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October 7th .....	October 14th
October 28th .....	<i>Election Issue</i> - November 4th

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

## FROM OUR READERS

### Orange Holds 10th Infant Loss Remembrance Day

Hello, my name is Rachel Steigleder. I am a resident in the town of Orange. The reason I am writing to you today is to ask you to "post" or tell others within your congregation or community as well as your friends and family about Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. In 1988 former President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month.

I am a mom to four children, two are with us here on earth and two were taken away too soon. In 2000 my husband and I were expecting twins, Hannah and Michael. We received sad news in the 22nd week of my pregnancy that Hannah had no heartbeat. We were devastated; however we had to think of our son. Things progressed as a normal pregnancy until my 26th week of pregnancy where we again had bad news. I was in pre-term labor and brought to Yale New Haven Hospital. Fortunately they were able to stop my labor, however, two days later because of complications I needed to deliver Michael. He lived 14 hours. His lungs were not developed and he was too sick to put up a good fight. We had to make the hardest decision ever, we had to take him off life support. Michael spent his last 45 minutes in our arms where he died peacefully. It is not a story that I ever thought I would be telling but I do. I do it to help other mothers and fathers know that they are not alone in their grief and to let others know I am proud of all my children.

On October 17th 2011, The Orange Park and Recreation Commission have honored for a tenth year my request to let parents and their friends and family to gather for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. We will gather at the Gazebo at the High Plains Community Center (525 Orange Center Road, Orange) at 6:30pm.

This ceremony will be in honor of all those babies who died too soon. I have learned in losing Hannah and Michael it is families who have experienced a loss of a baby who understand most. The event is more than a sad evening. Nationally the grieving moms who are putting together this night are hoping to educate and inform those who have lost a baby and their families about loss, to show them they are not alone. For many years a miscarriage was not spoken of but today you will find it is so common and mothers need to talk about the life and dreams that they lost. A pregnancy or newborn loss is different then other types in that it is not the years of memories we look back to but the years of memories we will never be able to create.

I appreciate you sharing this with others and hope we will have another great turnout for the ceremony. Any questions, please call Rachel at 203-891-0969 or email: [rsteigs@optonline.net](mailto:rsteigs@optonline.net).

Rachel Steigleder

### Reader Will Never Forget Zeoli Presentation

I recently attended the Memorial 10-year remembrance of the 9-11 tragedy in Orange. Although I live in West Haven, I have many friends in Orange, one of them being Commander Larry Czaikowski of the Orange American Legion. Larry had invited me to the event. It was a beautiful ceremony and I was impressed with the eloquent speech which was given by First Selectman James Zeoli. His words really came from the heart. He honored our heroic veterans and brave people who were lost and also those who suffered on that day of horror.

Mr. Zeoli didn't refer to any notes and his presentation was one I will never forget.

Eileen Cassella

### Board of Education Should Restart Hiring Process

In reference to the recent controversy surrounding the hiring process used by the BOE for the new Superintendent, let's just stick to the facts. The BOE did not comply with Section 2141P of the Orange Board of Education Policy, Regulations, Procedures and Forms. This provision states, among other procedures, that the Board "will establish a search committee" when commencing with a search for a superintendent.

In a letter from the Board Chair responding to a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, she stated "The Board Of Education took no formal action to

("Letters" continued on page 10)



## ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

### JCL Literacy Volunteer Workshop

You can help children in our public schools succeed by volunteering just one hour of your time each week. The Jewish Coalition for Literacy (JCL) recruits, trains, places and supports volunteer reading partners – NOT tutors – in local public schools to read one-to-one with children. Students benefit from the interaction of a caring adult who wants to share the pleasures of reading and the thrill of helping a student enjoy learning. No prior experience is required.

All are welcome to attend an Information and Orientation Session for new and returning literacy volunteers on Tuesday morning, October 4th, 9:30 AM at the JCC, 360 Amity Road in Woodbridge. Literacy specialists will facilitate small groups of volunteers sharing best practices of reading with a child and highlight the importance of reading partners giving children this nurturing opportunity to help them succeed.

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### Orange Education Board Responds to Questions Regarding Hiring Process

Although the Board of Education's search for a superintendent of schools is completed and a new superintendent, Lynn McMullin, has been selected and appointed by the Board, questions have been raised by some about the process utilized by the Board. According to Board Chairperson, Jeanne Consiglio, "the Board has complete confidence in both the process utilized [by the Board] and in its decision to appoint Lynn McMullin."

The search for a new superintendent of schools for the Orange Public Schools began in September, 2010 when the Board first presented its search timeline to the public. For the next year, the Board updated, reported and discussed the superintendent search process at every one of its meetings.

The search process utilized by the Board was a multi faceted one. The Board utilized a survey that generated over 100 responses, broadly solicited applications from qualified candidates, screened the resulting applications, and interviewed six semi-finalists. The Board of Education also instituted a public forum to provide an additional opportunity for public involvement, where community members interviewed the three final candidates selected by the Board. Not only did the Board carefully consider the forum's input, but some Board members sat in on the forum's interviews and shared their observations with the other members of the Board of Education.

Following the forum process, the Board interviewed the final three candidates, conducted background and references checks, and unanimously selected Lynn McMullin as the next superintendent of the Orange Public Schools.

All Orange residents were entitled to participate in the survey process, attend the forum, and provide feedback to the Board of Education at any time during the search. As noted by the Board, not only did this search process involve the public, but it provided for more public involvement than the last two superintendent searches. For example, the last superintendent search did not utilize a forum of community members to interview candidates.

Board Chairperson Jeanne Consiglio said "The residents of Orange can take confidence in the fact that the superintendent search process was public, transparent, thorough and successful, as indicated by the unanimous vote of the elected members of the Board of Education."

"We've selected an outstanding individual to lead our school district," said Ms Consiglio. "We hope that our school district can move forward to support our new superintendent and work together to provide the best possible education for our children."

*Editors Note: The above was submitted by the Orange Board of Education.*

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### Retired Teachers' Meeting, Scholarship

The New Haven County Retired Teachers Association Fall Luncheon Meeting will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 5 at Country House Restaurant, 990 Foxon Road, Route 80, East Haven. All retired public school teachers living in or having taught in New Haven County are welcome. Reservations are required by September 28 with a check for \$27 per person, payable and mailed to NHCRTA, 1125 West Woods Road, #13, Hamden, CT 06518. For information, contact Carol Nobile at 203-288-6986.

Coffee will be available at 11 AM, business meeting at 11:30, guest speaker at 12 noon and lunch at 12:45 PM. The Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision (GPO/WEP) will be discussed by Sandra Bove and Cathy D'Agostino, co-chairmen of the ARTC Legislative Committee. All retired and active teachers and their families and friends are encouraged to actively support repeal of these provisions by going to the NEA website <http://capwiz.com/nea/issues/bills/?bill=39298516&size=full> and sending a message to Congress.

The group will announce its 2011 annual scholarship of \$1,000 to Hillary Brown, a graduate of Wolcott High School. She will enter Southern Connecticut State University and pursue a career in education.

The meeting menu will feature a salad station with chicken, beef and fish entrees, penne al vodka, cavapelli with broccoli rabe sauce, seafood risotto, cocktail meatballs, fried vegetables, assorted pizzas, Italian desert pastries and coffee, tea and iced tea.

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## ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

### Orange Schools Open with Enhanced Curriculum

By Anne Buley – Orange Town News Correspondent

To the delight of many children in Orange—and the dismay of some more ambitious students and anxious parents—the Orange schools were delayed in opening for a full week as a result of Hurricane Irene who left downed trees, blocked roads, and power outages in her path all over town. “Our decision to delay the opening of school by several days was based on the safety and well being of our students,” says Superintendent Tim James. “Besides the issue of not having power in several areas of town during that time, with trees down, wires down, and the possibility that some limbs yet to fall from the canopy of the trees, it would not have been safe for the students to be at bus stops.”

Even still, school officially opened on September 6—which was originally planned to begin August 30—welcoming students by the busload to a new school year. Most students also had a greeting of the 21st Century kind. Smart Boards have now been installed in every classroom in the district from grades 1 to 6, as well as “rolling” versions in each library media center, art room, and, at Mary L. Tracy School, where the BOE hopes to have one in each classroom by next year.

A record turnout of parents at each school—Mary L. Tracy, Peck Place, Race Brook, and Turkey Hill—were invited to an Open House during opening week, where the buzz was the importance of the parent/teacher connection in educating each child, as well as the new spelling and social studies curriculum being introduced this year.

When educating a child, say district administrators, a strong parent/teacher effort is crucial. And parent involvement in Orange is top notch, according to Ralph Nuzzo, principal of Mary L. Tracy (MLT) School, which houses the district’s Kindergarten students, and sets the tone for parent involvement and student success. Nuzzo—who served as a school psychologist before his post as principal, and has worked for his entire career in Orange—reports that research shows the more parent involvement to more effective student learning. “The parent community in Orange is as supportive as anyone could want them to be and this does not happen in every town,” he says. “The impact on a child’s education is three-tiered: professionals, parents, and community. We have always had full support from all three.”

He cautions, however, that the parent/school balance is unique for each child. “Parents and teachers need to constantly confer for finding the right balance. We ultimately want to create children who do not need to be dependent on parents, but some students are ready to be independent learners sooner than others and it can vary by subject. We—teachers together with parents—need to constantly watch each child and make judgments.”

For children and parents, the tone is set at MLT for an approach to learning that continues district wide. “Because almost all of Orange’s students and parents begin their educational journey through its doors, Mary L. Tracy School truly serves as the gateway to the Orange School system. Students and parents first experience here the three major traditions for which our district has always been known: a child-centered approach, academic excellence, and a partnership with parent.”

This new school year, students are also being introduced to two new curriculum—spelling and social studies. The new programs are focused on 21st Century learning, according to Robert Martino, the district’s Director of Curriculum and Instruction. “Even though Orange is considered to be a premiere school district in the state, we continue to look at, change, and improve curriculum,” he says. “Curriculum is always changing. We are committed to constantly looking to improve it and offering professional development to facilitate the programs. Without the teacher development piece, it would be like giving someone a new tool, without teaching him how to use it.”



Mary L. Tracy School

The 11-year district veteran explains that the changing curriculum give students skills that allow them to think and be flexible. “Historically, when a student gives an answer, it is either right or wrong,” he says. “Today, we need to say ‘Good answer, but why is that your answer?’ and we must help them to understand why.”

The spelling curriculum—called Sitton Spelling—is getting away from memorization. Martino explains that rather than memorizing 20 words for a Friday test, students will learn the spelling behind the words. It is based on words used more frequently in the English language and teaches rules that can be applied to many words. There is a “Degrees of Reading Power” component which will compliment the reading program. Children will also be expected to spell these words correctly throughout their day in all subjects. In addition, there is a home piece, as parents will be asked to proofread homework and check for priority words.

The social studies curriculum—based on national and state standards—is moving toward taking a look at a period in history and asking students to make connections, comparisons, and weigh consequences to other times in history and what is happening in the world today. In terms of specific content, Martino explains that while it varies by grade, Asia is a large part of the curriculum. “Asia plays a major role in the global economy today. Economically today, Asia is where it’s at. We need to get students to think globally and understand how history and current events are connected.”

Parents will be invited to a meeting to learn more about the new curriculum. The meeting date has not yet been set.

Due to the delayed opening of school and potential school closing from winter storms, it remains unclear when the school year will conclude—originally scheduled for June 13, 2012. According to James, the BOWA (Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge, Amity) Superintendents met recently to discuss how the missed days would be made up. The responses varied by district, he says. The Board of Education is expected to discuss the topic at its next meeting on October 11.

