino-mite readers will be awarded fun prizes and can win raffle prizes. Please register in person with your child in the Children's Department. All summer reading programs require pre-registration. Registration for each program will open two weeks before the program date.

Dinosaurs Rock! A Fossil Adventure, Exhibit, and Dig

Thursday, July 15, 4 p.m.: The museum comes to the library for an educational, entertaining and totally hands-on DINOSAURS ROCK Fossil & Mineral Adventure. This is a fun-filled interactive show with a mega exhibit of museum-quality life-size and genuine specimens, amethyst, citrine, real gemstones, large geodes and more. Join us for a dazzling prehistoric journey! Space is limited. For ages 3 and up.

Classic Film: "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs"

Saturday, July 17, 1 pm: In the third installment of the "Ice Age" series, viewers once again find themselves watching the lives of Manny, his mate Ellie, Diego, and the affable Sid comically spiral out of control. While Manny and Ellie prepare for their first child, Sid decides he too would like a family of his own. Juice will be provided. Bring a light snack.

Beardsley Zoomobile: "Animals are Dino-mite!"

Tuesday, July 20, 1 p.m. (ages 3-5), 2 p.m. (ages 6 and up): Learn all about the wild side of animals and nature. Examine rare artifacts and meet and touch amazing animals in this fun, interactive presentation. This will be engaging and exciting for kids and their parents too! Space is limited.

Teens

Teen Summer Reading: Feed Your Brains!

Teens: There's still time to register for this year's Teen Summer Reading Program, "Feed Your Brains", which runs from June 21 to August 14. Orange teens who read 8 books in those 8 weeks will receive a participation gift courtesy of the Friends of the Library at the end of the summer. Participants are invited to attend an End-of-Summer Reading Party on Monday, August 16 at 6 p.m. where we will eat pizza, watch a movie, and give out summer reading participation gifts. Teens can leave suggestions for the movie we will

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show at the party and a topping for the pizzas in the Teen Suggestion Box in the Teen Department.

Adults

Adult Summer Reading: Books are Dynamite!

Register now for this year's Adult Summer Reading Program, "Books are Dynamite!" Read 8 books between June 21 and August 14 to be entered into our raffle drawing for lots of great prizes. The raffle drawing will take place at the end-of-summer reading party on August 21 where we will feature live music on the library lawn.

Summer Film Series: Invictus

Saturday, July 10, 1 p.m.: The second film selected for our summer film series is Invictus, the Oscar-nominated film directed by Clint Eastwood, starring Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman. Nelson Mandela, in his first term as the South African President, initiates a unique venture to unite the apartheid-torn land: enlist the national rugby team on a mission to win the 1995 Rugby World Cup. Please join us throughout the summer as we present an array of current, popular films for your viewing pleasure. It's a great way to beat the summer heat! Please pre-register.

Social Security Information Session

Monday, July 26, 4:30 p.m.: Social Security Specialist Maria Grice will discuss how to apply for benefits, what benefits are available, on-line services, Medicare, COLA increases, the future of Social Security and more. Get the answers to all your questions. Pamphlets and brochures will also be available. No registration necessary.

Square One Theatre Company: Love, Loss, and What I Wore

Monday, July 26, 7:00 PM: Join us as Square One Theatre Company Reader's Showcase presents the off-Broadway smash hit Love, Loss, and What I Wore, an intimate collection of stories by Nora and Delia Ephron, based on the book by Ilene Beckerman. Free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Programs at the Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, Orange, 203-891-2170, are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested in person or by phone. Reach us on our website: www.casememoriallibrary.org. Sign up to receive notification of library happenings via the e-newsletter form available in the library or online. The library's summer hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday, 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10-5 and Saturday, 10-4. The library will be closed Saturday, July 3 and Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. Hours resume on Tuesday, July 6 at 10am.

Art In The Library Issues Call For Sculptors

Art in the Library is asking sculptors and other three dimensional artists who are interested in exhibiting their works at the Case Memorial Library to contact Audrey Galer at 203-795-3695. The Art in the Library Committee strives to present work in all mediums and is particularly interested in expanding the sculptural submissions.

Art in the Library has been presenting monthly exhibits of a wide variety of artworks since 2002, giving opportunities for recognition of exceptional talent. Most of the exhibited works are for sale at reasonable prices. Since its inception, the Art in the Library Committee has worked to upgrade the exhibition space in the Meeting Room, improving both the hanging space and the lighting.

To provide an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists, opening receptions are held. They are from 5-7 p.m. on the first or second Thursday of

Sculptors take notice. You are encouraged to submit examples of your work for consideration. Please call as soon as possible to arrange an appoint-

"Lotus and Blooms" **Currently Showing**

Exhibition of photographs by Barbara Curri and watercolors and hand woven tapestries by Jan Baldwin will be on display for the month of July, 2010. The exhibition entitled "Looms and Blooms" is open to the public at 176 Tyler City Road Mondays and Thursdays 10am - 8pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am – 5pm and Saturdays 10am -4pm.

DelBasso Finishes in Top Ten

Orange Resident Casey DelBasso, a junior at Lauralton Hall, finished in the top ten finalists competing amongst girls to represent Connecticut at the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant in Orlando, Florida. The Teen pageant was part of the Miss Connecticut Scholarship Pageant, which was held

at the Garde Arts Center in New London last weekend. Casey sang in the pageant's talent competition and was awarded the Miss Congeniality Award.

At Lauralton Hall, Casey is president of Students Against Destructive Decisions and is active in the musical theater program. Casey is an honor roll student and has been inducted into the Society of High School Scholars. She recently was awarded the Francis Warde Service Award for 100 hours of community service hours, a citizenship award for her work with SADD and being a peer tutor, and an excellence in music award. She promotes SADD as part of her pageant community service platform.

In addition, Casey was recently appointed as a Youth Ambassador for "Get In Touch Foundation," an organization that



Casey DelBasso

assists girls and women in understanding their bodies in connection with the crusade against breast cancer. Casey also volunteers at the Milford Senior Center. Casey holds the title of Greater North Haven's Outstanding Teen, having competed in a local pageant in that community.





Orange Scholarship Fund Distributes 14 Awards

The Orange Scholarship Fund Association recently distributed scholarships to 14 outstanding students from Orange. The organization dispersed a total amount of \$18,500 this year.

The students receiving awards this year are: Corinne Makar - Boston College, Justin Bunnell - UCONN, Ashley Wong - Dartmouth, Holly Adinolfi - Iona College, Luke Schettenhelm - Ithaca, Marissa DeVito - University of Maryland, Zachary Liebrick - Muhlenberg College, Mark Wesolowski - Penn State University, Kaitlin Muttitt - Roger Williams College, Sara Warncke - Sacred Heart University, Stephen Bailey - Syracuse University, Anfal Yesmian Nyhan - Trinity College, Adam Schettenhelm - Tufts College, Ishan Sinha - Yale University.



Left: Justin Bunnell receiving the Anthony M. Nastri Scholarship pictured with Dolores Nastri & Carla Nastri Appel; Middle: Sarah Warncke receiving the Ashley Krakowski Scholarship from Lois Krakowski; Right: Elizabeth & Marisa Gambardella, keynote speakers at the Orange Scholarship Presentation

Malloy for Governor Campaign to Meet

Pat O'Sullivan, who is coordinating Dan Malloy's campaign for Governor, announced that a committee is forming in Orange to help elect Dan Malloy Governor. Dan Malloy received the party endorsement for Governor at the state convention on May 22, 2010 by a 2 to 1 margin.

The committee will be reaching out to all registered Democrats about the up-coming primary which will be held on Tuesday August 10, 2010 from 6:00am to 8:00pm at Mary L. Tracy School for those in District 1 and High Plains Community Center for those in District 2. Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Orange Town Clerks Office for those who cannot vote in person.

Dan Malloy, served 14 years as the Mayor of Stamford from 1996 to 2009 and led the city in the creation of thousands of jobs, expanded educational opportunities, reduction in crime and at the same time streamlined government through fiscally sound management and budgetary procedures.

To learn more about Dan Malloy's focus and vision for Connecticut, please visit Dan Malloy's website: www.daiimalloy.com. He has the timetested leadership skills to bring all of Connecticut forward. The Dan Malloy for Governor Committee will be meeting every Monday night at 7:00pm at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road.

OUTSIDE T LIVING O X

Two knee replacements and a hip replacement have done little to impede Ken Sheldon's tennis game. The 84-year-old still heads to the courts at least three times a week to

> hit a few balls and keep up his game.



Laura Fantarella

The mild mannered Sheldon shrugs off attention that his active lifestyle is unique for someone his age. "I don't really think about

aging, I just like to continue doing what I've always enjoyed," he said. About a recent medal he won in a regional United States Tennis Association-sanctioned tournament, he says, "Well there weren't too many other teams in our age division!" This award placed him in the New England Tennis Association's prestigious Hall of Fame.

In addition to playing tennis, Sheldon can often be seen biking around town, swimming a few laps in the town pool and working out regularly in the community center's weight room. Sheldon's lifelong passion for tennis developed slowly when he was about 12 years old, growing up in the small town of Endicott in upstate New York. He started playing somewhat reluctantly at the urging of an older brother who wanted someone to play with. He found he had a natural aptitude for the sport and continued playing recreationally as a teenager, since his high school did not have a tennis team. He began playing organized tennis in college, when he joined the team at Syracuse University and later became team captain. "Allowing me on the team is an indication of how limited tennis was at that time," he said. "The relationship of my tennis game to today's tennis is far apart. That's why I try to play with guys my age."

But finding players within the octogenarian age group is becoming more difficult as potential partners die, move away or give up the sport, Sheldon said. So he goes to Eisenhower Park in Milford to hit balls against the wall, and often meets with his friend, Jack Novick from Branford who is also in his 80s. They will often pick up games with men in their 40s, 50s, and 60s who are "very surprised" when they learn Sheldon's age. "I have a certain amount of expertise about the game and I'm usually pretty happy with what happens on the courts," he says. Despite his ability to hold his own against younger opponents, Shelton recognizes his "ability to move is less, to hit the ball less and to hit the ball hard is less." "I don't play quite the same game I used to but I enjoy it



Ken Sheldon

just as much," he said.