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## CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

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### Children

#### Fall Story Hour:

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursday, September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Session for age 3-5 will be held on Monday, September 26, October 3, 17, 24, 31 at 4 p.m. Includes a craft.

#### Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Held on Tuesday, September 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30 p.m.: Lapsit story times are for babies and toddlers up to 24 months and include nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

#### Drama Workshop with Ingrid Schaeffer: Turkey Trouble

Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m.: For ages 5-10. Please pre-register starting October 22.

### Teens

#### Attention Teen Summer Readers!

If you read at least 5 books this summer and registered for our summer reading program, there is still time to pick up your Barnes and Noble gift card! Stop by the Circulation Desk with your reading record to claim your prize.

#### Book Chat Café

Tuesday, October 4, 2:15 p.m.: For teens who love to read and chat about books they have read. Held at the Orange Middle School Media Center. See Mrs. Goss for details.

### Adults

#### Tea Party

Monday, October 3, 7 p.m.: Learn about the history and benefits of tea from Bigelow Tea Representative Janned Serrano. Leave with some great



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samples! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Come find great new and gently used books, movies, music, and more at the Friends' semi-annual book sale. Proceeds help to support many of the wonderful programs and services available at the library.

#### Horrors at the Bijou

Monday, October 24, 7 p.m.: Cortlandt Hull will present a visual history of classic movie thrillers with a display of movie props. Not suitable for children under the age of 9.

#### Cooking with Chef John Bencivengo

Wednesday, October 26, 7 p.m.: Chef John returns to the library to cook up some tasty creations! Registration begins October 14. \$5 per person materials fee.

#### Organizing Your Home from Top to Bottom

Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.: Professional organizer Larry Rusick will teach you how to organize everything in this fun, interactive program.

#### Paranormal Orange: A Two-Part Series

Orange Ghost Talk, Monday, November 7, 7 p.m.: Jon Nowinski of the Smoking Gun Research Agency reveals the haunting tales of Orange.

Lantern Ghost Walk, Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m.: Jon Nowinski will lead us on a walking tour of sites of paranormal activity in Orange. Tour departs from the library. Space is limited.

#### Archaeology Presentation

Monday, November 14, 7 p.m.: A presentation by Dr. Nicholas Ballantoni, Connecticut's State Archaeologist. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

#### Genealogy Workshop

Monday, November 21, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will show you how to research your family history, discussing a new topic each month. Topic: TBD.

#### From Fiction to Film: Water for Elephants

Monday, November 28, 7 p.m.: Sara Gruen's best-selling novel comes to life in this film adaptation starring Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. Rated PG-13. 120 minutes.

#### Author Presentation and Book Signing: Cooking with Chef Silvio: Rescheduled

Monday, December 5, 7 p.m.: Author, historian and photographer Anthony Riccio and award-winning Chef Silvio Suppa traveled to the farmlands of Campania, Italy, where they researched the origins of true Mediterranean cuisine. With its original recipes and first-hand research, the book presents the fascinating history of Campanian gastronomy, from the ancient Samnites to the present-day dishes offered at Chef Silvio's restaurant Cafe Allegre in Madison.

#### Art in the Library

Works by the Art in the Library Committee will be on display through the month of October. A reception will be held in their honor on Thursday, October 6 from 5-7 p.m.

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

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## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### Train Show at HPCC on October 9th

The New Haven and Derby Model Railroad Club, Inc. (an affiliate of The Orange Historical Society) will be holding its 19th annual model train show on Sunday October 9, 2011 from 9:30am-3:30pm at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road (Route 152), in Orange, CT. The building is minutes from Interstate 95's exit 41 and exit 56 of the Wilbur Cross Parkway (CT 15). It is handicap accessible and has plenty of free parking.

All Scales and eras will be represented with between 90-100 vendor tables featuring locomotives, rolling stock, books, accessories, clothing, scenery, buildings and railroad memorabilia. The Valley "HO" Railroad Club, Valley "N"-Trak Railroad Club and the Connecticut "G" Scale Railroad Club will have their modular operating layouts set up for viewing and their members will gladly answer any questions you may have. In addition, we will have smaller kid friendly "S" Gauge and "T" track layout, and clinics. There will be door prizes at least every hour and a dining car to satisfy your hunger. All in all there will be something for every member of the family.

Donations are: adults \$5.00, teens (12-18 with adult) \$1.00 and under 12 free. For more information, contact Chairman John (Duke) O'Connell by phone at (203)389-8967 or by e-mail at [oconnelljohnj@gmail.com](mailto:oconnelljohnj@gmail.com) or [www.newhaven-derbymodelrailroadclub.org](http://www.newhaven-derbymodelrailroadclub.org).

### Coast Guard Auxiliary Offers One-Day Safety Course

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

About Boating Safely includes a wide variety of information. In this classroom boating class, attendees will learn:

- General information about boats and maintenance
- Information on preparing for safe and enjoyable outings
- Navigation rules and aids to navigation
- Guidelines for operating your boat or PWC safely
- What to do in case of boating emergencies
- Connecticut-specific laws and regulations you must follow

In general, this information applies to all recreational watercraft (powerboats, PWCs, sailboats and boats which are paddled). PWC and Jet Ski operators have additional laws and restrictions which apply to them.

### 6th Annual Pumpkin Palooza

The Town of Orange Special Events Committee invites you to join us for the 6th Annual Pumpkin Palooza! Taking place on the Orange Fairgrounds, Saturday October 15th from 3-7pm, this year's activities include:

- Hayrides
- Haunted Maze
- Games
- Music/Dancing
- Crafts
- And more....

Last year's hit, Partner Graveyard will be returning and is sure to be a crowd pleaser! And let's not forget the fabulous food for sale from some of the areas favorite restaurants!

Parking, admission, and most activities are FREE! (Hayrides are \$3 per person.)

\*\*Be sure to submit an entry in the Jack O'Lantern Display!\*\* Prizes and ribbons will be awarded! Download the submission from the Pumpkin Palooza Page on our website, [OrangeSpecialEvents.com](http://OrangeSpecialEvents.com).

As always, visit our website for more information about this and other great events brought to you by the Orange Special Events Committee. In the event of inclement weather, please check our website for updates. The rain date for Pumpkin Palooza is October 22nd.

### 2nd Annual Oktoberfest

Everyone is invited! The Orange Democratic Town Committee is hosting its second annual Oktoberfest. Featuring unique, gourmet German-style foods and music, the event will take place on Sunday, September 25th, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Pavilion at High Plains Community Center. Last year's event was very popular and this year's menu includes grilled knockwurst and bratwurst w/sauerkraut, German potato salad, cabbage soup, sauerbraten, chicken schnitzel, assorted breads and rolls and for dessert – German chocolate cake of course! All this - plus your choice of German beer or soft drinks and coffee for only \$30.00, children age 10 and up \$10 and under 10 are free.

This is a great opportunity to come meet Kevin McNabola, candidate for First Selectman and the rest of the democratic candidates for this year's election. For tickets and more information contact Barbara Lehrer at 203-640-6407 or [barbaralehrer@coldwellbankermoves.com](mailto:barbaralehrer@coldwellbankermoves.com). Space is limited so make your reservation now!

### Love to Crochet? Come join the HOTS Crochet Guild!

The Hooked on the Sound (HOTS) Crochet Guild is a chapter of the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA). We meet monthly to share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems, and generally have a great time crocheting! Please feel free to join us at any or all of our meetings, there are no fees! Just bring along any project you are working on or one you may need help with.

PLACE: The Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Rd, Orange, CT 06477 elevator is available (LIBRARY ONLY 203-891-2170).

WHEN: Saturdays from 10am-1pm. ON THESE DATES ONLY FOR 2011: November 5, December 3.

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

### Bus Trip To West Point - Army Vs. Fordham

The Father Breen Assembly #1605, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Milford is sponsoring a bus trip to West Point, NY on Saturday, October 29, 2011 to see the Army-Fordham football game. The price per person of \$90.00 includes a continental breakfast at Lasse's, bus transportation to and from West Point, admission to the game, a box lunch and beverages on the bus plus a full catered buffet dinner at the old West Point Railroad Station restaurant. This facility has been transformed into a fine dining venue which is heavily in demand during the football season and an excellent dinner is planned.

Proceeds from the trip will be used by the Knights for a donation to the Army Emergency Relief Wounded Warrior Fund as well as to help the Fourth Degree with other charitable endeavors.

There are 50 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. All monies must be in by September 22, 2011 with checks made payable to "Father Breen Assembly No. 1605, K of C". Please mail payments to John Meuser, 289K New Haven Avenue, Milford, CT 06460. Contact John at (203) 876-2221 if you have any questions.

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## FROM OUR READERS

*(“Letters” continued from page 5)*

establish a search committee. Rather, the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee and I took the initiative to set forth the search process and to keep the Board of Education members informed as progress was made.” This is in black and white and is undisputable. It is also unacceptable from our elected officials.

The Superintendent Search Forum that I served on was assembled by the BOE to interview the 3 finalists that they had selected. After realizing that the BOE had apparently violated their own policies, a letter was written to the BOE Chair asking why. In her response, the Board Chair maintained that the Board of Education policies are “guides for action”. In my book, a policy is a policy. If Boards and Commissions now have the flexibility to pick and choose which policies they want to follow and which ones they don’t, then why have them at all? That kind of rationale and decision making is dangerous at any level of government. By not forming a search committee and also not following other protocols set forth for a superintendent search, this process was tainted from the start.

Orange is known for having an exceptional school system; it’s a staple of our community. My wife and I moved to this town 5 years ago when our children were school-aged because we wanted them to have the best education possible.

The task of hiring a superintendent, the leader of our school district, is possibly the most important duty our BOE can have. In the end, this isn’t about the person that was chosen by the BOE, it’s about the process; it’s about right and wrong and following the rules. If you are prepared to look the other way when the rules are broken, then where does it stop? There must be penalties for not acting in accordance with any set of laws. The only way to rectify this is for the BOE to restart the process and follow their own rules and regulations designed to protect the integrity of the process.

Mike Richetelli

*Editor’s note: Mike Richetelli was a member of the ‘Orange Superintendent Search Forum’ and has called for the resignation of the Chairman of the Orange Board of Education as well as the Chairman of the Board of Education Personnel Committee.*

### Residents Question Candidates’ Experience

On September 12, we attended a meeting with other concerned Orange residents. The subject was the recent hiring of the new Orange Superintendent of Schools who is the highest paid Orange employee.

At the meeting I was shocked to learn that the Board of Education (BOE) did not follow their own Policy & Regulation, Section 2141P in the hiring of the new Superintendent. They were required to establish a search committee comprising of approximately seven individuals. The BOE chose six members to a forum to help in the selection process. One representative from the PTA, Teachers Union, Administration Union and three at large members. By the time the forum was established, the BOE had already interviewed several candidates and narrowed the field to three. These interviews were conducted by the BOE Chairman and the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee. The search committee had no say in the screening or interviewing process of the original field of candidates. This is a violation of the Policy & Regulation, Section 2141P. It is clear that the BOE itself can not serve as the search committee.

On June 23, the BOE scheduled a meeting to interview the final three candidates and select a new Superintendent. The members of the forum requested materials (e.g. resumes, letter of reference, etc.) of each applicant prior to the interview. They received the material of the two unsuccessful candidates. The only material the members received pertaining to Ms McMullin was a copy on the Canton school newsletter. Each member of the forum asked applicants questions concerning their background. The interview process took approximately ninety minutes in total. The forum members discussed among themselves the qualification of each of the candidates and there was unanimous consensus on their preferred candidate and submitted the name to the BOE secretary. The BOE never inquired why the forum members selected that candidate. The candidate the forum selected unanimously chose was not the candidate the BOE finally selected.