Sheldon no longer uses the court in his backyard on Buttonball Road that was a gift from his wife, Lynda, but at one point in their lives it was used often. "We taught our two children to play there and hosted quite a few tennis parties in the back yard," he said.

He and his wife are the former owners of several clothing stores in the area, including the Milford Shop, The Other Place and Lynda's. They were fortunate to retire early, giving the two of them time to travel the world and Ken more time to play tennis.

The camaraderie tennis has always fostered at different times in his life and in different venues is what Sheldon has always found most rewarding. He reminisced about playing on the United States infantry tennis team before his orders came to serve in Korea; playing at the San Antonio Country Club when he was working as an x-ray tech at Brooke Army Hospital; and the many years since that he's spent on courts around Connecticut and at Flamingo Park near his winter home in Miami.

"I think he plays as beautifully now as he did when he was young. He is a joy to watch," said Lynda.

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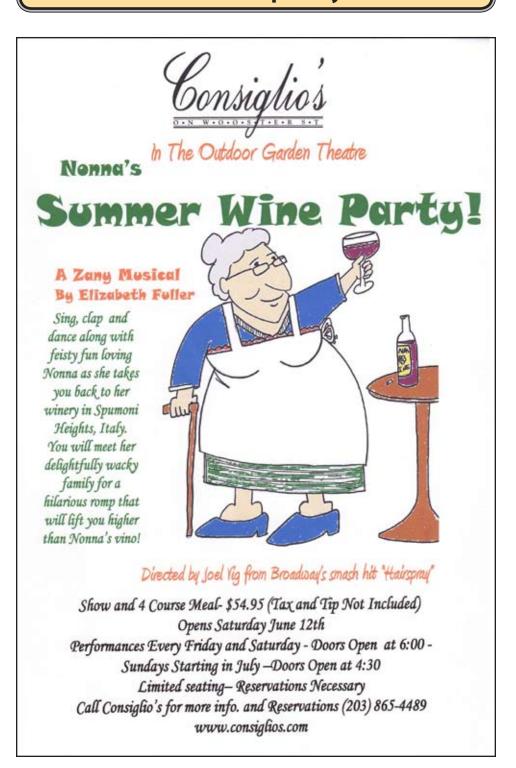
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McMahon Returns from Second Tour in Iraq

Major Michael McMahon recently returned from his second tour in Iraq. He is a member of the 118th Medical Battalion in the CT National Guard. He is seen here presenting a flag flown in Iraq to Turkey Hill School with a certificate of its authenticity. Mrs. Cucurello's first grade class and Ms Feilding's 3rd grade class wrote letters of encouragement to Michael on several occasions while he was deployed. Pictured standing are THS principal Colleen Murray, Major McMahon, School Nurse Kathleen Malone (sister of Major McMahon), and Vincent McMahon (father of Major McMahon). In the front row holding the flag & certificate are: Avery & Maeve Malone, Major McMahon's nieces.

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Peking Duck House

500 Boston Post Road in Orange is definitely a happening place. Rob Kravtiz, owner of the complex is having a rebirth with his innovative Go Green Fitness Center, established businesses Diamond Designs and Camillo's Tuxedo's and Reno's Pizza arriving there in August. In addition, the Peking Duck House recently opened at 500 Boston Post Road.

Owner Harry Wu, a very gracious man, with a rich background in the restaurant business, is excited about his new venture. Wu, along with his lovely wife Michelle and their staff have a mission statement "Good Food & Great Service, Why Cook!" That is right up my alley!

Peking Duck House is a sit-down restaurant where you will have an opportunity to experience the true Chinese culture. The menu features authentic Hong Kong Cantonese style cuisine. As Wu simply states, "we feature Duck, Wonton, Noodles, Roast Pork & Soup" all which date back 500 years to the King of China. The house specialty "Famous Peking Duck" is served in two courses: Course 1 - A tender duckling served in a traditional way until crispy & served with homemade crepes & scallions in Chef's special sauce. Course 2 – Peking duck meat sautéed with mixed seasonal vegetables. Other Chef's favorites include duet prawns served in 2 flavors, chrysanthemum beef & scallops, seafood & tofu casserole, home style chicken, triple garlic delight (jumbo prawns, beef & chicken in garlic sauce), amazing sesame chicken, satay beef & Chinese eggplant casserole. The menu also includes a wide range of appetizers, soups, meat, poultry, vegetables, pan fried noodles, seafood, house specialties, and fried rice. There is also a "Diet Menu" featuring dishes steamed without oil, no corn starch, no salt, with brown garlic sauce on the side. Also, I was impressed with the very reasonable prices on all the menu items.

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Final notes: Harry Wu is extremely happy to be here in Orange and he feels the Boston Post Road is definitely the place to be. We all need to welcome and support the Peking Duck House with open arms! Remember "Good Food & Great Service, Why Cook!" Make a visit soon to Orange's newest restaurant. If you have a favorite restaurant please e-mail susan@orangetownnews.com.





Ormrod Honored By Former Secretary of State Rice

Orange resident Demery Ormrod (13), an eight grade student at Amity Middle School-Orange was honored along with Lance Pepper (17) of Torrington by former Secretary of the State Condoleezza Rice in the nation's capitol on May 2nd for their outstanding volunteer work during the presentation of the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The two students received a \$1000 award each at the gala dinner reception held at the Smithsonian National Museum of History.







Pictured left to right: Chris DeMaio, Dave Kennedy, Angelo Battista, CJ Forcier

Local Club Rides for Charity

The Elm City Riders, a local motorcycle riding club based in Orange, recently participated in "Bikers for Babies". The club rode out to Long Island where they, along with national spokesman, Dee Snyder, and approximately 2000 other motorcycle enthusiasts rode in a 60 mile charity ride to benefit the March of Dimes. The event raises nearly \$100,000 and is held annually across the country in different states. After the ride, participants were entertained by Dee Snyder, former lead singer for "Twisted Sister". ECR President Dave Kennedy said, "it was an honor for him and the other members to participate in such a worthwhile cause and we look forward to next year."



Mr. DeCant Entertains

Mary L. Tracy Students Celebrate 100-Year Birthday

On June 10, the entire Mary L. Tracy School student population, staff, invited parents, siblings, and friends had a full day centennial birthday celebration. Students wore birthday crowns that they individually designed and constructed in art classes conducted by teachers Erin Garney and John Kaluzinsky.

The day began with a concert by singer, composer, and Peck Place School principal, Al deCant. An ice cream social, organized by the PTO, followed the entertainment. Then an all-school assembly dedicated the Centennial Commemorative Plaque and the MLT Time Capsule. "Each class made some project that would reflect major parts of the MLT day, such as recess, math, literacy, or computers as they exist currently", said principal Ralph A. Nuz-

Also, to be placed in the Time Capsule are recent school yearbooks, the monthly newsletters of this year, and Board of Education reports as well as many photos. It is planned that the Time Capsule will be opened and added to at twenty-five year intervals. It will hold a historical record of the school's next century.

The final activity of the day was a viewing of a Charlie Brown and Snoopy birthday video.

Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

The Making of Italian Sparkling Wines



"Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to." -Henry VanDyke

There are two main methods of making Italian sparkling wine, Methode champenoise, single bottle fermentation also called metodo classico or tradizionale in Italian, and the sealed tank fermentation method that is often referred to as bulk process.

The Bottle fermentation: Metodo Classico, Tradizionale, this method of refermentation in the bottle follows these rules: Assembling the base wine; White Chardonnay and dark Pinot Nero grapes (as well as Pinot Meunier and sometimes other varieties, like Pinot bianco) are picked before they are fully ripe to retain high acidity. After alcoholic fermentation the wine is blended by each producer into an individual curvee, which may include different vintages.

The triage: The base wine is then put into the same bottle in which it will eventually be sold and the liqueur de triage - a syrupy solution that includes cane sugar and special strains of yeast is added. The re-fermentation: After being sealed with metal caps, bottles shaken and stacked horizontally in a cool cellar where the wines undergo a second fermentation. The yeasts gradually transfer the sugar into another 1 or 2 degrees of alcohol as carbon dioxide builds up a pressure of 5-6 atmospheres. This process, known as the presa di spuma in Italian, forms the fine bubbles known as perlage.

Aging on the lees: The wine is now sparkling, but is by no means ready for sale. It must age on the lees for about two years as the yeast cells break down in a process known as autolysis. Bottles are periodically re-stacked to control breakage and shaken violently to keep the yeasts suspended. The wine develops a faint yeasty flavor, though freshness and fruitiness are maintained by the formation of esters that also enhance aromas. The absence of oxygen consumed in the re-fermentation allows the wine to develop natural stability.

Riddling: Once aging is complete, the spent yeasts must be removed from the bottle to leave the wine bright and clear. The first step is riddling, or remuage, in which bottles are placed top down at a 45-degree angle in the slots of hinged a-frame racks known a pupitres. Over the next few weeks, riddlers deftly agitate and twist each bottle an eighth of a turn a day to work the sediment down to the neck. The bottles are gradually declined in the puptres until they are directly upended and the deposit rests against the cap. (Some houses have automatic riddling machines.) The next step is to remove the sediment from the bottle. This disgorgement, or sboccatura in Italian, was difficult when done by hand, but now is accomplished quickly and cleanly by machine. The neck of the inverted bottle is inserted into a chilled saline solution, freezing the deposit. The bottle is placed upright and the cap removed as the wine's pressure expels the plug of ice. After the removal of the sediment the bottle must be topped up immediately and sealed with a cork. Most types of spumante classico receive a dosage or a rabboccatura in Italian of the so-called liqueur d'expedition, a solution of aged wine and cane sugar. But the driest type sometimes known as nature of pas dose, is topped up with the same wine.

The dose of liqueur varies according to types which are classified as follows - according to degrees of residual sugar. Brut: No more that 15 grams per liter of residual sugar. Extra Dry: from 12 to 20 grams per liter. Secco: From 17 to 35 grams per liter. Semisecco: From 33 to 50 grams per liter. Dolce: More than 50 grams per liter. Bottles are then sealed with corks which acquire the familiar mushroom shape with time. Corks have wire baling to ensure that the pressure within the bottle won't force them out. Bottles are stored for a time so that the liqueur becomes amalgamated with the wine. On average, a fine, bottle-fermented spumante requires about three years of processing before it is sold.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Do you know the legend concerning a wine called Est! Est! Est!, and is it true? -M.G. Wilson Road, Orange

As the story goes, a long time ago, perhaps a couple of hundred years or so, a German bishop named Johannes de Fuger was on his way to the Vatican to pay his respects to the Holy Father. Being a man of taste and discrimination, he sent his secretary-valet monk to find suitable accommodations. Where the food and especially the wine was good the monk was to write in Chalk the Est on the wall of the inn. When this good man tasted the wines of a little town called Montefiascone he could not describe them truthfully with just one "It is", so he chalked on the wall of the inn Est! Est! Est!!!("It is! It is! It is!!!!"). When the bishop arrived he agreed with the monk's judgment. In fact, he tarried so long and drank so freely that he finally died at Motefiascone, without ever reaching Rome. The sequel to the story is that the grateful winemakers of Montefiascone who produce Est! Est!!! Commemorate the anniversary of Bishop de Fuger's demise by spilling a barrel of Est! Est! Est!!! Wine over his tomb every year!!!

Best buys: 2007 Falesco Est! Est! Est!!!. \$11.00 A brilliant, straw-colored dry wine with a fruity and fresh bouquet. A wine with a great legend attached to it. See if you agree! You will be glad you did.

Ray Spaziani is the Chapter Director of the New Haven Chapter of the American Wine Society. He teaches wine appreciation classes at Gateway Community College 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.

Jill Jackson's

HOLLYWOOD - Winona Ryder is in the news again. This time it's nothing bad like shoplifting, but raves for her portrayal of Lois Wilson in "When Love Is Not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story" on the Hallmark Hall of Fame series. Also note Winona's fresh and lovely looking face, maybe a tuck or two? Incidentally, if any of you out there are thinking about a Hollywood career, think about becoming a plastic surgeon. Business is **BOOMING!**

Another actor in trouble: Charlie Sheen, with ups and downs in his trials. At this writing there is no set date for his "back to work." Let's hope young Mister Sheen can calm it all down and pick up his career. He is an excellent actor, and that's what he should be doing: ACTING!

I wish I could answer all the questions that come in about the "hairdos" on the femme stars. I can't tell you whether or not their long, long golden locks are "ironed," because I'm not there. However, the minute I find out the secret of "that look" be assured I will let you know.

Hollywood is proud that "one of its own" could step in and offer aid in a disaster. Director James Cameron has been in Louisiana and the Gulf Coast aiding in underwater works for the oil spill. After months and months of "Titanic" filming, he is well versed in what goes on under the waves and has been a great help. So, hopefully, will be actor Kevin Costner's oil separator invention. Hollywood isn't all glamour and glitz and fun, dear readers. Many is the time when the "industry" has come to the aid of something.

Betty White is receiving more accolades than she can handle, but one of the most fun was the "Beastly Ball" sponsored by the Los Angeles Zoo. And who did the teeny baby monkeys hug and kiss. Why Miss Betty, of course. And who hugged and kissed them back. Why Miss Betty, of course.

Uh-oh! That gadget on **Lindsay's**



Winona Ryder

ankle dinged that she had imbibed. That was a couple of weeks ago. But however and whatever, there's a tight watch on what she imbibed. And I have not heard from Paris. Mayhap she will pop up soon.

Letter from Beverly Mazzia of The Villages, Fla., correcting my mistake about June Havoc and June Haver. Thanks, Beverly.

BITS 'N' PIECES: From the Reader's Digest book titled "Laughter Is the Best Medicine." One hypochondriac to another: "My doctor is on the cutting edge of technology. He told me to take two aspirin and fax him in the morning." Lindsay, Paris and Zsa Zsa aren't the only ones who have spent some time "behind bars" (and I don't mean the drinking kind). Others jailed for a while include Robert Mitchum, Rory Calhoun, Stacy Keach, Fatty Arbuckle, Steve McQueen, Burt Reynolds, Al Pacino, Mae West (oh yes), Sophia Loren and Frances Farmer. ... And did vou know that of all the films Burt Reynolds made, "Deliverance" is his favorite?

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Orange Scouts Complete Eagle Projects

An Eagle Court of Honor was held for Christian Heritage School rising senior Peter Olson as well as Amity High School graduating seniors Justin Bunnell, Adam Schettenhelm, and Luke Schettenhelm. The ceremony was held on June 6th at the Holy Infant Guild Hall. The four Orange residents all completed their Eagle projects within the town.

Peter Olson's Eagle Project was to coordinate the restoration of a portion of the nature trail in Orange which is located at the corner of Mapledale Road and Route 34, along a ravine, near the ruins of an historic mill and dam. The objective of Justin Bunnell's Eagle Project was to improve the quality of the Paul Ode trail behind the Orange Community Center. The beneficiary of Luke Schettenhelm's project was his home congregation of Zion Lutheran Church where he refurbished the cross and sign in front of the church. Adam Schettenhelm's project was conducted at his elementary school, Turkey Hill in Orange, and included refurbishing the landscaping around the school's flagpole and front sign.

The Court of Honor included eight Eagle Scouts in attendance joining the four awardees in The Eagle Charge, led by Richard Meisenheimer. Former Troop 925 Scoutmaster, Tony Ianniello, ceremoniously knighted the honorees after which Scoutmaster John Wesolowski presented Peter, Justin, Luke and Adam with an award in memory of beloved Eagle Scout Brian D'Orso. The young men were presented with a citation from the Town of Orange by First Selectman James Zeoli and a State of Connecticut legislative citation by Representatives Paul Davis and Themis Klarides.

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With Ginny Reinhard

HISTORY CORNER

North Milford 1810.....

The Academy, on the Green, looks like a small church but in reality it was built in 1878 for a meeting house and upper grade school now housing historical collections associated with Orange and as the title says, North Milford. One such document is a report of the School Society meetings which makes for interesting reading and the manner in which it is written shows the seriousness of protocol at that time. Come back with me to 1810 and let's "listen" in on those meetings. The text is as written, with spellings, punc-

tuation or lack there of, odd spacing and upper case letters for words they thought were especially important and hopefully you will be able to envision these members as they pondered the education of the children.

"North Milford October the 29 1810. At a Schoolmeeting legally warned by the Committee Mr. John Lambert & Capt. Jonah Treat has chosen Moderator Tyler Clark. Noted that Joseph Prudden teach the School fore Months provided he can be obtained for Thirteen Dollars (month). Noted that Each Schollar tax themselves two shillings* to be paid either in wood or money After they Enter School fore days or be turned out of school.

"North Milford 22d April 1811 At a Schoolmeeting Legally warned and held. Chauncey Isbel Chosen Moderator and David Nettleton Clerk. Voted that we hire Lydia Tyler to teach the School the summer ensuing in Case she can be obtained for Eight

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"North Milford Oct 30th 1811 At a School-meeting legally warned made choise of Josiah Boardman moderator and David Nettleton Clerk Voted that the School begin the ensuing winter on the third Monday in November 1811 Voted that each Schollar tax themselves two Shillings to be paid either in money or wood subject to a drawback provided the Schollar don't attend all the time, provided also that if wood nor money is paid by the 12th day of November no Schollar Shall be admitted into School. Voted wood be cut and piled up the week before the school begins"

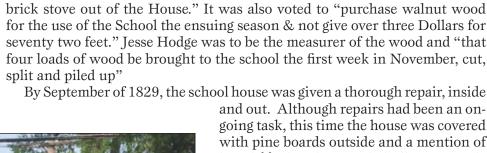
By November of 1813, Mr. John Lambert was again voted as moderator and M. Andrew, no doubt Merwin, was to keep school for four months provided "Andrew gives good satisfaction." It goes on to say he was paid fourteen dollars a month and be boarded with the proprietor which appeared to be Wm. Smith. This is the first entry that specifically noted the 1st district with the tax of 2 shillings or wood again being imposed but this time it was agreed that "provided the tax laid does not furnish wood enough for the school, the Committee is to furnish it with school money." This entry added "Voted that Arithmetic shall not be taught in school the coming winter." John Bryan Jr. was Clerk at this time.

In March of 1815 the committee voted to "employ Miss Charity Baldwin to keep the school the ensuing season five months." It was voted "that Mr. Nettleton (Amos) procure a teacher as cheap as he can." It goes on to state, "that the warning for school meetings in the future shall be by word of mouth or by some intelligent person from the Committee." I might add a comment here that not teaching arithmetic is not a very intelligent idea. Also notice the male teachers taught 4 months and the women 5.

"N Milford October 19th 1815 At a meeting of the proprietors of the first school District in North Milford legally warned and held at the school house voted that the committee furnish the wood for the school at the close of the school there be a bill made our upon each scholar according to the number of Days he goes to school. Voted that the present Committee be empowered to collect all the taxes to defray the expenses of the school the ensuing winter voted that there be a brick Stove built in the school house provided there can be twenty two Dollars raised by subscription."

Later in October of 1815, arithmetic was still not to be taught, school was to be kept on Saturday afternoons and Edmund Fowler would build the stove. By October of 1816, it was voted to move the school house to a more central place and then voted to have it remain but "be repaired so as to be made comfortable." Edmund Fowler was to "teach school for the term of four months for Eighteen Dollars per month." It goes on to say that a committee was established to build the stove consisting of Edmund Fowler, Capt. Jonah Treat, Chauncey Isbel & Samuel Buckingham.