On July 28, five weeks after the interviews the BOE announced the hiring of Lynn McMullin to start January 1st, 2012. Apparently the BOE did not take the forum members unanimous recommendation into consideration. The BOE has the ultimate responsibility and right to hire a Superintendent. They should follow Section 2141P (2) of their Policy & Regulations to form a search committee to assist in the selection and listen to their comments.

Ms. Lynn McMullin may turn out to be a great Superintendent. My concern is she has no experience as a teacher or principle in an elementary school. She taught High School in Canton. Since the BOE was looking for an Elementary School Superintendent, it would have been nice to select a candidate with that experience. All of the residents of Orange should welcome her to her new job in January.

Since the BOE did not follow their Policy & Regulations, the Chairperson, Ms Hoin should resign along with the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee. Both of these people should read and know their own rules and regula-

tions. It seems that the two of them made all the decisions, disregarding the input of the forum search committee.

Frank and Jessica Feurer

### Board Members Unanimously Support Chairman, Process, and Incoming Superintendent

We, the undersigned members of the Orange Board of Education, would like to respond to the request by Michael Richetelli and Michael Bowler that our Chairperson, Jeanne Consiglio, resign from the Orange Board of Education.

The Board of Education, as a group, carried out its fundamental statutory responsibility to hire a qualified superintendent of schools. Despite the allegations that the Board Chairperson and the Personnel Committee Chair acted unilaterally during the Superintendent search, these allegations are unfounded and inaccurate. Every step of the search process was designed and implemented by the Board as a whole. Every step of the process was made public, commencing back in the Fall of 2010. Individuals who were legitimately concerned about the superintendent search process could have raised their concerns at any time prior to the selection of Lynn McMullin as the next Superintendent of Schools for the Orange Public Schools. Although the critics of the search process claim not to have an issue with the Board’s selection of Ms. McMullin, it is troubling that concerns about the process were only raised after her selection was announced.

The Board of Education designed and conducted the superintendent search process as a unified body. To single out our Chairperson for resignation from the Board is both baseless and unfair. We do not support the call for Ms. Consiglio’s resignation, nor agree with the after-the-fact attacks on an open and public search process that was characterized by consensus and unanimity.

We also resist any attempt to have the Board take its focus off of its primary responsibility, which is the safety and education of our children. The Board refuses to get caught up in such tactics when it is charged with the most critical of duties, which is to ensure that our children receive the highest quality education possible.

Our Board supports our Chairman and our unanimous choice of Lynn McMullin as our next Superintendent of Schools. Many of us have children in our schools. To suggest Board members would choose anyone other than the candidate most qualified to lead our schools to greater educational success, is neither accurate nor believable.

The members of the Orange Board of Education are proud to serve the residents of Orange, and we support our chairperson, Jeanne Consiglio, wholeheartedly.

Jody Dietch, Leticia Hashem, Keith Marquis, Kris Cozza-Powell, Pat Ziman, Debra Marino Esq., Amy Criscuolo, Jeff Cap & Scott Massey

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**TODAY'S WORD**

## Socially Responsible Investing – Investing for a Cause

By Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

**W**ith corporate scandals, environment safety issues and human rights cases frequently in the headlines, investors have been increasingly concerned about the products and services associated with their investments.

Such concern has led to the growth of socially responsible investing (SRI), an investment approach which seeks to maximize both financial return and social good by investing in companies that have a good track record with such topics as the environment, social justice, human rights, corporate governance and diversity. Companies profiting from the sale of tobacco or alcohol, for example, are typically shunned from SRI investment strategies.

Socially responsible investing (SRI) assets grew to \$3.1 trillion under management in 2010, up 13% from 2007<sup>1</sup> when \$2.7 trillion in assets were being managed using a core socially responsible strategy, according to the Social Investment Forum.

Socially responsible investors include individuals, and such institutions as corporations, universities, hospitals, foundations, insurance companies, pension funds, nonprofit organizations and religious institutions, which collectively represent the largest and fastest growing segment of SRI investors.

One misconception about SRI that investment managers have sought to clarify is the notion that a socially conscious investment will bring a lower return. Research has shown that socially screened portfolios perform competitively when compared to portfolios that are not screened for social causes. For example, a 2002 study of international SRI mutual funds found little evidence of significant differences in the risk-adjusted returns on ethical and conventional funds from 1990 to 2001.<sup>2</sup>

There are several approaches to pursue for investors interested in SRI, including:

**Green Investing** – This approach focuses on companies that are committed to the conservation of natural resources, the production and discovery of alternative energy sources, the implementation of clean air and water projects, and/or other environmentally conscious business practices. Examples of green investments include buying alternative energy stocks, green energy exchange funds or energy efficient funds.

**Ethical Investing** – Involves buying only securities that are in line with the investor's personal views. The investment portfolio contains companies with business practices that the investor believes in. Certain industries, such as gambling, alcohol and firearms, might be excluded.

**Community investing** – One of the fastest growing areas of socially responsible investing. This approach provides investment capital to communities not served, or underserved, by traditional financial institutions. Community investing gives these communities direct access to credit, equity, capital and basic banking products they would otherwise lack.

**Shareholder advocacy** – Shareholder advocates will purposely invest in companies with poor social or environmental records, while actively working with the company's management to improve its practices. These activities may include filing, co-filing and voting on shareholder resolutions that focus on social and corporate-governance issues. They generally intend to improve a company's policies and practices, encouraging management to exercise good corporate citizenship, and promote long-term shareholder value and financial performance.

Investors interested in socially responsible investing may seek the assistance of a qualified financial advisor, who can evaluate specific investment portfolios or mutual funds based on social, environmental and good corporate governance.

If you would like to learn more about developing an investment portfolio that reflects your social concerns, please contact your financial advisor.

### References

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<sup>2</sup> "International Evidence on Ethical Mutual Fund Performance and Investment Style," Rob Bauer, University of Maastricht – Limburg Institute of Financial Economics (LIFE); ABP Investments, Kees C.G. Koedijk, Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) - Department of Financial Management; Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) - Erasmus Research Institute of Management (ERIM); Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and Roger Otten, University of Maastricht - Limburg Institute of Financial Economics (LIFE),

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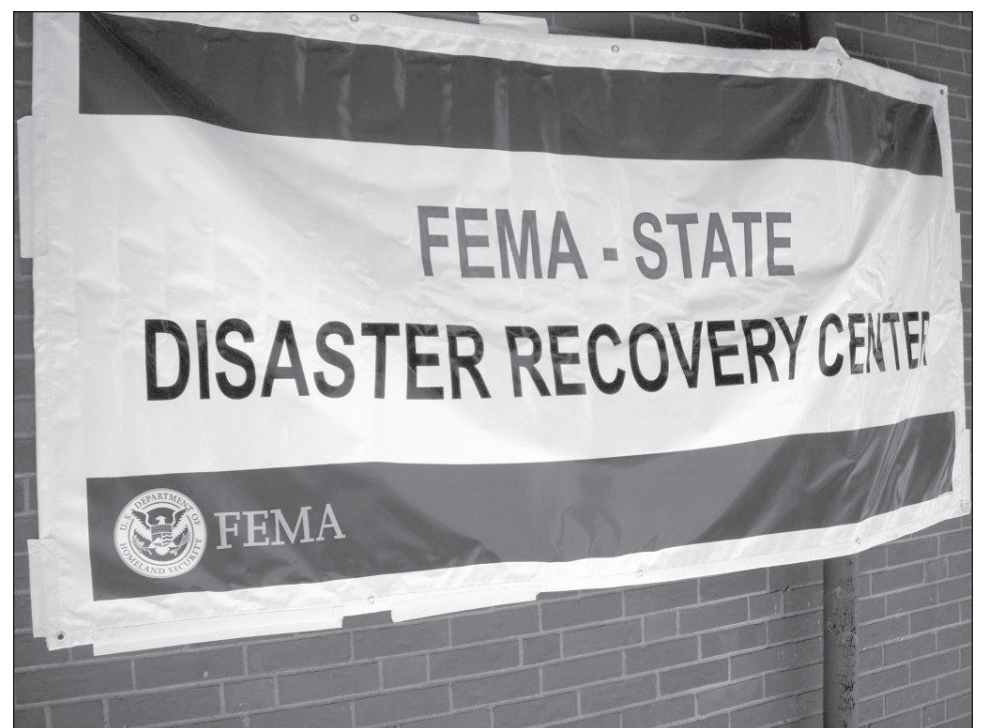
James M. Zeoli, First Selectman of the Town of Orange, announces the appointment of Salvatore A. DeCola to the position of Director of Finance & Administration replacing Al Chiarenzelli who is retiring this month after many years of service. Chiarenzelli said he is "enormously pleased to have found a candidate with Sal's experience and comprehensive knowledge."



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Mr. DeCola is a graduate of Quinnipiac University with a strong, diversified background in municipal finance and holds a State of Connecticut certification as a school Business Administrator. He is also an active member of both the Connecticut and National Government Finance Officers Association.

The Town of Orange is pleased to welcome Sal after more than twenty-three years with the City of New Haven as Chief Financial Administrator. He is a life-long Connecticut resident, and currently resides in Hamden.



## Town Officials Praise Local Emergency Services

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Like all of New Haven County, Orange had its share of week-long power outages, downed trees, and property damage from Hurricane Irene, but emergency services kept injuries to a minimum, town officials said.

FEMA set up shop in the High Plains Community Center earlier this month to provide individual assistance and information to area residents with issues arising from the hurricane. According to FEMA Emergency Manager and Program Specialist Norika Boston, state government decides where to open branch offices and how long it will remain in town. "We'll stay as long as we're needed," Boston said. "We make sure people have a safe and sanitary place to live. Outdoor damage is usually beyond our scope, but we might have federal partners or other government agencies that we could put people in touch with that can handle it." The local office can only review cases that have already registered with FEMA. To register a claim, call 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or visit [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) or [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov).

First Selectman Jim Zeoli said the reverse 911 system was used to message people about hurricane conditions and where to go for help. The High Plains Community Center was set up as an emergency shelter and hundreds of residents who lost power stopped by to fill up on water, charge their cell phones and computers and take showers, Zeoli said. "Some residents complained that they did not know High Plains was open and that may be because they have disconnected or unlisted telephone land lines. "A lot of people just use their cell phones these days and they have to make sure the town has their number," he said. To update your contact information for the 911 system, contact the Orange Police Department.

Zeoli and Police Chief Robert Gagne agreed that the town's emergency response services were excellent. "I can't say enough good things about the Connecticut Emergency Response Team (CERT) and town departments," Zeoli said. "UI gave us tree removal crews to get trees off the roads and our men worked around the clock to clear roads." He said he's heard several stories about neighbors helping neighbors but overall "Orange was not as bad off as some communities."

Gagne said police dispatchers were extremely busy fielding calls about downed trees and power lines, and small fires. "We also had a medical emergency in the middle of all of it," he said. "Overall the emergency departments did an excellent job and everything went extremely smoothly."

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“When I first heard about it, it all seemed so far away,” Katz said. “Now that we can see the buildings going up, it’s all starting to feel real, and the reality is it’s going to make a big difference in boosting business and creating jobs. And let’s not forget about the taxes.”

In fact, UI will become “by far,” the town’s top taxpayer, said Zeoli, “and will generate millions of dollars in tax revenue a year. “This is not just a big deal, it’s major deal, one I consider the pinnacle of my political career,” Zeoli said following groundbreaking ceremonies last year at the 57-acre, two-site location that will be connected by a private road. “Now that it’s so close to happening, I know everyone in town is excited and there’s good reason for that. This is a perfect location for this kind of major utility and Orange can’t wait for the UI era to begin.” Zeoli said the presence of such a “corporate giant” will have a domino effect that will create jobs in local businesses, bring more businesses into town, and result in more merchants relocating or starting businesses in Orange.