By 1817, the committee continued to be "legally warned" and that they engage Miss Elizabeth Northrop to "keep the school for the coming season & to give her fifteen shillings per week." They also voted "that the school meeting be warned in the future by three written notifications one on the School House door one on Miss Mary Woodruff's + sign Post and the other on W Nettleton's Mill Gate Post." By 1819, the committee voted to "hire



an iron stove for the purpose of warming the School house and remove the

going task, this time the house was covered with pine boards outside and a mention of bough(t) shingles, "sealed all over inside and painted inside white." Also, there was to be another window on the northside, the size of the other windows, a Franklin stove and a chimney. There was no mention of paint on the outside at this time but Mary Woodruff's book (1639-1949) indicates that the district schoolhouses were

white.

"Orange May 17th 1832 "A school Meeting Legally warned & held Voted that needlework be admitted in School." There was no mention about arithmetic, either yes or no. By 1839, the committee was "empowered to keep all scholars away from this School which do not belong to the District." It is interesting to note that in 1843 a mention in the meeting of "inhabitants of the first School district" were



The Academy

legally warned. It was not apparent in the early years that the citizens were to be a part of the meeting as only moderators, clerks and an occasional mention of collectors was cited. A consistency of school beginning in November, after Thanksgiving and then starting again in May with summer school sheds light on how important education was to our town, except for that arithmetic "thing."

By 1850, the meetings were held for legal voters in the district and it was voted "to tax all schollars out of other districts coming to this school the same as our own scholars." No mention was made of other districts except for a notice glued to the back cover of the journal which is entitled Orange 13th Feb 1840 where lines were drawn by the School Society Committee of North Milford for the Fourth District. All of the lines ran from house to house, land to land to the corner, east of the highway, following the highway, due north to the swamp, running east & west to the corner of the road below Platts house to the north west to Cranbury lane, due north to Isaac Clarks, east to Pecks etc. etc. etc. If you know Orange at all, you might have guessed that the Fourth District was from the Housatonic River east to where it met the First District, more or less that being the lower portion of Orange Center Road east toward Marsh Hill.

The schoolhouse for the First District was on the corner of Orange Center Road (South Main Street) and Old Tavern Road and the Fourth District schoolhouse on the corner of Clark Lane and Grassy Hill Road. It's interesting how the town's name in the journal went back and forth from Orange and North Milford when in 1822, the town was officially Orange.

Author's Note: The only way we can keep the history of Orange (North Milford) alive is to continually find journals, diaries, letters and the like and that is where you readers come into the picture. Before you throw out that tattered box or envelope take a look to see what "treasure" of information you might have and let us know about it.

Ginny Reinhard is president of the Orange Historical Society.

- * Note: After the U.S. adopted the dollar and the gold standard, a shilling was worth 24 cents but due to ongoing shortages of coins, the shilling continued to circulate into the 1800's.
- ** Pence is equal to a penny
- + Not to be confused with Mary R. Woodruff, (1876-1973) author of the History of Orange (North Milford) 1639-1949)

Orange Historical Society Tag Sale

On Saturday, July 17, 2010, 9:00am-1:00pm, in the Stone-Otis House Garden, 615 Orange Center Road (enter on Tyler City Road), the Orange Historical Society will be holding a tag sale. Come see all the lovely items for sale! For more information, contact Frances at 203-795-6702.

ARTS AND LEISURE



Orange Arts and Culture Council and Laurel Estates Present Art Show

Orange Arts and Culture Council "Partners in the Arts" announces its inaugural event, an art exhibit featuring sixteen area artists at Laurel Estates (245 Indian River Road, Orange). A reception honoring the artists exhibiting in the co-sponsored exhibit was held on June 8th. The exhibit and reception were coordinated by Brianna Benn of Laurel Gardens and featured the work of sixteen area artists. The work was varied, with various techniques displayed, including water color, oils, pastels, textiles, acrylics, pencil, inks, photography, etc. – a virtual potpourri of styles. The artists included Rosemary Bebevegna, Jenny Bannock, Briana Benn, Brittanny Benn, Thomas Cook, Eleanor Denenberg, Christine Diehl, Stephen Emond, Sharon Morgio, Keith Murphy and Jean Serafin. The exhibit will run through the month of June. The public is invited to stop by Laurel Estates to view this very successful collaboration for the arts which will undoubtedly enrich the culture of our town.

The "Partners in the Arts" program is an OACC initiative that aims to match artists with businesses or government agencies who wish to display art; therefore raising awareness of art and artists in our community – a stated goal of the OACC which is currently developing databases of artists and commercial and government venues of interested participants. Artists, businesses, government or others wishing to participate can contact orangearts 1@ hotmail or call 203-795-5458 or 203-397-8915 for more information. It is hoped that many will join this effort to promote the arts in Orange.



Chucku Receives Amity Excellence in Art Award

Elle Chucku is the first recipient of Amity Middle School's Excellence in Art Award. Her work is entitled "Exhilarated". Elle's original art drawing was scanned into the computer and enhanced using Adobe Photoshop.

Her art will be on permanent display in the Media Center at Amity Middle School Orange. Congratulations to Elle!



The Blossom Tappers celebrate winning First Place in the Health Net Senior Stars Showcase. The dancers range in age from 64 to 89.

Blossom Tappers Dance Off With Top Honors

The sequin-clad, fast-stepping Blossom Tappers captured the First Place Dance trophy in the Health Net Senior Stars Showcase held recently. Over 300 performers competed statewide; first in 66 senior centers, next in five regionals and last in the state finals held at the Elmwood Senior Center in West Hartford, CT. In a judging format similar to TV's "Dancing With the Stars", the three USA Dance judges awarded the Blossom Tappers 28 out of a possible 30 points.

The Blossom Tappers ensemble dancers range in age from 64-89 with an average age of 81. The Tappers Competition Team included Lorraine Davis (Dance Coach), Julie Hooghkirk, Anita Pagogna, and Isabel Russo of West Haven; Lois Barr Button, Pam Buskey, and Carolyn Peterson of Milford; Louise Cavallaro and Eleanor Montalto of Orange; Marie Surprise of Hamden; Agnes Russell of Bethany; Grace Bissonnette and Sylvia Rifkin of New Haven.

The Orange Senior Center, where the Blossom Tappers first competed, will hold bragging rights along with the winning trophy. "I am absolutely thrilled that the Blossom Tapers, which originated years ago at the Orange Senior Center under the direction of Marge Gloria, has come in first place in this Health Net Dance Competition. They are an energetic and enthusiastic group of tappers covering a spectrum of ages. This kind of group fun, bringing joy to others with their tapping talents, is what retirement is all about!" says Joanne Byrne, Senior Services Coordinator for the Town of Orange.

Stacy Eastman, co-director of the Gloria Jean Studio of Dance where the Blossom Tappers take a weekly class also choreographed the winning dance "Band Stand Boogie." Says Ms. Eastman, "I have had the honor of being the girls' teacher for 10 years and we've had lots of laughs and many great times over the years. They make me smile and I'm lucky to have 16 extra grandmothers."

The crowd-pleasing Blossom Tapers perform an average of twice a month throughout the year at convalescent homes, senior centers, social gatherings, variety shows and telethons. They can be reached at 203-878-0504 or 203-624-2924.

Sports Quiz

By Chris Richcreek

- When was the last time second basemen won both the A.L. and N.L. Most Valuable Player awards in the same year?
- 2. Name the first manager of the Seattle Mariners.
- 3. When was the last time the University of Texas football team was not ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 poll?
- 4. Who was the last NBA player to have a tripledouble while also having at

- least 50 points in the game?

 How many times has
- Canada won the gold medal in men's hockey at the Olympics?
 6. Who was the first male soc-
- 6. Who was the first male soc cer player to score at least three goals in three different World Cups?
- 7. In the 2010 Boston Marathon, Ryan Hall set a new record for U.S. men with a time of 2:08:41. Who had held the mark?

Answers on Page 30

LOCAL SPORTS



U-13 Girls Attend Tourney

Over the Memorial Day weekend the Amity U-13 Girls travel soccer team participated in the 34th Annual Needham Soccer Tournament in Needham, Mass. The girls played five games, winning all and allowing only one goal. They defeated Guilford Premier in the finals on PK's to win their division. From Orange are Molly Donovan, Nicole Debarba, Caroline McDonald, Seanna Robinson, Haley Saracin and Mattie Sokoloski. The team is managed by Beth Young of Bethany and coached by Owen Quigley.

Classes Offered by Orange Parks and Rec

The Orange Parks and Recreation is offering karate classes for ages 4-adult. New session starts July 6, 2010 at the High Plains Community Center. For more information, contact Chris Sansonetti at 203-783-9768 or visit www.superiorkarate.net.

Orange Parks & Recreation is also offering Pee Wee Tennis Clinics (ages 4 - 6) from 9 - 9:45 am and Summer Tennis Camp (ages 7-10, 11-16) from 9:45 am - 12:30 pm for three sessions: June 28 - July 1; July 12 - July 15; and July 26 - July 29. There are two four-week adult sessions offered on Monday or Wednesday evenings beginning June 21 and again on July 28. 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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3rd Annual Too Old, Too Slow To Play Coaches Softball Game

On Saturday, June 12th, Orange Little League managers from the Rookie League, Minor League, Eastern League, Major League, and the Softball League met up on Roche Field earlier this evening for the 3rd Annual Too Old, Too Slow, To Play Softball Double Header Game. A collection of Rookie and Minor League Managers were victorious over the Softball League Managers with a 24-13 victory in the first game. Later, the Major League Managers dueled against the Eastern League Managers, but fell to a 20-9 victory for the Eastern League.

This year's games raised over \$2600 from silent auctions, bake sales, and raffles for Summer Burzynski, who was diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing treatments. We would like to extend a "thank you" to Tina Saxa, the dedicated woman who made this night possible and also to the fabulous announcers, Tim Fox and Bob Prussin. Thank you to all that attended and contributed to a successful evening!



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STUDENT NEWS



Melkus Named to Dean's List

Stephanie Melkus, daughter of Carl and Gail Melkus of Orange, was named to the Dean's List of Curry College with a 3.4 GPA. Stephanie will be a junior this fall; her program of study is Special Education. Securing a position on the Dean's List demonstrates a commitment to learning, to scholarship and to hard work.

Drozdowicz Graduates UCONN Summa Cum Laude

Linda Drozdowicz, daughter of Drs. Bonnie and "ZB" Drozdowicz of Orange, graduated Summa Cum Laude as a University Scholar in the Honors Program at the University of Connecticut this May. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular & Cell Biology with a minor in Physiology and Neurobiology. She received numerous awards and recognitions including an award from Phi Beta Kappa for being the top scholar in liberal arts and sciences at the university. She also received the senior departmental award for Excellence in Molecular & Cell Biology for her work with stem cells and Parkinson's disease.

Linda has accepted a merit scholarship to the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine where she will pursue an M.D./M.S. in Public Health program. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine is the most selective medical school in the country, accepting only 42 students worldwide for each class.

Amity Middle School Registration

Registration for students who have moved into Orange after July 1, 2010 will take place at the Amity Middle School – Orange on August 19, 2010 for seventh and eighth grades. Parents are requested to call the school anytime prior for an appointment with the Guidance Counselor for registration. The telephone number in the main office is 203-392-3200.

A parent is required to accompany each student for registration. Parents are requested to bring a previous report card, standardized testing, health data and proof of residency. Documentation of residency must include two or more of the following items: a copy of your Driver's License, a lease or purchase agreement, building contract, mortgage statement, or utility bill with parent's name and address. No new registrant will be allowed to attend classes without a current physical examination.

To expedite registration, parents should request the former school to send an official transcript prior to your appointment to Amity Regional Middle School, Guidance Department, Ohman Avenue, Orange, CT 06477-1398.

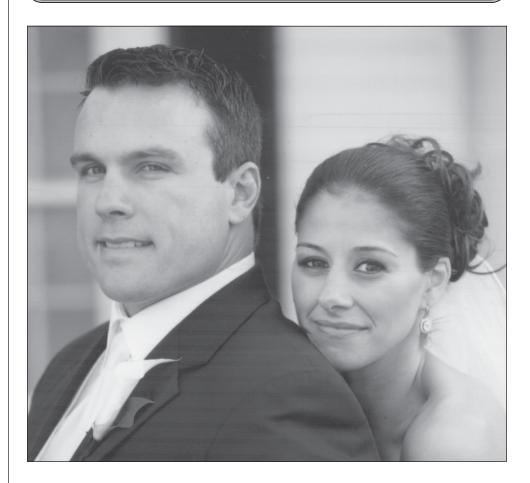
Students Receive Superintendent Award

Christina Judd, Elizabeth Poland, Matthew Schmitt, Christopher Winkel, and Benjamin Santaus from The Peck Place School; Matthew Kachmar, Annika Lundgren, Kassandra Roth and Kimberly Parniawski from Race Brook School; and Emily Hao, Lauren Flaumenhaft, and Brandon Liebnick 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 June 14, 2010. Criteria for the award include leadership, service to school, academic prowess relative to ability, and service to others in the community. Mr. James, 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.

Yetukuri Wins Reflections Award

Rachana Yetukuri of Orange has won the second place in Visual Arts Category – Intermediate Division for CT PTA Reflection 2009 -2010 contest entitled "Beauty Is..." Rachana is 10 years old and is in 5th grade at Turkey Hill School. State Judges selected her entry for its "artistic merit, creativity and interpretation of the theme." Rachana was honored at an awards ceremony held on May 6th.

SOCIETY NEWS



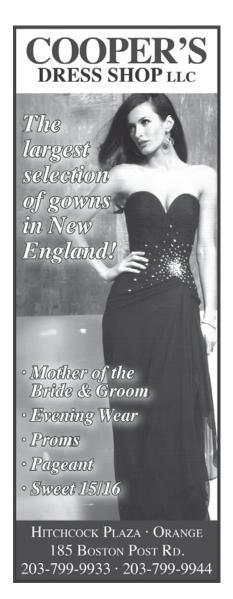
Levine Burnham Wed

Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Levine of Orange announced the marriage of their daughter, Rachel Angela Levine to Gary Robert Burnham of South Windsor, CT. The wedding took place at the Newtown Meeting House in Newtown, CT on January 23, 2010. A reception was held at the Fox Hill Inn in Brookfeild, CT.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Erwin Levine. The maid of honor was Kate Baldino, best friend of the bride. The bridesmaids were Tiffany Small Arsenault, Michelle Tomei, (childhood friends of the bride) Lisa Dearborn, Marcia Ferreira and Danni Ward. Reece Dearborn, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

The bride, a graduate of Amity High and University of Connecticut, is a first grade teacher at Langford School in East Hartford, CT. Her husband is a graduate of South Windsor High and Clemson University in South Carolina. Gary is currently employed as a professional baseball player for the Godo Knights in Bologna, Italy. The couple took a wedding trip to Costa Rica and will continue their honeymoon in Italy for the summer. They reside in East Hartford, CT.





ORANGE BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dadlani Returns from JCK Events in Las Vegas

(LAS VEGAS, NV June 6, 2010) - Diamond Designs from Orange recently attended JCK Events in Las Vegas. The annual, largest domestic jewelry show offered Diamond Designs with numerous opportunities to source and buy new products and collections from some 2300 suppliers from around the world to bring back to Orange.

In addition to new products, Deepak Dadlani also had the opportunity to attend educational sessions that are designed to help learn about new products, sales and marketing techniques and product trends. JCK also offered Deepak Dadlani with numerous networking sessions and special events to connect with industry leaders and peers.

JCK Events, a business-to-business trade event, takes place in exciting Las Vegas each year and offers retail jewelers with an opportunity to improve and grow their businesses through one-on-meetings with domestic and international suppliers, industry consultants and experts and many opportunities to connect with their retail peers across the US and internation-



Dee Dadlani

ally. JCK's powerful face-to-face event provides real business value for Diamond Designs who will be able to offer increased value, product knowledge and seasonal and future trends for their customers in Orange.





Orange Chamber Annual Summer BBQ

Friday, July 16th - 5 pm to WHEN-EVER at the High Plains Pavilion Tony Scacca and his staff from the Outback Steakhouse will again be serving up the food for this year's BBQ. The menu includes, steak, chicken, fish, chowder and salad.

To prove that the cost of everything is not going up... tickets are again \$25 per person.

Tickets are available from the Chamber, call 203-795-3328, or e-mail info@orangectchamber.com.

July Is Membership Recruitment Month!

New Member incentives include BAH tickets, free eblast or monthly mailing insert, web profile, and a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

For More Information

See the promotional brochure in this issue of the Orange Town News or visit the Chamber's website at www.orangectchamber.com or contact the Chamber at 203-795-3328.

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OACC Participates in Orange Business Expo

The Orange Arts and Culture Council (OACC) participated in the recent Orange Business Expo, using the event to promote its new Partners in the Arts program. The organization set up a display, which featured works in varied mediums such as oils, acrylics, and photography by representative artists who have enrolled in Partners for the Arts. The display included, in part, a pair of matched watercolors, a sculpture as well as a magnificent floral arrangement. "The event proved that the concept of art in public places resonates with the public," said Bonnie Coppola, Chair of Partners in the Arts, OACC's new initiative to partner local artists with Orange businesses. "We signed up several businesses and have a few more that will get back to us. The big surprise was that we signed up quite a few artists, too."

A second space displayed photos of activities of the OACC as well as CDs of artists who have performed at OACC concerts. There were membership applications and visitors received souvenir paintbrushes as well as a free chance to win a T-shirt with the OACC logo. "Partners for the Arts is a program initiated by the OACC to pair artists with businesses and community officials in order to display art throughout the community," said Coppola. "We are working hard to spread the word on this program and were pleased that several businesses and artists who had not heard of this program before stopped by our booth and expressed interest in participating."

For more information on the OACC and the Partners for the Arts program call 203-795-5458 or go to orangearts1@hotmail.com.



New Owners Slated for COMP USA Building

Spector Brokers \$2.7 Million Sale

ORANGE - Steven J. Spector, president/broker of Interstate Realty Advisors Inc. has announced that the former Comp USA store located at 401 Boston Post Road in Orange, which has been vacant for two years since it's closing, has been sold for \$2,700,000 to the parent company of the Ocean State Job Lot Stores chain. The new store owners will occupy the entire 30,000 square feet of space. Interstate Realty Advisors, Inc. represented the Sellers, Anthony V. Grisanti Family Trust while the buyer was represented by Phil Marshall of OR&L Commercial Real Estate.

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Orange Foundation Grant And Scholarship Awards

The Distribution Committee of The Orange Foundation met last month and awarded seven grants and eight scholarships totaling over \$27,000 to local residents and community service organizations.

The Olga Fund, established by a family in Orange who wish to remain anonymous, provided the funding for the following grants:

St. Barbara's Greek Church - scholarships for summer camp children Orange Community Services – funding for the Holiday Dinner Dance Beth-El Center – funding to support its fundraiser.

Young Audiences Arts for Learning - funds for a musical arts performance at Amity Middle School.

The Olga Fund together with the Robert F. Stankye

Fund donated funding to the Special Olympics to help defray the cost of the regional games to be held this year. Officer Stankye was a member of the Orange Police Department who died in the line of duty.

The Dusty and Frank Downey Fund donated funds to the Orange Leadership Program to update its resource guide listing services helpful to Orange seniors. Dusty and Frank Downey were long-time residents of Orange and very active in community organizations and activities.

The O'Sullivan Family Fund provided funding to the Orange Historical Society to reprint the Mary Woodruff History of Orange. This donation was made in memory of Thomas and Eleanor Pfeiffer O'Sullivan.