UI spokeswoman Anita Steeves said the nearly \$100 million project, which includes construction of a three-story 249,000 square foot operations center and three-story 127,000 square foot office building, will be completed by late spring or early summer - with employees moving to Orange in phases - and all workers there by next summer. “Consolidating into one facility in Orange will help efficiency and enhance customer service, and we want to assure all our customers we will still be just as involved in all 17 towns in our service area,” Steeves said. Steeves said she is also “delighted” the Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation are preparing a special directory of Orange businesses for UI employees. “That’s important because people don’t just drive to work and drive home, they do things in and around places they work,” she said. “It is terrific that our employees will have information to help guide them to lunch and other places to shop on their way home. We’re all very excited to be coming to such a beautiful place.”

The presence of UI will also spur more development, said Paul Grimmer, executive director of the Orange Economic Development Corporation and Bryan Bowser, president and CEO of PPG Properties of Milford, a commercial developer that has brought new businesses to Orange, including Hibachi Grill Restaurant, Jake’s Wayback Burgers and Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant. “It is rare for a town like Orange to be able to bring in such a major company with so many employees that will have such a large impact on the town,” said Grimmer. “Businesses like eateries and daycare centers are going to benefit, but also gas stations, doctor’s offices, and any service oriented business.” Grimmer said that’s why his group and the Chamber of Commerce decided to put together a comprehensive directory for UI employees listing a wide range of Orange businesses. “We want to make sure they know where to find whatever they need in Orange,” said Grimmer who has collaborated on the project with Executive Director Carol Smullen of the Chamber. “Beyond the economic impact UI is bringing to the community, you can also just feel the excitement growing as completion of the buildings approaches,” Grimmer said. “The excitement is palpable.” Bowser agreed. “Bringing UI to Orange is one of the best things that ever happened here,” said the developer, whose company recently received the Chamber’s “Business of the Year” award. “A gigantic operator like that is just what we need to attract even more national chains and to fill the big boxes and create more development,” Bowser said. “It sure beats having a big empty lot where the former Orange Cinemas used to operate.”

But it also comes down to the boost UI’s presence will have on small, struggling businesses like Springbrook Deli, which opened three years ago down the road from where the complex will stand. Anne Washenko, who has been in town more than 50 years, opened the deli at 240 Indian River Road in the Springbrook Commons shopping plaza, after working as a book-keeper, but wanting to own her own business for years. “We’re a small deli and people seem to be very happy with our food, but we opened at a very bad time when the economy was tanking and it hasn’t been easy,” Washenko said. “Obviously I’m thrilled about UI coming to Orange. We’re the closest deli to them and we are expecting a lot of new business. The workers can’t start up there soon enough for me.”



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



### Annual Community Assistance Fund Donations

Here are some ways for you to help in your community:

1. A Fall Food Drive is in progress to replenish our Food Closet. We distribute non-perishable items to Orange residents on a monthly basis and also in an emergency situation. We cannot accept rusty cans, broken bags, boxes or outdated food. Some suggestions: dry milk, cereal, juice, canned chicken/turkey or tuna, chili, hash, rice, pasta, cereal, crackers, peanut butter, coffee, tea, toiletries, paper goods, Ensure and any other non-perishable item that can help a resident in need. Contact: Denise Stein, Elderly Outreach Services at (203) 891-4787.
2. Food baskets containing complete supplies for a meal are distributed to eligible Orange residents for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas. Contact: Kim Callahan, Community Services at (203) 891-4788 for basket menus and deadlines.
3. Donations of grocery gift certificates to purchase chicken, turkey, ham, and non-perishables. (Any monetary amount from \$20.00 and up.)
4. Cash donations, gift cards and movie coupons for the children and teens.
5. Monetary donations for our Community Services Assistance Fund. Contact: Denise Stein, Elderly Outreach Services at (203) 891-4787.

Please make checks payable to: Treasurer, Town of Orange  
 Mail to: Orange Community Services Department, High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477

Please call the Community Services Department at (203) 891-4788 if you, your Group or Business would like to help.

We will need to know by October 31st if you would like to help for Thanksgiving, and November 30th if you would like to help for Hanukkah or Christmas.

## OVNA Healthline

### Orange VNA Sponsors Flu Clinics

The orange visiting nurse association will hold flu vaccination clinics on the following dates and places:

- High plains community center for the general public:
- Tuesday, October 4 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
  - Thursday, October 27- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Orange VNA Office, 605A Orange Center Road:

- Tuesday, October 25 - 4:30PM - 6:30PM BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Insurances accepted: Medicare, Aetna, Medicaid, Cigna, ConnectiCare and Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Private payment: \$35.

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Call the Orange VNA for an appointment at 203-891-4752 for appointments Monday through Friday 10:00am-3:00pm.

### Blood Pressure Clinics

The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinics will be held at its office at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library, Thursday, September 22 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. If you are having problems with your blood pressure or your Doctor would like more frequent monitoring; this is a chance each month to get your blood pressure checked. Also, this is an excellent opportunity to get more information and teaching from the VNA nurses on various health issues.

In addition, the OVNA will be holding "Health Chats/Blood pressure clinics" at the Orange Senior Center every month. Next Chat/BP clinic will be Tuesday, October 11th, 10:30am, at High Plans Community Center.

The Orange VNA is licensed by the State of Connecticut, certified by Medicare and Accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP).

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## Adopting Town of Orange Families & Elderly for the Holidays

Every year the Community Services Department for the Town of Orange organizes a gift-giving event for our Resident Families and Elderly in Orange who are in need. The identities of our recipients are kept confidential for their privacy. We are asking Orange residents to adopt one of our families/elderly residents or to donate whatever they can to help us out this year.

The families that participate are asked to send us wish lists from their children to help our sponsors with ideas for gift giving, whether it's a toy, clothing, a book or gift card. We also request grocery gift cards for perishable items and decorated food baskets, containers, boxes, bags, etc. for our recipients to help them with their food needs.

We will also have due dates of November 18th for donations for Thanksgiving and December 16th for the Holidays, this is for delivering any of your donations to our office.

If you would rather send a monetary donation you can donate to the Community Assistance Fund which covers all programs we have in our department.

Send your check to The Town of Orange Community Services Department at High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT 06477. Checks are Payable to: "Treasurer Town of Orange".

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The Police Department new green globes are lighted to mark the 10-year anniversary of September 11.

## Orange Police Honor 9/11 Victims

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

The new, decorative green-lighted globes that now illuminate the entrance to the Orange Police Department serve as a symbol that America's police are ever vigilant in their watch to protect the people and prevent terrorism on American soil. The old-fashioned globes were lit for the first time on September 11 following a short ceremony at the department marking the 10-year anniversary of the devastating terrorist attacks.

The ceremony included remarks from Police Chief Robert Gagne, First Selectman Jim Zeoli, State Representative Themis Klarides and Police Chaplain Father Robert Deming. All recounted events of the tragedy and the days that followed and pointed out the many positive moments that were born of a horrific event. "We saw renewed support and appreciation for our first responders," Gagne said. "There was an increase in patriotism, volunteerism, and brother helping brother. There were many acts of bravery which makes me think of the famous quote by Roman historian (Publius Cornelius) Tacitus, 'In valor there is hope.'"

Father Deming, who worked at the site for nine months following the attacks, remarked on the amazing presence of humanity and recalled one of his most moving experiences. Most of his time was spent working in the morgue, but on one particular day he was in the respite shelter where workers came for rest and food. "I went to shake the hand of a young, burly ironworker but the man said, 'Oh no, Father, my hands are toxic,'" Deming said. "I said, 'This is a moment for brotherhood,' and I knelt on the sidewalk and rubbed my hand in the dirt and ash. I said, 'Now may I shake your hand?' It was the common touch of humanity and he started to cry." The two then washed their own and each other's hands. On a lighter note, Deming spoke of the boys from Louisiana who drove a big truck filled with Cajun food to feed the workers on the site. "The area was supposed to be out of bounds, but every time security came around everyone said, 'Oh no, let them stay!'" Deming likened the September 11th anniversary to a phoenix rising from the ash. "We are a people who will not be put down, we will survive, we will celebrate life again and that's what it's all about," he said.

As the ceremony drew to a close, the building's new outdoor lights were switched on and Gagne shared a bit of police history. According to Gagne, the outside of all New York City police precincts are lit by similar green globes which evolved from the night watchmen's lanterns in the 1600s. "At that time what is now New York was New Amsterdam, founded by Dutch settlers," Gagne said. "The streets were patrolled by the Rattle Guard who held lanterns with green glass sides. After they made their rounds, they went back to the watch house and hung their lanterns outside the door, indicating to the townspeople that the watchmen were in the watch house."

When the department recently received their new globes, as part of the plan to make the department more energy efficient, Gagne thought it was a perfect opportunity to have the first lighting coincide with the Sept. 11th anniversary. "It all fits together," he said. "We now have the same outdoor globes as the New York City precincts that represents the watch is still present and we're all in this together."

## Case Memorial Celebrates "Horrors" Anniversary

Those magical memories of those classic monsters of the silver screen come to haunt the Case Memorial Library! On Monday, October 24th, The Friends of the Case Memorial Library plays the role of the ghostly host to that wonderful program "Horrors At the Bijou." Here, along with Witch's Dungeon Museum Director Cortlandt Hull, fans of the Universal Studio monsters, get a behind the scenes look at the history behind the people that brought these nightmares to life on screen.

This year marks a special time for a double celebration! People can enjoy the aura of Halloween and celebrate the Witch's Dungeon's 45th Anniversary. Built back in 1966, the Witch's Dungeon Museum has become a popular seasonal attraction in Connecticut. All of this came from Hull's interest in appreciation to the actors and make-up people who made these creations come alive.

Keeping with the celebration's theme, Hull will lecture about the beginnings of the museum which include the careers of great uncle actor Henry Hull of "Werewolf of London" and great aunt Josephine Hull of "Arsenic and Old Lace." And what's better than a bag of treats? Hull will have an assortment of movie props on display to delight all as well as clips from the latest documentary project "Aurora Monsters and Beyond".

The program begins at 7pm. Due to the material featured in "Horrors" this program is not suitable for children under the age of nine. People interested in signing up for the program can call the Case Memorial Library at 203-891-2170. For information about the Witch's Dungeon, go to [preservehollywood.org](http://preservehollywood.org).

## "Aging at Home" to Provide Assistance to Orange Seniors

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

Kate O'Brien is a vibrant and busy 62-year-old who works full time as a musical performer and entertainer, but she is already planning for the time when she may not be as healthy and independent. O'Brien is involved in a grassroots movement called "Aging at Home," a non-profit organization that offers support and services to seniors so they may remain in their own homes for as long as possible. "The reality is, as the baby boomers age, there will be more seniors needing more services," O'Brien said. "Orange has wonderful community services, but town budgets are being cut and there's only so much they can do. Everyone realizes they will eventually need help and community services alone will not be able to fulfill the demand."

Aging At Home is designed to serve as a go-to agency that will help seniors and their families navigate any issue from who to call for help with household chores and maintenance, to providing drivers, companionship, and professional assistance in making health care decisions. Any service people or health care agencies that Aging At Home recommends to its membership has passed a rigorous screening process that includes references and background checks. There is even a social and cultural component that offers activities like cooking demonstrations, book clubs, museum visits and group outings for its members. Detailed information about each member is on file at the community's main office and there is always a contact person on hand 24 hours, seven days a week. "If you have an issue in the middle of the night, you can make a call and there will be a professional on hand to help guide you on what to do next," O'Brien said.