Dante Ceccarelli of 253 Sylvan Valley Road was selected to receive the **Mary L. Tracy Scholarship Award**. Miss Tracy was a renowned educator in our Town and has a school on Orange Center Road named after her. Dante will attend Southern Connecticut State University this Fall.

The Harry Haynes Scholarship Award was again given to Brittany Koether of 209 Riverdale Road. Brittany will continue her education at the University of Connecticut where her major is animal science/pre-vet. This major is a prerequisite for this award. Mr. Haynes loved animals and would have enjoyed being a Veterinarian. He set up the fund to make sure that people could receive extra help in becoming a Veterinarian.

Elena Ko of 29 Muirfield Drive was selected to receive the **Charles L. Flynn Scholarship Award**. Mr. Flynn is the founder of The Orange Foundation. Elena will attend Southern Connecticut State University after she graduates from Amity Regional High School this month.

The Olga Fund also donated funding for **Anfal Yesmien Nyhan** of 1 Club Road to receive a scholarship award. Yesmien will attend Trinity College and major in neuroscience/pre-med. She also will graduate from Amity this June.

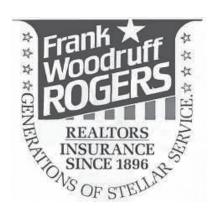
The Thomas F. Birmingham, Jr. Scholarship Award was given to Adam Schettenhelm of 364 Demarest Drive. This scholarship is for a recipient who is both an athlete and a scholar. It was established in memory of their son to give Orange residents an opportunity to continue their education because it is a key factor in not only the student's future, but the future of our country. Adam will graduate from Amity this month.

Luke Schettenhelm of 364 Demarest Drive received The William Knight Scholarship Award established in memory of our former First Selectman and Fire Chief. The award is based on the student's financial need, scholastic record and service to the community, the latter criteria having the greatest emphasis. The Olga Fund also contributed funding for this award.

The Vaughn Family Fund Scholarship Award was given to Ashley Yanglin Wong of 477 Turkey Hill Road. She will attend Dartmouth College this Fall. Mr. Vaughn started his nursery business in 1934 and was the Town Tree Warden for 42 years.

The Frank and Louise Horbal Tripp Scholarship Fund was again awarded to Jacklyn Wojciechowski of 9 Arbor Terrace, Ansonia. She will be a senior this Fall at the University of Connecticut majoring in accounting. This is the fourth year that Jacklyn has received this award. The Fund was established in 2006 and provides assistance to a student of Lithuanian or Ukrainian descent who is a resident of the town of Ansonia or Derby.

Contributions to the grants, the various existing scholarship funds, as well as the Foundation General Fund, can be sent to the Orange Post Office, Box 729, Orange, CT 06477 and will be added to the donors requested grant or scholarship fund. Contributions are tax deductible. As with all Foundation funds, only the income can be awarded by the Distribution Committee, thus the principal is established for perpetuity.



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Death Notices



Joseph N. Bielik

Joseph N. Bielik, 77, of 65D Forest Road, Milford, beloved husband of Katharine M. (Short) Bielik, died peacefully on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at Milford Hospital from the combined effects of several long-term illnesses.

Born in Fairfield, CT on April 18, 1933, he was the son of the late Joseph A. and Catherine (Bakos) Bielik. A 1951 graduate of Roger Ludlow High

School, he was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War, serving as an Aviation Electrician and In-flight Second Mechanic in Fleet Logistics Squadron Five (VR-5). Following his Honorable Discharge he worked for Sikorsky Aircraft for over 38 years, primarily as the Technical Publications Manager for the H-3 helicopter series, including that aircraft type's long service as the Presidential helicopter. He retired from Sikorsky in 1994.



Joseph N. Bielik

A long-time resident of Milford and Orange, he was a renowned and respected figure in their Babe Ruth League baseball programs, managing the Orange 15 year-old All Star team to a 2nd place finish in the 1978 state tourna-

ment. He was honored as the Orange Babe Ruth League Man of the Year in 1984 and served as the President of the Parkway Valley Senior Babe Ruth League. He was also an active member of the Orange American Legion Post 127. Prior to his illness he loved to travel and he was an enthusiastic reader of military history with a special interest in the causes, effects, and campaigns of World War I.

In addition to his wife of 54 years, he is survived by his children: Paula L. Baranowski and her husband Robert of Oxford; Christopher J. Bielik and his wife Rhonda of Beacon Falls; and Joseph A. Bielik and his wife Beth of Winsted as well as his cherished grandchildren Erika L. and Melissa R. Baranowski and Ahna R. Bielik. He was predeceased by his grandson Nicholas A. Bielik. He is also survived by his brother Richard Bielik and his wife Nancy of Fairfield, his sister Rita Mead of Milford, his brother-in-law Alvin Short and his wife Sandy of Mohave Valley, AZ; his nephews Jeffrey Bielik and David Short and nieces Gretchen Bielik and Liz Johnson.

His vibrant and effusive personality will be remembered by all of his family and friends, and he will be missed greatly by all who loved him.

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Death Notices

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

Orange's Grzegorczyk Wins Youth in Law Competition

The Lauralton Hall Youth & Government club recently participated in the Connecticut State Youth & Government Conference in Hartford. Youth & Government is a mock legislative club that meets every week after school in which members assume the roles of state legislators, newspaper reporters & editors, appellant lawyers, and lobbyists. The students prepare bills about state issues and present them to various committees in Hartford. If the students are lucky, they present to the youth House and Sen-

ate. It is a unique program that allows the students to actually see the inner workings of government.

"This year we had great success with numerous Lauralton Hall bills passing and being "signed" by the student governor. Two of our members, Emily Nichols,'10 of Milford & Polly Grzegorczyk,'10 of Orange, won the Youth in Law competition for the third straight year, something that has never been done previously," states Lauralton Hall history teacher and Youth & Government Club Moderator, Mark Allen.



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All-American Cruises

On Independence Day Americans celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. It's a holiday full of patriotism and pride in our country, celebrated with fireworks, decorations of red white and blue, family cookouts and vacations. In honor of America, I want to tell you about two all-American cruise itineraries to our 49th and 50th states, Alaska and Hawaii.

Alaska, the largest state in the union, covers an area of 615,230 square miles (Connecticut covers just 5,544 square miles). Although you can't literally see Russia from Alaska, the Bering Strait separates the two by a mere fifty miles. Alaska is a very popular cruise destination with sailings from late May to early September. Bring your camera: the scenery is spectacular with snow covered mountains, glaciers and pine forests. Wildlife is varied and plentiful. On an average day you may see humpback whales, bald eagles, black bears and salmon galore. You can learn about the 1898 Klondike gold rush and the native cultures of the area. Experience the thunderous sounds of a glacier calving. Enjoy a salmon bake. For the full Alaska experience, extend your visit with a stay at Denali National Park, one of the world's top wildlife preserves and home to Mt McKinley, the highest mountain in North America.

Hawaii, with its eight main islands, is tiny in comparison to Alaska, but just as exciting and awe inspiring. Most Hawaiian cruises are seven days long, giving passengers the opportunity to see several Hawaiian islands during one trip. Visit Volcanoes National Park where you will see active volcanoes (perhaps by helicopter flyover or a spectacular nighttime sail-by), Pearl Harbor to learn about the Japanese attack which drew the US into WWII or take a stroll along Honolulu's famous Waikiki Beach. If you're a golfer, you'll enjoy the beautiful golf courses of Hawaii. Learn the art of the hula at a luau, but mostly be prepared to be in awe of this tropical paradise.

A quick note: The travel industry is keeping a close watch on the continuing oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The cruise lines are currently reporting minimal impact with an occasional change of course to avoid oil. If you're planning a trip to the area, don't cancel it! The people of the region will be grateful for the support and you will have a great vacation.

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Pictured are (L) Anna Kraft and (R) Jamie Lembo of Orange, CT.

Two Receive Girl Scout Gold Award

These two exceptional girls completed their Girl Scout Gold Award. This award is earned by only five percent of Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts, this is the most prestigious award available in Girl Scouting. These girls have shown they are committed to working toward the goals they set for themselves and improving the world around them. The requirements to earn the Gold Award involve skill development, leadership experience, career exploration, and service to the community. Girls develop crucial life skills such as goal setting, documentation, and planning for action. We honor these girls for their work and celebrate with them, for they have grown during this pursuit.

Anna Kraft and Jaime Lembo were recognized at a June 4th Ceremony, held at the Smart Living Center and hosted by Senior Girl Scout Troop 60403 from Orange. Attendees included Orange First Selectman, Jim Zeoli, Anita Sylvestro, Girl Scouts of CT, Amity Service Unit Marketing and Membership Manager, Debbie Sienna and Janice Wivagg, Amity Service Unit co-managers along with family and friends. The girls were given their Gold Award pins by their parents.

Anna's Gold Award involved renovating the patient locker room at the Father McGivny Cancer Center at St. Raphael's Hospital. She sewed 6 curtains to replace the existing doors for easier patient access. She also hand-painted 8 murals to brighten the sad space. The total amount of time spent on the project alone was 81.25 hours, in addition to the 114 hours spent on leadership and career development required to earn the Gold Award.

Jamie's project was a Field Hockey clinic that was held during a school vacation break at the High Plains Community Center in Orange. Jamie reserved the space, got the equipment and led the clinic for 5 days. Her goal, in addition to motivating girls to play field hockey, included raising awareness to the Orange, Bethany and Woodbridge communities that Girl's Field Hockey should be offered to girls before they enter high school. Jamie's total project took 68 hours to complete in addition of 91.5 hours of leadership and career development as required to earn the Gold Award.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE ORANGE SENIOR CENTER

By Joanne Byrne

Summer Cookout

Tickets are now on sale for this year's senior summer cookout under the High Plains Pavilion on Tuesday, July 27 (rain date – July 28) from 5 to 8 pm. Grilled hot dogs and hamburgers will be served with potato and macaroni salads. Soda, coffee, lemonade, and dessert will be available. The Frank Porto Band, sponsored by J. Miggins of Bank of America, will play music for dancing and listening from 6 to 8 pm. This year's cookout is BYOB. Tickets are \$10 pp. and only 160 tickets will be sold, so don't hesitate too long to get yours.