The concept originated in Boston in the early 2000s and is slowly spreading throughout the country. Connecticut's first Aging at Home "village" is the East Rock Village community, established about a year ago, which encompasses New Haven County. Several months ago, O'Brien saw an ad for an Aging At Home informational meeting and decided to attend. She was so impressed by what she heard that she decided to become involved and help establish an Orange chapter. "This is a new social movement and I'm very excited about it," O'Brien said. "It is a work in progress and most of the advertising for it has been word of mouth." O'Brien was recently appointed to the East Rock Village Board of Directors and will help organize "clusters" of local towns. Interest in town is slowly growing as the group's second meeting had twice as many attendees as the first. First Selectman James Zeoli who attended the organization's latest meeting, said Orange actually offers many of the same services as Aging at Home, but seniors would benefit from having more options. "It would help seniors who wish to remain in their homes to not be completely dependent on town services," he said. "I'm supportive of the mission and think it's something for seniors to consider."

Aging at Home has a Board of Directors and professional office staff that provide the central structure for the cluster "villages." It is sustained through annual membership fees, \$800 per household or \$600 for an individual member. Reduced rates may be offered to those who demonstrate need. "I look at it as an insurance policy, like AAA, you might not need it, but if you do you're sure glad you have it," O'Brien said. "Everyone realizes they will eventually need help. After all, we're all heading in the same direction."

For more information, visit [www.eastrockvillage.org](http://www.eastrockvillage.org) or contact Kate O'Brien via email (preferred) at [obrienstrings@optonline.net](mailto:obrienstrings@optonline.net) or by calling 203-799-3892.

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# "Dining with Susan"

By Susan Noonan



## Old Gate Tavern Steakhouse

Old Gate Tavern Steakhouse opened recently at 290 Old Gate Lane in Milford. I met with owner, Joe Sandolo, and he graciously took the time to sit down and have dinner with me. This definitely made a great first impression and things only got better during the evening. Joe's family has a colorful restaurant business history as they own the original John's Best Pizza. Their past successful ventures were some very popular and familiar names: Rustic Grotto - Fairfield, Red Lion - Ridgefield, Septembers - New Haven. Joe's dad, Raffello Sandolo, had a great vision and at 83 still loves the restaurant business. Joe, definitely a smart businessman is very passionate about his new venture in Milford. After doing much research, he felt there was definitely a need for a "quality" steakhouse in the area. Old Gate Tavern Steakhouse only serves Black Angus Prime meats cut on premise and cooked to order. Joe is also the chef and he has assembled a great staff to back him up. The bar manager is Tony Spinnelli who was formerly with the iconic "500 Blake Street". The wait staff at Old Gate is a group of "seasoned professionals" who know the true meaning of great customer service. The building has been totally renovated, tastefully decorated offering a very warm and cozy environment. They can seat up to 250 for dinner or a private party.



Old Gate Tavern has so much to offer, I don't know where to begin. The bread served warm is made and baked fresh everyday. The signature steaks include Filet Mignon, Rib eye, New York Strip prepared a variety of ways. Prime Rib is offered on Friday & Saturday. The appetizers are plentiful and my favorites are Portabella Mushrooms laddled with chicken broth, broiled & topped with shaved parmesan Reggiano, also the fried calamari "New York" style tossed in a hot sauce (definitely 2 items to try)! The menu also includes homemade flatbreads, fresh salads, chicken, veal, pork, seafood (including lobster), & pasta. All entrees are served with your choice of potato & vegetable or pasta & house salad. My biggest surprise was that Old Gate also offers "12" Italian Square Pizza" with a variety of toppings. I am definitely a pizza lover and must say that Joe's pies are incredible. The traditional cheese is only \$8.00-what a deal!

The restaurant is family friendly offering a special kid's menu. The dessert menu includes Tiramisu and Italian cheese cake that are house made. The very reasonably priced wine list offers a wide range of white & red available by the glass or bottle. Happy hour is offered in the bar from Wednesday-Friday from 4:00pm-7:00pm with a FREE BUFFET and \$2.00 house martinis & domestic drafts. A perfect place for that after work get together or celebration. A 10 station Sunday Brunch Buffet is served from 10:30am-3:00pm. 10 station Lunch Buffet served Monday-Friday from 11:00am-3:00pm for only \$7.99 - great when you are on a tight time schedule!

Joe mentioned that he had 60 out-of-state Utility Workers dining there every night while they were in the area making repairs after the recent hurricane and they loved the place! Joe is also willing to host local community fundraisers.

Old Gate Tavern Steakhouse - 290 Old Gate Lane (old Bennigan's location), Milford, CT 06460, 203-301-0408 - website will be available soon - Open 7 days a week for lunch (11:00am-3:00pm) dinner (3:00pm-11:00pm) Sunday Buffet Brunch from 10:30am-2:30pm. Reservations accepted - All major credit cards - Handicapped accessible - Ample parking in surrounding lot. Take-out on all menu items - Catering available for both on and off premise. Joe will create a menu to suit your needs & budget.

Final notes: You must make a visit soon to this impressive new restaurant. Old Gate Tavern Steakhouse offers great food, great prices, great atmosphere, great smiles and my favorite "linen napkins"!

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## Your Life: Facing Foreclosure? You Don't Have to Do it Alone

By Emily Lucibello, Esq.

In today's economy, people struggle to make ends meet. It has become more difficult to distinguish between "wants" and "needs" when you create a budget. Additionally, people increasingly find the need to now determine which "needs" take priority. These difficult financial positions are often created, or compounded, by unforeseeable circumstances such as increased expenses, fluctuating interest rates, unemployment or underemployment, divorce, illness, or other life-changing events. As a result, more and more people find themselves defaulting, or risking default, on their home loan.

If you are facing, or currently in, foreclosure, you may be very overwhelmed and unsure as to what to do. However, knowledge is important, and early action is essential. While the below is not an exhaustive list, these are some of the resources available in Connecticut to help homeowners facing foreclosure:



Emily Lucibello, Esq.

- **Foreclosure Prevention Clinics:** These clinics are coordinated by the Connecticut Fair Housing Center and are conducted in various cities each month. Each clinic begins with a 1-hour general information session and concludes with an opportunity to speak to volunteer attorneys regarding some of the outstanding questions you may have concerning your individual situation.
- **The Connecticut Judicial Website [www.jud.ct.gov](http://www.jud.ct.gov) and Connecticut Judicial Branch Libraries:** While the information contained within these sites is not tailored to your particular situation, each of these resources is helpful to learn and familiarize yourself with the foreclosure process, as well as potential loan workout options which may be available to you in Connecticut.
- **Judicial Branch Foreclosure Advice Program:** Volunteer attorneys answer questions you may have about loan workout options and the foreclosure process. This program currently takes place every Wednesday morning between 9:00 – 11:00a.m., through January 25th, 2012, on the 7th floor of the Connecticut Superior Court located at 235 Church Street, New Haven.
- **Foreclosure Mediation Program:** This voluntary program was established in 2008 to assist qualified homeowners facilitate the foreclosure process through mediation. Any homeowner who elects to participate in this program should remain aware of the necessary timelines and forms involved with such.

Attorney Emily S. Lucibello, of the law firm Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP is the author of this article. However, the information contained in this article is not, nor is it intended to be, legal advice. As a reminder, every case is unique, and the above-referenced resources may not be available in each situation. Additionally, there may be other resources available in a given situation. The particular facts of, and timelines involved with, each case may determine one's eligibility for a certain program or loan workout option. Therefore, you should consult a qualified attorney. Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP invites you to contact their office, and welcomes your calls, letters, and electronic mail. Contacting us does not create an attorney-client privilege. Only when such attorney-client relationship has been formed, will Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP advise you as to your particular case.



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**From the Youth Services Coordinator** *By John Ulatowski*



**Youth Services Picnic Welcomes Incoming 7th Grade Students**

Orange Youth Services held its Incoming 7th grade picnic in August to welcome the new 7th graders. A diversified variety of activities provided were spot shot basketball, wiffle ball, horseshoes, ring toss, frisbee toss, races, board games, lucky spin, and penny drop. Funding for the picnic was provided through a grant from the Orange Lions Club. Reno's pizza, snacks, ice cream, and soda were provided to the students. Youth Services wishes to express its sincerest thanks to the Orange Lions Club, all the parent volunteers, Robert Catalde, and Amity High School volunteers for their kind assistance.



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If you live in New Haven County, there's a good chance you've been taught, coached or driven to school by Orange legend Vito DeVito. At almost 86 years old, the good-natured DeVito spent decades as a fixture on football fields, basketball courts, baseball diamonds, in the gymnasiums of every Milford high school and later behind the wheels of the busses that delivered Orange kids to school.



Laura Fantarella

A consummate sports nut, DeVito has enjoyed a long career in athletics, first as a physical education teacher in the West Haven school system, and later the Milford school system, where he remained for 29 years. After a four-year stint at Milford High, Vito coached football and baseball at Jonathan Law High before moving to the newly opened Joseph Foran High in 1973 to become its Athletic Director and baseball coach. He remained there until his retirement in 1986 but his legacy lives on – at the school's Vito DeVito Athletic Complex so named in his honor.

While working full-time as a high school gym teacher and coach, and raising five children with his wife, Mary, DeVito was also part-time coach at Yale University for four decades. In 1956 he was an assistant Yale basketball coach under longtime friend Joe Vancisin and later assistant freshman coach under Carm Cozza until the Ivy League eliminated freshman football in 1992. According to DeVito's son, Robert, his dad's tenure is believed to be the longest in the university's history. "I always worked in sports," DeVito said. "It's what I've done all my life. I haven't done anything else." Indeed a conversation with DeVito is likely to include a reference to sports, be it a great game, play or player, past or present, that caught his eye or has a place in his memory.

Perhaps his favorite sports story is his own, when he was drafted right out of Stamford High School by the New York Yankees to play third base. "I tried out for three days and they signed me," he said with a big grin. He played for the Yankee's minor league affiliates in Binghamton, and Amsterdam, New York but his dream was disrupted by a draft notice to serve in World War II. He served in the Third Army under General George S. Patton, later earning a Purple Heart. A shrapnel wound in the head put him in a French hospital where he stayed for a month. "They released me and I went right back in to the war," he recalled. "A month later the war was over."

He came home to his Yankees job and was performing well until he was released in a cost-cutting move. "The owner of the league who originally signed me called me back, but my agent advised me to join another professional team in Stamford, the Stamford Pioneers," DeVito said.



Vito DeVito (seated) with grandson Matt Dannenhoffer

Even though he went on to play for the Indians and Cubs organizations, climbing as high as Triple-A for Cleveland's San Diego Padres affiliate in the Pacific Coast League in 1948, DeVito said the move "killed" his professional baseball career. "I always wanted to play for the Yankees," he said.

He left professional baseball in 1952 but never lost his love for the sport. Today he speaks proudly of his grandson Matt Dannenhoffer who went on to play third base, just like his grandfather, at Wentworth College. "I knew he could play even when he was real little," DeVito said. I would work with him and have batting practice with him. I enjoy watching him play." Indeed, DeVito misses few of his children's and grandchildren's sporting events, whether they are the coaches or the players. His son Mike, former head football coach at Amity High School, is currently assistant football coach at West Haven High and Vito is often in the stands watching his son's team. And he can recount a game, or a team's statistics, seemingly any game or any team, from yesteryear or yesterday, with amazing detail. While he can tell a story or two about the football and baseball greats he knew personally, like Calvin Hill, Dick Jauron, Gary Fencik, John Spagnola, Kenny Hill, Babe Ruth or Jimmie Reese, he is just as excited to talk about the thousands of kids he's coached over the years. Last year, DeVito's former Jonathan Law football players from 1962, '66, and '72 threw him an 85th birthday party and reunion that he'll never forget.

When he retired from teaching and coaching in 1986, DeVito's good buddy Chris Winkle asked him to drive a local school bus route for the Winkle Bus Company. "I didn't want to drive a bus but I tried it and the kids ended up liking me," he said. "I stopped after about 15 years. I'll still see parents around town and they'll ask me, 'why don't you drive anymore?'"

These days DeVito is busy with his volunteer position as commissioner of the West Haven Twilight Baseball League. From January to March he first participates in -- then

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Eric McCormack  
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**Q:** One of my all-time favorite comedies is 'Will & Grace,' and I especially love Eric McCormack on that show. Can you tell me what he's got coming up? I'd love to see him in something, whether on the big screen or small. -- David D., via e-mail

**A:** TNT recently announced that Eric would be starring in its new original series 'Perception,' about an eccentric neuroscientist (Dr. Daniel Pierce, played by Eric) who helps solve complex criminal cases. The show also stars Rachael Leigh Cook and Kelly Rowan ("The O.C."). The series will be 10 episodes long and will join the network's lineup in summer 2012.

This isn't Eric's first foray into drama, by far, as he also starred in 'The Andromeda Strain,' 'Who Is Clark Rockefeller?' and 'Lonesome Dove,' to name just a few. Also, if you happen to subscribe to Netflix or HuluPlus, you must check out his 2004 three-episode guest-starring appearance on 'Dead Like Me' (which you can rent or stream) to see a side of Eric you've probably never seen before.

**Q:** Can you tell when/if 'Californication' will return for another season? -- John D., Columbus, Ohio

**A:** The David Duchovny-starring dark comedy will be back for its fifth season on Showtime beginning Jan. 8, 2012. This season will see author Hank Moody (David) even more popular (and richer) than ever after his biopic is released. Rob Lowe reprises his role as Eddie Nero, as does Madeleine Martin as Becca and Natascha McElhone as Karen. Also, Marcy and Stu continue their relationship, even though she is pregnant with ex-husband Charlie's baby. And don't think Ben (and his daughter Pearl) are out of the picture: The season opens with Karen, Ben, Becca and Pearl on a cross-country RV road trip.

**Q:** I love Joseph Fiennes and think he is absolutely superb as Merlin in 'Camelot.' Will he and the show be back for a second season? -- Sally T., via e-mail

**A:** I am sorry to report that Starz has decided not to continue with the 'Camelot' series, citing production difficulties. Starz released this statement to somewhat explain its position: 'Due to significant production challenges, Starz has decided not to exercise the option for subsequent seasons of 'Camelot' with our production partners GK-tv, Octagon Films and Take 5 Productions.' This certainly comes as a surprise to many viewers, considering the premiere of 'Camelot' garnered the highest ratings ever for an original series on Starz, and continued to pull in high numbers for an original cable series.

**Q:** Why isn't '30 Rock' on NBC's fall schedule? I didn't hear anything about it being canceled! -- Janet F. in Florida

**A:** Don't worry, Janet! '30 Rock' will be back for its sixth season at the beginning of 2012. NBC decided to postpone its premiere, mainly because of Tina Fey's pregnancy and also to give a jump-start to some of its freshman comedies.

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

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

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

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

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**Network Of Executive Women's "Tablehop" Networking Luncheon**, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, noon to 1:30pm, Aldario's Restaurant, 240 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. Munch and mingle and tablehop - check out displays and information from local member businesses, \$17/members who pre-register and prepay online prior to 5pm on September 30, 2011; \$22/members who register after September 30, 2011 and all guests. To register, go to <http://www.networkofexecutivewomen.org/Luncheons.html>.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 127 Fundraiser**, Sunday, October 16, 2010, 2:00pm, Card party followed by a Pasta Dinner at the Post Home on Grassy Hill Road, bring your own cards or games to play, raffling gift baskets and a door prize. Tickets/\$15.00. Call Mary @ 203-795-9492 or Antoinette @ 203-795-6165 for reservations by October 10th.

**Knights of Columbus Casino Night**, Saturday, November 5, 2011, Mohegan Sun Bus Trip, 5:00pm/leave Knights of Columbus; 11:15pm/leave Mohegan Sun, \$35/pp (includes \$30 voucher), reservations and payment must be made by Friday, October 21, 2011 to Joseph Lucisano, 93 Berkeley Terrace, Milford, CT 06460 or call 203-878-8343 or 203-506-5557.

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### Art in the Library Committee Show

The Art in the Library will be hosting an Art in the Library Committee Show from October 1 through October 30 at the Case Memorial Library on 176 Tyler City Road in Orange. Samplings of the works of the artists include paintings in watercolor, pastels, acrylics and prismacolor, photography and works in clay. The reception will be held on Thursday, October 6 between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Art in the Library Committee has worked busily since 2001 arranging monthly exhibits by assisting artists of many various media and guiding them through the process so that beautiful shows have been presented to our community. From the accolades the committee has received during the past ten years we relish in our success.

Now, the artists among us will be presenting works for your enjoyment. Those artists are: John Bencivengo, Susan Clark, Graham Dale, Audrey Galer, Carlyne LaBrecque, Harriet Lattanzi, Lindsay Marieb, Barbara Mazur, Pat Miller, Joan Stenner, John Ulatowski, Penny Vaughn, and Margaret Ulecka-Wilson.

The rest of our hard-working crew who will help us with our show are: Dr. David Byrne, Meryl Farber, Stephanie Jatlow, Judy Primavera and Barbara Tiven. The following are new members of the committee for the year 2012: Thomas Cook, Marion Gemmell, Bonnie Pelacia and June Scully.

We hope you will all come to our reception and, if not, will stop by the second floor Art Gallery during the month of October to view our works.



### Meet the Artists & Artisans on September 24th & 25th

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Meet four authors and illustrators of beautiful children’s books, watch the weaver at her loom as scarves and clothing appear, hear the Celtic harp sing its gentle notes near the bandstand as “FIRE WITCH” stoneware creator Nancy Johnson Mercado composes and weaves her music and wool. Ronet Noe layers her canvas with relief forms projecting memorable Milford beach scenes to warm winter temperatures. Tammi Eller carves intricate fairy tale villages clambering up mountains and cliffs with minute fish scale rooftops of cotton wood bark. Mary Neschke renowned “Milford Living” photographer joins Tim Mannle and John Supan presenting local landmarks, famous Coastal refuges and scenic views of Milford. Orange’s Pamela Hirth chooses silk velvet and lavish chenille’s for women’s apparel. Rebecca Osborn designs ceramic trees with majestic branches silhouetted against colorful or serene backgrounds as sculptural wall hangings. The Taylor’s, Carol-etchings and collage, Carlton-black and white digital photos with a spot of color; Maribeth and Bill Blonski-4 beautifully illustrated children’s books featuring original oils and watercolors. Kevin Travers a master wood recycler incorporates antique panels for his 5 board chests, tables, & benches, his toys and robots of old metal and barnwood findings are hilarious. Greg Stones returns with his miniature watercolors of absurdist characters and books of penguin criminals and heroes.

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## HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

### I Hope You All Had a Good Time!

If you didn't get to the Orange Country Fair this year, you surely missed one of the best and oldest events our town has to offer. Come, come come to the Fair, lyrics from an old 19th century song hailed the fair as the place to be in the summertime. Families large and small gathered together as pies, cakes, animals and strength were all rolled up in the spirit of competition and a good time.

It was just this spirit that the Orange Grange, organized in 1891, held the town's first fair on September 15, 1898 and it was such a success that it was decided to hold another one, the following year. On September 14 of 1899, the event took place with an attendance of 5000 people with the funds being great enough to pay for the newly built Grange Hall and some extra monies to be used for village improvement.

The Orange Agricultural Society, formed in 1900, was to continue the fair in a much larger way, building a half mile race track and a large grand stand due west of the current fair grounds. In addition, a two story building to display vegetable and fruits was built with the 2nd floor devoted to the women with displays of quilts, fancy needlework and knitted items as well as jams & jellies. Just as today's fair had its share of food stands, so did the earlier fairs with livestock and poultry tents as well. Looks like things haven't changed all that much.

A varied program continued throughout the day with weight-pulling contests for the oxen, an added attraction of a horserace and a balloon ascension with a parachute drop to give an added thrill. I think that would be a nice addition to next year's fair, don't you?

The great event of the day, held at 2:00, was the Grand Parade with a band, long lines of livestock followed by decorated floats, carriages and automobiles. For weeks before the fair, nearly every barn in town held one or more "vehicles" that were elaborately decorated with bunting, crepe paper and hundreds of flowers. One year a group of Native Americans, then referred to as Indians, marched in the parade.

Unlike our two-day fair, the older fairs lasted three days, but after 1912, interest in the fair waned as inclement weather had interfered with attendance and the committee found themselves in debt. On September 9, 1913, The New Haven Evening Register front page read "Cattle, Swine and Sheep Seize Beer Garden and Movies." Upon reading the text below it seems that help was on the way as the public was being asked to "Help Convert Savin Rock Into a Great Barnyard as Historic Orange Fair Opens in White City." And so they did! There were strange spectacles and the Air Dome that was used to show movies was now a "mammoth vegetable exhibition. In the free garage, the 40 horsepower machines were displaced by oxen, cattle, sheep and swine while in the German Garden, where folks went to drink and relax, chickens, in coops were "cackling and clucking to their hearts content!"

The article continues.... "As for the historic Savin Rock sport of throwing the bull, there are enough bovines to make every concessionaire hustle. In short, The Orange Fair has captured the White City and the environs of the Rock. If there was anyone who thought that the Orange Fair could be diverted from the original purpose to make a side attraction for the Rock, he



*Racing at the Orange Fair*



*Floral Parade*

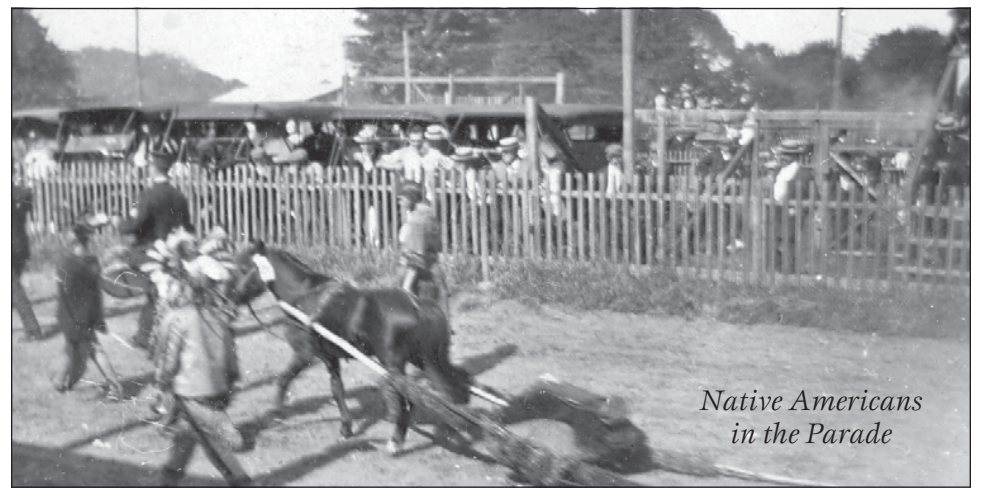
has but to go down to the White City and see the people who have swarmed in for the opening day." It appears that the country folk, who had been the mainstay of the Orange Fair for so many years turned out in great numbers complete with the traditional parade of decorated vehicles! It looks like the citizens of Orange just couldn't have a September pass by without their beloved fair. The Orange Fair did not lose its individuality in its new surrounds but seemed to fit right in.