Applications for Senior Leadership Program

Are you recently retired? Do you have skills and experience you would like to share with your community? Would you like to learn more about your community or benefit from more community engagement? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, the Orange Leadership Program, designed for residents over the age of 55, is for you. Class members meet one day a month from September to May with graduation in June. In each session class members learn more about their town and state government, the media, leadership skills, decision making, team building, legislative advocacy, and communication skills from knowledgeable speakers. Applications for the Class of 2011 are available in the senior center office. Applications are due by July 30 and 15 people are accepted into the program each year.

Friday at the Movies

This month's Friday at the Movies will be July 23 at 1 pm. when the movie "It's Complicated" starring Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, and Alex Baldwin will be shown. This comedy / romance will leave you laughing when two exes, brought together at a family event, find themselves oddly attracted to each other after ten years of divorce. Jane, the divorced mother of three, and an empty nester years after her divorce, finally has gotten her life back together (or at least she thinks she does). However, her life gets a little...complicated. Her ex, Jake realizes that he is still in love with Jane, and they ensue in an affair, which, ironically, was one of the reasons why they divorced in the first place. At the same time, she's also attracted the attention of her architect who is remodeling her house. Now Jane has to balance these two romances, and complications ensue. Call the senior center to sign up to see this movie. Popcorn and soda is served.

Fantastic New Art Class to Begin in the Fall

We will start a new Art Class in the fall on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 starting September 7 and ending November 9. The class will be taught by Graham Dale, a trained artist at Nottingham School and the College of St. Martins, in London, England. He has taught painting, drawing, graphics and illustration for the past 37 years in England to both young and older students. His own art work is impressive and beautiful. In the 10-week course you will learn about line, space, shape, form, texture, value and color which are the building blocks that all artists use to create a work of art. You will be shown how these elements are combined and you will see how simple

Laurel Estates Community Events Calendar

These events, upcoming at Laurel Estates, are all free and open to the public, though some require a reservation.



July 7th at 1pm - Tupperware Party with Refreshments - Relax with friends and enjoy refreshments while we preview Tupperware's new line. For more information, call Briana at 203-795-3117.

July 14th from 2-4pm - Ladies Day with Mary Kay and Silpada Jewelry - Get glammed up at Laurel Estates while enjoying refreshments and meeting new friends! For more information, call Briana at 203-795-3117.

July 23rd at 1pm - International Desserts Tasting - Join us for an afternoon of sweet, foreign delicacies and enjoy the live entertainment of guitar player Jon Condi. Please call 203-795-3117 to RSVP.

July 28th at 3:30pm- Redefining Independence Seminar - Constellation Health Services presents an informative afternoon covering topics related to staying as independent as possible for as long as possible. Refreshments to follow. Please RSVP at 203-795-3117.

methods can lead to work that is original and exciting as you produce your own paintings and drawings. It doesn't matter if you are a beginner or have artistic experience. There will be something of interest in this course for everyone. All that is needed for the first class is a sketch book and a pencil. Minimal additional materials may be needed later in the class. Sign up soon, as this class will fill up fast. Fee for this class is \$50 per person.

New Tai Chi Class to be Offered in the Fall

We will start a new Tai Chi class taught by a new instructor, David Chandler. David is a certified Tai Chi instructor who teaches at several senior centers and has a great following. The benefits of Tai Chi are remarkable for alleviating many health problems and improving balance. The class will start on September 3 at 11:30 with a demonstration class. Come try it out and then sign up for the remaining 11 classes for a total of \$60. This class ends on November 19, 2010.

Lobster Bash at Amarantes

Enjoy a wonderful afternoon on July 20, 2010 at Amarantes Sea Cliff located on the shore in New Haven with a panoramic view overlooking Long Island Sound. Includes a deluxe social hour before lunch and then a delicious lunch with a choice of fresh lobster or rib eye steak. Entertainment by Richard "Cookie" Thomas, a versatile vocalist whose voice is smooth in the style of Nat King Cole. Cost: \$75. Payment in full with reservation. This trip will leave from the Congregational Church.

Sergio Franchi Concert

Hosted by the charming Eva Franchi, grand winners of the Sergio Franchi Scholarship will perform with a 32 piece orchestra on the beautiful Franchi estate in Stonington, CT. on August 7, 2010. The grounds are open before the concert for picnicking, and tours of the estate. Bring your own lunch or order a box lunch from Roly Poly for an additional \$8.75 pp. Outdoor seating is provided, but guests can bring their own lawn chairs. Bus will leave the senior center at 11:30 am. Concert begins at 3 pm. and ends approximately at 6 pm. Cost: \$60 pp. includes entrance fee, transportation and driver gratuity. Full payment is required with reservation. These are specially discounted tickets, so do not delay to make your reservation. There will be no refunds due to weather or cancellation of concert. This trip leaves from the Senior Center.

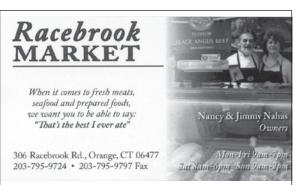
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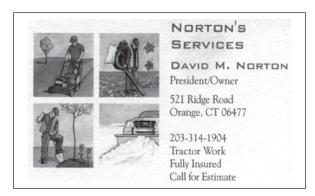
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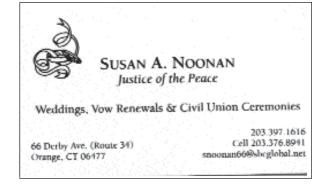
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Identity Thieves

By Roberta L. Nestor

Who would have imagined that there are people out there who might actually go through your garbage for information about your identity? Digging for cans is one thing, digging for your bank account number is something else. Whether they are dumpster diving, hacking into your computer or stealing your purse, the identity thieves are out to get you and if they do, they create a mess.

An identity thief can max out your credit cards, empty your bank accounts, open new credit cards in your name, purchase cars and furniture

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and, what could be worse than an identity thief getting arrested and using your identification? While you can never be 100% sure of protecting your identity, you can at least take steps to help prevent these things from happening to

Your most important identifier is your social security number. Never write it

down and never carry your social security card in your wallet. Be aware of other forms of identification that may have your social security number on it (health insurance cards). Don't let stores write your social security number on your checks; be wary of putting it on job applications, instead opting to give that information verbally when interviewing.

Below is a list of three credit agencies and you can have your social security number truncated. This would also be a good time to check your credit report which you should do periodically. We are entitled to one free credit report each year from the Annual Credit Card Request Service on line at www.annualcreditreport.com or call them at 877-322-8228.

After you receive that report review it carefully and report any discrepancies or corrections to all of the three major credit reporting agencies:

- 1. Equifax www.equifax.com or call 800-685-1111;
- 2. Experian www.experion.com or call 888-397-3742; and
- 3. TransUnion www.transunion.com or call 800-916-8800.

Hold onto your wallet! When an identity thief finds a wallet, it is like finding a treasure chest of gold. Most of us tend to put all of our credit cards and identification in our wallets. Leave the ones you won't be using at home. How silly is it to carry store cards and major credit cards to the beach or grocery shopping? It is also important to take time to write down all of your credit cards and identification numbers and their expiration on a piece of paper and leave that at home in a safe place.

There are two types of identity theft to be aware of: (1) Account take over is what happens when the identity thief gets your credit cards and security numbers and uses them to go on a shopping spree; and (2) Application Fraud is when someone uses your social security number to obtain new credit in your name.

While there are many more safeguards, we often overlook the "Privacy Statement" that all companies we do business with are required to disclose to their customers annually. It explains exactly who they will share your personal information with. We tend not to pay attention to these and they are very important. For example, maybe your bank shares information about its customers with their brokerage division; then in turn they call and solicit you to invest money. The least information about you that is shared, the more secure you can be. You can opt out of any information sharing but you must do that directly with the companies you do business with.

These resources will help you maintain a low profile for solicitation. Register with the Do Not Call Registry (www.dontocall.gov or call 888-382-1222); remove your name from national mailing and email lists (www.dmachoice.org); remove your name from marketing lists that are generated from the 3 credit reporting agencies (www.optoutprescreen.com). Be diligent!

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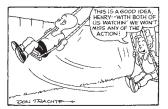
















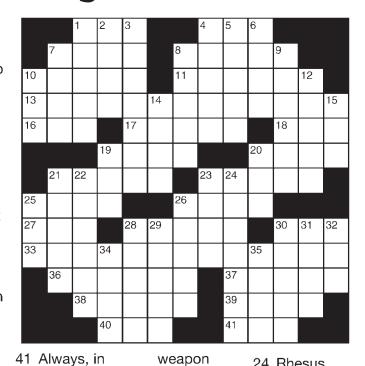




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- Whale group
- Family
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- 11 Islands near Portugal
- 13 Government official
- 16 Links prop
- 17 Search
- 18 Cattle call?
- 19 Perry Mason portraver
- 20 Ponce de -
- 21 Enticed
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- appetizer 26 De-bag the cat?
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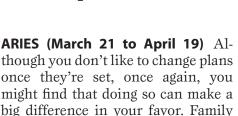


- 41 Always, in verse
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- Griffin 7 Fingerprint,
- often "Star Wars"

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 - underwire 20 Science workshop
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 - 23 Lost traction

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- 28 Supply the food
- 29 Different 30 Thespian
- 31 Campus bigwig
- 32 Bobby of hockey
- 34 Barn-roof attachment
- 35 Scruff

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You continue to get encouragement for your proposals, including some support from unlikely sources. Use this positive flow to move forward with your plans. Good luck.

matters dominate the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters are dominant this week. It's a good time to be with those you love. It's also a good time to contact and reunite with loved ones with whom you've lost touch.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to allow differences of opinion to create unpleasant feelings, especially in the workplace. A neutral observer could check out the situation and suggest a resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) While the Lion's Den is the center of attention this week, with family matters dominating much of your time, workplace issues are also important. Try to find a balance between them.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The future of a new relationship could depend on how much the usually impatient-to-get-things-done

Virgo is willing to stop pushing and let things happen naturally.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Worry over a loved one's wellbeing is eased with good news from a sympathetic source. Your continued show of love and support is important. Stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time to consider mending fences with someone you wish was back in your life. Forget about blame, and focus on the good things you once shared.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good week to start researching information regarding whatever changes you're considering, whether it involves a new home, a new location or a new job.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A long-anticipated job opportunity could turn out to be less than you expected. But appearances might be deceiving. Check it out before you decide it's not for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Adapting to a new situation might come more easily than you expected. You can look for continued support from colleagues who appreciate your contributions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone you care for might need more reassurance from the typically "unemotional" Pisces. Go ahead. Open up, and you might be surprised at what you find when you do.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a romantic at heart, although you can be amazingly practical when you need to be. © 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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1.The Karate Kid (PG)

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2. The A-Team (PG-13)

Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper

3. Shrek Forever After (PG)

animated

4. Get Him to the Greek (R)

Jonah Hill, Russell Brand

5. Killers (PG-13)

Ashton Kutcher, Katherine Heigl

6. Prince of Persia: The Sands of **Time (PG-13)**

Jake Gyllenhaal, Gemma Arterton

7. Marmaduke (PG)

Lee Pace, Judy Geer

8. Sex and the City 2 (R) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall

9. Iron Man 2 (PG-13)

Robert Downey Jr.,

Gwyneth Paltrow

10. Splice (R)

Adrien Brody, Sarah Polley



1. Dear John (PG-13)

(Sony)

2. True Blood: The Complete **Second Season (NR)**

(Warner)

3. Avatar (PG-13)

(20th Century Fox)

4. Valentine's Day (PG-13)

(Warner)

5. The Road (R)

(Sony)

6. It's Complicated (R)

(Universal)

7. Invictus (PG-13)

(Warner)

8. Tooth Fairy (PG)

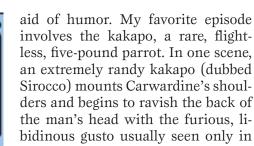
(20th Century Fox)

9. Iron Man (PG-13)

(Paramount)

10. Legion (R)

(Sony)





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PICKS OF THE WEEK

"Last Chance to See" (Unrated) -- In 1990, writer Douglas Adams ("Monty Python's Flying Circus," "Doctor Who," "The Hitchhiker's Guide to The Galaxy") and zoologist Mark Carwardine traveled the far-flung reaches of the planet in search of rare animal species on the verge of extinction. The result was the best-selling book and BBC radio series, "Last Chance to See."

Now, 20 years later, legendary television presenter/comedian/author and close friend of late Douglas Adams, Stephen Fry retraces the author's footsteps along with Carwardine to see if any of the species have survived. The result is a brilliant, entertaining and thought-provoking six-hour television series.

What makes "Last Chance to See" such a joy to watch is that it eschews the run-of-the-mill heavyhanded messages about saving the environment and is more of a celebration of our planet's diversity. And it does so many times with the involves the kakapo, a rare, flightless, five-pound parrot. In one scene, an extremely randy kakapo (dubbed Sirocco) mounts Carwardine's shoulders and begins to ravish the back of the man's head with the furious, libidinous gusto usually seen only in Japanese stag films. Yeah. You won't see THAT on Animal Planet.

"Steamboat Bill, Jr." Ultimate 2-Disc Edition (Unrated) -- For the past decade, Kino International have carved out a niche for themselves as the Criterion Collection of silent and Golden Age films. This release of the Buster Keaton classic "Steamboat Bill, Jr." only enhances their reputation for high-quality digital remastering and outstanding special features.

"Steamboat Bill, Jr." is the 1928 follow-up to the legendary Buster Keaton epic "The General." Both films are considered among his finest work. In "Steamboat Bill," Keaton plays the college puddin' son of a Mississippi steamboat captain who has come back to help his pop, who is in the middle of a fierce rivalry with another captain. Trouble abounds as Keaton is not only inept at the job, but also is in love with the daughter of his father's rival. The climax of the film involves a cyclone and some of the most amazing slapstick stuntwork you'll ever see on film, as Keaton runs through the town and buildings literally collapse around -and on top of him.

There were two versions of the film made, and this two-disc set features both the theatrical release and the alternative version featuring different takes and angles. Also included is a documentary on the making of the film, a montage of the best moments of Keaton's career and vintage recordings of the folk song "Steamboat Bill."

Top 10 Pop Singles

1. Katy Perry feat. Snoop Dogg

"California Gurls"

2. Usher feat will.i.am "OMG"

3. B.o.B. feat. Hayley **Williams of Paramore**

"Airplanes"

4. Ke\$ha

"Your Love Is My Drug" 5. Travie McCoy feat. Bruno Mars

"Billionaire"

6. Taio Cruz feat. Ludacris

"Break Your Heart"

7. Lady Gaga "Alejandro"

8. B.o.B feat. Bruno Mars "Nothin' On You"

9. The Black Eyed Peas

"Rock That Body"

10. La Roux

"Bulletproof"

Top 10 Country Singles

1. Miranda Lambert

"The House That Built Me" 2. Jason Aldean

"Crazy Town"

3. Brad Paisley

"Water" 4. Chris Young

"The Man I Want to Be"

5. Clay Walker

'She Won't Be Lonely Long"

6. George Strait

"I Gotta Get to You"

7. Luke Bryan

"Rain Is a Good Thing"

8. Joe Nichols

"Gimmie That Girl"

9. Carrie Underwood

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10. Reba

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging **★★★** HOO BOY!

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Helping Dachshund to Improve **Her Aim**



DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I have a 9-month-old Dachshund, "Betty," whom I have trained to use "wet pads." She has been very good, with one exception: When she has to urinate she gets her front paws on the pad and starts going, and the urine ends up half on the pad and the rest on the floor (thank God I have tile). It is hard for me to take her outside. I don't want to scold her, as it would only confuse the situation. Any suggestions? -- Kay, via e-mail

DEAR KAY: I like that you're keeping Betty's training positive, and I think that a combined solution can work here.

Use a piece of wood to create a bumper that can be placed against the edge of the pee pad. It doesn't need to be very high -- three or four inches at most -- but it should extend to both edges of the pad where Betty usually hangs her butt. Duct tape the wood to the floor.

Take Betty to the pee pad on a leash for the next few days, around the time that she typically uses it. Let her investigate the bumper, and then lead her onto the pad, facing her usual direction. Let her start peeing on her own.

She should automatically move forward before squatting to pee. As soon as she does this and starts going, give her lots of praise and when she's finished, add a treat and more praise.

If she doesn't automatically move up to avoid the bumper, stand in front of her while holding her leash and give the command "come," and then "stay" when she's in position. Let her continue the pee ritual and follow with lots of praise.

The idea here is to get her to go "Oh, I get it!" or at least associate the middle of the pad with good things. When she starts going straight to that position without prompting, remove the bumper board. Repeat the training session, with lots of praise when she goes in the middle of the pad.

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

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Sports Quiz Answers

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- 1. In 1914, Eddie Collins (Philadelphia) and Johnny Evers (Boston) each won an MVP award.
- 2. Darrell Johnson, who managed the club from 1977 to 1980.
- 3. It was Oct. 8, 2000.
- 4. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, with 50 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in a game in 1975.
- 5. Eight times -- 1920, '24, '28, '32, 48, '52, 2002, '10.
- 6. Germany's Juergen Klinsmann (1990, '94,
- 7. Bob Kempainen had a time of 2:08:47 in 1994.

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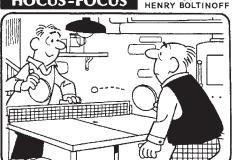
"If you don't have a dog, who eats all the scraps your wife keeps asking for?"

HUBERT - By Dick Wingert



'Ask him to play something classical, and while he's struggling with it I'll show you my new dress."

HOCUS-FOCUS HENRY BOLTINOFF



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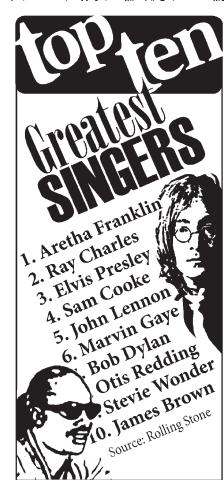


Differences: 1. Ball is different. 2. Man has a mustache 3. Pants are different. 4. Items are gone. 5. Bricks added to wall. 6. Stairs are gone.

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- 2. Elementary Education
- Source: 4. Music www.payscale.com
- 6. Horticulture
- 8. Hospitality
- 9. Fine Arts



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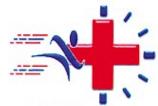


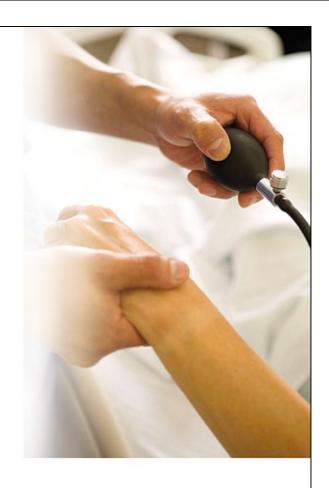


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- 5. Spanish
- 7. Education
- 10. Drama
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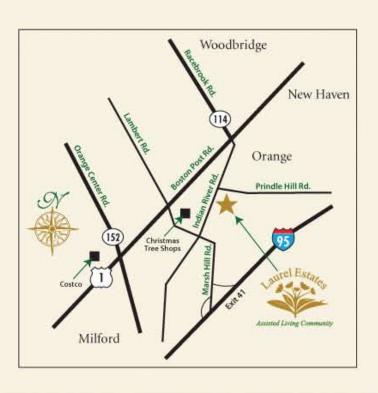


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