Vaudeville was an ever-popular form of entertainment and Orange included this as well as fireworks into their Savin Rock debut. But it seems that the places "where is sold liquid refreshment which both cheers and inebriates are closed tight within 1000 feet of the fair grounds." I don't imagine that was too popular with the regulars, do you? As to the fair association members, the White City "experiment" as it was called, was a smashing success, wiping out the previous debt. It wasn't until 1975 that the Orange Agricultural Fair would be enjoyed once more by the townspeople of Orange. It was part of our Nation's Bicentennial, taking place on September 13th & 14th. The fair has

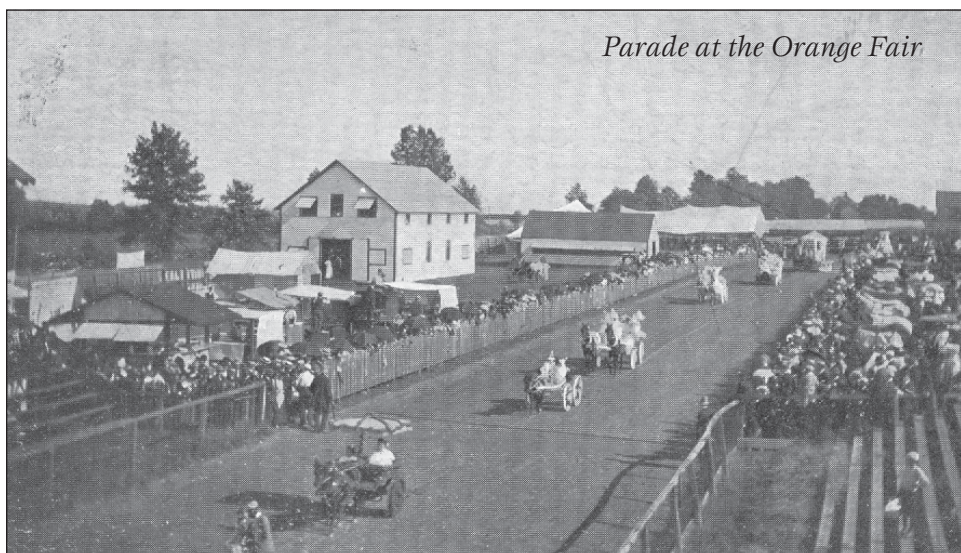
become such a financial success that permanent display buildings have been purchased over the years, including a food pavilion and sanitary facilities.

One of the permanent display buildings is the Farmer's Museum which yearly boasts over 3800 examples of tools and machinery, a country kitchen and blacksmith shop, complete with simulated forge. As the years go by, the Fair grows and grows with new and exciting displays and local town participation. What does the average American think of when they picture a New England town? Everything that we are at the annual Orange Country Fair. As the participants pick up their ribbons, their exhibits and the

many animals, a silence overtakes the fields as staff members tirelessly pull down the lights and pack up the supplies to do all again... next year.



*Native Americans in the Parade*



*Parade at the Orange Fair*

### Orange Historical Society Announces Antiques, Collectibles & Tag Sales

During the summer and into autumn, the OHS will present two days of sales to benefit the building fund for the Bryan-Andrew House. The following dates for each Saturday event to be held from 9:00 - 3:00 in front of The Academy, 605 Orange Center Road are:

September 24 - Tag Sale  
 October 1 - Antiques & Collectibles  
 October 22 - Tag Sale  
 For information call 203 795-6465.

# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## A Service of Hope & Healing

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, Church of the Good Shepherd marked the 10th anniversary of 9/11 with a Service of Hope and Healing. The Rev. Robert E. Deming, former rector, returned to preach about his experience at Ground Zero 10 years ago. The Rev. Ann M. Ritonia, Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd; Charles Sherwood, former Fire Chief in Orange; Robert Gagne, Police Chief in Orange; and Michael DeLorme, an Amity graduate who will join the U.S. Marines this fall, served as a panel of judges for Hope and Healing: 10 Years After 9/11, a Community Arts Show.



*Church of the Good Shepherd*

The judges awarded Certificates of Hope and Healing to Paula Szakonyi and her granddaughter, Charlotte D'Inzeo, for their joint entry in the arts show, a collection of painted birdhouses. "I remember, that for a long time after the attacks, there were no birds at Ground Zero. These houses are homes for those displaced by the attacks; home is where our hope is," wrote Paula. The church will make a donation in their names to the National September 11 Memorial Fund and Museum in New York City.

Church of the Good Shepherd holds worship services on Sundays at 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5:30 pm. All are welcome. For more information, visit [www.thegoodshepherdorange.org](http://www.thegoodshepherdorange.org) or contact the church at 203-795-6577.

### Church of the Good Shepherd Announces Upcoming Services

The Church of the Good Shepherd, 680 Racebrook Road, will be holding services as follows:

#### Weekly Services

<i>Saturday</i>	
5:30 p.m. ....	Holy Eucharist
<i>Sunday</i>	
8:00 a.m. ....	Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. ....	Holy Eucharist with music and healing prayer
10:00 a.m. ....	Christian Education classes
11:00 a.m. ....	Coffee Hour

## Saint Ann Parish Kicks Off SALT Program

Saint Ann Parish, Milford will kick off its 2011-2012 Saint Ann Learns Together (SALT) program in September. SALT is a religious education program for people of all ages. There are sessions for young people and adults, including singles and couples. This year, the program will focus on the Sacraments, reviewing the essential meaning of each sacrament and also looking at what has changed over the years. Each session includes a catered dinner, opening and closing prayer, all ages opening activity, and age-appropriate learning sessions for activities and/or discussion. For September there is a choice of Friday, September 23 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. or Sunday, September 25 from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., beginning in the Saint Ann Parish Center Hall, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford. The September topic is an overview of the sacraments, Baptism, and Confirmation. The donation is \$10 per family for each session or \$50 per family for the year (total of six sessions). For questions or to register, please contact Maria Tomasetti, 203-988-8598 or [atomasetti@snet.net](mailto:atomasetti@snet.net).

## Pipe Organ Concert at Congregational Church

A pipe Organ Concert will be given Sunday, October 2, 2011 at 4:00PM at the Orange Congregational Church, UCC on the Green in Orange, CT. Bryan Campbell, Music Director of the church will perform the concert. The occasion marks the Dedication of the new pipe organ. The Woodruff Memorial Pipe Organ which was installed in 1949 has been completely renovated and enlarged to meet the greater needs of the congregation. The larger organ will improve the instrument's capability for a wider range of organ literature. The organ was built by J.H. and C.S. Odell Organ Builders of East Haddam, CT. The Dedication marks the conclusion of close to four years of research, preparation and installation.



*Congregational Church*

The talented Mr. Campbell has performed in many venues including the National Cathedral in Washington, DC and St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC. He is a graduate of the Sacred Music Institute of Yale Divinity School where he received the Edwin Seder prize for organ playing. For this dedication, Mr. Campbell has selected pieces which cover a variety of music periods. He will also demonstrate the new and varied organ voices.

The public is invited to attend the concert. There is no admission charge. A free will offering is suggested. A reception will follow in the Church Dining Room. The Church is located on Orange Center Road (CT Route 152). Further information is available from the Church Office at 203-795-9749.

## Congregation Or Shalom Features Open Community Yizkor

Congregation Or Shalom, a Conservative synagogue in Orange, is offering all non-members an opportunity to come to a free community-wide Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur Day (October 8) at 4:30 PM. This service, which will last under an hour, is open to the public without any membership obligation. The Service will be led by the synagogue's Ritual Committee Chair, Robert Spaulding and his wife Tova Clayman.



*Congregation Or Shalom*

Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus, the synagogue's spiritual leader, noted that this is an opportunity for Or Shalom to help fill a void among non-affiliated Jews in and around the Orange community. "Everyone should have the opportunity to come say Yizkor for their departed relatives and we hope they will come and take advantage of this opportunity," Wainhaus said.

Information about the program is available by contacting the synagogue at 203-799-2341. Congregation Or Shalom is located at 205 Old Grassy Hill Road in Orange.

### Need Rosh Hashanah Tickets?

Additionally, Or Shalom is selling tickets for the second day of Rosh Hashanah to any member of the community interested in attending the Service, Friday, Sept 30. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, September 27. For more information on tickets, call Jody in the office at 203-799-2341.

## Our Lady of Victory Plans Winter Trips

Our Lady of Victory Social group of West Haven has the following trips planned:

Sunday, November 6, 2011: "Hairspray" at the Warner Theatre. Great fun and lots of energy. Brunch at Fairview Farm Golf Club in Harwinton. Leave 9:00 am, Return 6:00pm, cost is \$81.00.

Wednesday, December 7, 2011: "A Hartford Christmas" a guided tour of the 1874 beautifully decorated for the season Mark Twain Victorian house Museum. Holiday lunch at the well-known Carbone's Italian Restaurant fea-

turing Chicken Marsala, Veal Parmesan or Broiled Salmon-dessert and beverage.

Visit the elegant Wadsworth Atheneum, the oldest art museum in America, for the annual festival of trees and enjoy entertainment in Avery Court which is filled with chairs for your comfort. Leave at 8:45am, Return at 5:00pm. Cost is \$82.00.

Both trips are open to all. If interested, please call Edna Sagar 203-934-1714.



# LOCAL SPORTS



Team members from left to right are: Olivia Pisano, Rachael Crow, McKenzie McDermott, Sara Chung, Nicole Koshes, Nicole Hunt, Sara Kelly, Carly Marchitto, Amanda Granados, Grace Whitman, Bridget Barnsley, and Taylor Walsh. Pictured in the back is Team Manager, Ed Whitman.

## Orange Students Welcome to Join Amity Rugby Club

The Amity Rugby club will be involved with its third season next spring, playing clubs from Greenwich, Darien, Staples, Fairfield, Stamford, Cheshire, Southington, Simsbury, West Hartford, Madison and New London in the CT Rugby Union League. Amity will field both "A" and "B" sides for matches next spring.

Boys ages 15-18 who attend schools other than Amity High School but live in Orange are welcome. Parents with questions are encouraged to call and anyone with interest in helping with coaching and/or sponsorships of the club [no funding comes from the school] are also welcome. The club website is [www.amityrugby.org](http://www.amityrugby.org).

High school age boys in Orange interested in learning and playing rugby for the Amity U-19 club should contact club manager Ed Walsh at 203-397-0243 or [amityrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:amityrugbyfootballclub@gmail.com) now as off season training has begun.

## Aquatic Club Begins Fall/Winter Season

The Amity Regional Aquatic Club (ARAC) began its full Fall/Winter schedule on September 19th at the High Plains Community Center. New swimmers will receive a 1 week free trial. Anyone interested in joining a competitive swim team in a fun, learning environment is encouraged to come out and join our team that boasts over 200 years of coaching expertise! In person registration will be on September 23rd from 5-7 p.m. in the pool lobby at the High Plains Community Center. Ongoing Registration and more information is also available online at [www.aracswimteam.com](http://www.aracswimteam.com).

## Little League Softball Wraps Up Season

On Sunday September 11th, the Orange Little League Softball Program held its annual Summer Picnic at the High Plains Fair Grounds, to wrap up another successful season. Members of the 9-10 District Softball Team who finished as District Runner-Up's, were given sweatshirts to honor their successful post season run.

## Amity Girls Volleyball Applebee's Pancake Breakfast

The Amity Girls Volleyball team will serve up a fundraiser breakfast at Applebees in Orange on Saturday October 22, 2011 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Tickets are just \$5.00 for a full hearty pancake breakfast which includes juice and coffee. Bring a friend and let us practice our serves with some delicious Applebees pancakes. Tickets will be available at the door, walk ins are welcome.

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## Orange Little League

Orange Little League, Inc. a non profit organization providing baseball and softball to Orange youth will be holding an election for the positions listed below. Interested candidates may apply to be nominated as officers/directors OR members (non officers/directors) of the organization. The election will take place 7:00 p.m. on October 19, 2011 at the Courtyard Marriott, 136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange. In order to be eligible, the deadline to enter your name for a position is no later than October 12, 2011. The terms of office are one year. Candidates must submit to and pass a criminal background check. If you are interested in running for any position, please contact Justin Grande, Nominating Committee Chairman at [justin@ivyleagueandscaping.com](mailto:justin@ivyleagueandscaping.com) or Paul Gusmano, President at [paul@paolettilaw.net](mailto:paul@paolettilaw.net). Interested candidates should review the Orange Little League Constitution which will provide additional information and procedures and can be found on our website: [www.orangecittleleague.com](http://www.orangecittleleague.com)

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- Umpire in Chief Hardball
- Director of Equipment Hardball
- VP Softball
- Player Agent Softball
- Secretary Softball
- Fundraising Softball
- Umpire in Chief Softball
- Director of Equipment Softball
- Director of Senior Softball
- VP Challenger Division
- VP Senior League
- Player Agent Senior League
- Secretary Senior League
- Fundraising Senior League
- Umpire in Chief Senior League
- Director Equipment Senior League

# LOCAL SPORTS



Back Row: Fabricio Silva, Abby Allen, Megan Tichy, Kelsey Morgan, Amelia Bailey-Schetlin, Jessica Hauser, Eliza Crane, Jennifer Hauser, Shannon Dillon. Front Row: Jacqui Boccarossa, Mackenzie Meaney, Nicole Koshes, Madison Mandell, Sarah Nevolis, Hannah Hutchinson, Taylor Walsh.

## U12 Girls Win 26th Annual Sao Paio Invitational Soccer Tournament

The 26th Annual Sao Paio Invitational Soccer Tournament, sponsored by The Naugatuck Youth Soccer Club was held September 2-4, 2011. It was a great weekend of play & fun! The Amity U12 Girl's Competition Team beat Cheshire 1-0 in the Championship Game.

## OCC Golf Tournament to Benefit Columbus House

The Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is sponsoring its 15th Annual Paul Ode Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, October 3rd, at Orange Hills Country Club located at 389 Racebrook Road in Orange. This 18-hole event will begin at 7:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. The shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m. and will feature a scramble format. It will conclude with lunch and the distribution of raffle prizes.

A minimum of fifty percent of the funds raised will be given to support the work of Columbus House, a New Haven based charitable organization that has provided services for homeless adults throughout the region and beyond since 1981. Columbus House programs include emergency shelters as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing combined with comprehensive case management services and street outreach. To learn more about Columbus House, go to its website at [www.columbushouse.org](http://www.columbushouse.org). The remainder of the funds will be distributed to a variety of charities.

Players will receive shirts, goody bags, prizes for various events like closest to the pin, longest drive, and a hole-in-one contest, breakfast, on-course refreshments, and lunch. Carts are included as are team photos.

David Rubelmann is heading up the planning for the tournament. Cost will be \$150 per golfer. There is a \$50 discount for a student/parent golfing combo. Lunch is available to non-golfers for \$25. A variety of sponsorships are available including Gold, Silver, Lunch, Breakfast and others. Tee sponsorships are only \$100. All sponsorships are tax deductible.

Anyone interested in playing in the tournament, being a sponsor, or contributing prizes should call the church office at 203-795-9749.

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

(Subject to Change, Check with Town Clerk's Office, 203-891-4730)

3rd	Country Fair Committee..... 7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall
	Zoning Board of Appeals..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
4th	Economic Development Comm.... 5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm. .... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
6th	OGAT ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Traffic Authority..... 4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Commission..... 4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Inland Wetlands Commission ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Orange Board of Education ..... 7:30 pm	Mary L Tracy
12th	Board of Selectmen ..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
13th	Elderly Housing Liaison Comm... 12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services..... 7:30 pm	HPCC
17th	Tree Committee ..... 10:00 am	Town Hall
	Family Counseling ..... 9:00 am	HPCC
	Amity Board of Education ..... 6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Commission ..... 7:00 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
	Board of Finance..... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health..... 7:30 pm	Clark Building
18th	GATA..... 7:00 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Commission 7:30 pm	Town Hall
19th	CERT ..... 7:00 pm	HPCC
20th	Case Memorial Library ..... 7:30 pm	Case Memorial Lib.
24th	Youth Services..... 7:30 pm	HPCC
26th	Safety Commission ..... 9:00 am	Town Hall
	Park & Recreation Commission ... 7:30 pm	Town Hall
28th	Emerg Mgmt Advisory Council.... 8:00 am	wPolice Station

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## WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



### Taylor/Scrivines Plan November Wedding

Mrs. David Livingstone Seeber of Fairfield announces the engagement of her daughter, Louise Taylor to David Scrivines, son of Maureen and William Scrivines of Orange.

Ms. Seeber is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. She is the Trade Show Logistics Manager for Brinks Global Services in New York City. Mr. Scrivines graduated from Springfield College and received his Masters degree in Health Education from Southern Conn. State University. He is a Physical Education teacher at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, CT. A November wedding is planned.

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## Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



# Lessons Learned from Hurricane Irene

I went on a river cruise on the Danube from Nuremberg to Budapest during the week before Hurricane Irene's unfriendly visit to Connecticut. I was going to review the cruise (which was fantastic), but I'm saving that for next time. Due to the hurricane, my flight home on Saturday was cancelled and rescheduled for the following Wednesday. I thought it would be beneficial to share some insights on how to handle flight cancellations when abroad.

First and foremost, always buy travel insurance! I've stressed the necessity of travel insurance several times in this column. Although the airline won't charge you if they cancelled your flight, you still may need coverage for the unexpected, such as the cost of hotel accommodations and meals. In addition, some travel insurance companies, such as the one I sell to my clients, provide concierge services to help you find a hotel and deal with flight changes.

The airlines don't seem to have an emergency back-up plan in the event that a large number of flights are cancelled. It's the passengers' responsibility to get in touch with them to rearrange their flights and the squeaky wheel gets the grease! If you don't get a satisfactory answer, keep calling them until you do! Don't take no for an answer.

I've said that you should always carry your medications with you rather than packing them in your luggage, but in addition, bring extras so you have enough in case you're delayed.

If you can swing it, pack an extra outfit or two. Although this can be an issue with the airlines' luggage weight restrictions, chances are the cost will still be less than what a hotel will charge you for laundry.

The most valuable lesson I learned though was Carpe Diem...Seize the Day! Sometimes, things happen that are out of your control. You can either get angry and stressed or you can look at them as an opportunity. I ended up having a wonderful, albeit unplanned, adventure in Budapest, a city that I never had any particular interest in visiting. We walked all over the city, sightseeing and learning the history of this interesting part of the world. We relaxed at sidewalk cafes, had some fabulous meals (goulash soup anyone?) and drank some wonderful regional wines. It's true, "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." So seize the day and make it great!

Leslie Marsh, ECC owns Cruise Planners of Orange. You can reach her at 203-799-2367 or [leslie@getreadytocruise.com](mailto:leslie@getreadytocruise.com).

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Notice is hereby given that at the September 15, 2011 Public Hearing the following actions were taken. The sewer use charge for those properties that have their sewage treated at the West Haven, Ct. Water Pollution Control Facility of \$4.65 per thousand gallons was approved.

The sewer use charge for those properties that have their sewage treated at the Derby, Ct. Water Pollution Control Facility, annual flat fee of \$210.00 plus \$0.74 per average gallon per day per year. Approved.

Robert Kleffmann  
Chairman

## The Downside of UGMA

By Roberta L. Nestor

UGMA stands for Uniform Gift to Minors Act. When an account is registered as a UGMA, generally the parent is the custodian and is responsible for managing the account on behalf of the minor until they reach age 21. Funds placed under UGMA are irrevocably owned by the minor. Since UGMA accounts are considered assets of the minor, when that child is of legal age, watch out! It is theirs to spend without any strings attached.

So, if Junior wants to travel to Europe or by that expensive car, there is nothing the custodian (or anyone else) can do. You have to ask, why would parents register an account under UGMA? Prior to 2008 UGMA accounts held some tax benefits for parents. Assuming the child had no other income and was under age 21, the first \$900 of unearned income went into a zero tax bracket and any earnings over the \$900 were taxed at 15%. UGMA accounts were often used to lessen tax liability for the parents.

Savvy parents thought, okay, let's put the money into Junior's name and we won't have to pay tax on earnings - he'll never know!

Remember, once money is put into an UGMA it is irrevocable. Those assets are the child's. Some may suggest that a UGMA account can be hidden from a minor, but this is a problem for two reasons. First, any minor over age 14 is expected to sign his or her tax return and thus has a good chance to notice the income from the account. Second and more seriously, if the custodian fails to turn over money that is due to the UGMA beneficiary, he or she breaches the statutory trust terms and is liable for the consequences of that failure, just as any other trustee would be, which may include surcharges and other sanctions from a court.

For a long time UGMAs provided some tax benefits. Then, in 2008 Uncle Sam changed the rules. As previously, the first \$900 of earnings are non-taxable; the second \$900 is taxed to the child at 15% and any earnings over that are taxed at the parents top bracket (marginal rate). This was the birth of the "kiddie tax". Please note that these tax rules are for earned and unearned income for a minor; there is no special tax treatment for UGMA accounts. This means that any sale or exchange of stocks, mutual funds, etc. can result in a capital gain or loss which might have to be reported on the minor's tax return if the gross sales amount combined with other income is high enough.

Parents have also found yet another disappointment with UGMAs - they adversely affect a student's potential for FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Financial aid is determined by the income assets of both the parents and the student. If a child has \$50,000 in their UGMA account, approximately 40% of that is expected to be used to pay for college costs. Assets (non-retirement) owned by the parents are assessed at 10% - 15% which is more favorable. Therefore, assets owned by the parent potentially allow for more financial aid than assets owned by the child.

What can you do with UGMA accounts? Well, the IRS does allow you to make tax free transfers of UGMA accounts into 529 college savings plans. The advantage of a 529 plan is that all of the earnings are tax-free and 529 accounts are considered assets of the parents for financial aid purposes. Another plus is that money in a 529 has to be used for college expenses (tuition, room & board, etc.); now Junior can't buy that expensive car, or can he?

When you transfer UGMA accounts into a 529 plan, the negative characteristics of UGMAs remain the same. It is still an asset of the minor and it will still affect financial aid. And, the only thing preventing Junior from taking his UGMA money and going to Europe is a mere 10% IRS penalty on only the earnings while being in the 529 plan. Once an UGMA, always an UGMA. If you have these accounts, be sure to speak to a financial or tax professional before considering any changes.

Note: Tax benefits are subject to certain limitations and certain withdrawals are subject to federal, state and local taxes. If you or the beneficiary is a resident or taxpayer of another state, you should consider whether your state or the beneficiary's home state offers a 529 plan with tax or other benefits that are not available through this Program. You should consider, before investing, whether the investor's or designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other benefits that are only available for investments in such state's qualified tuition program. You should consult your tax advisor.

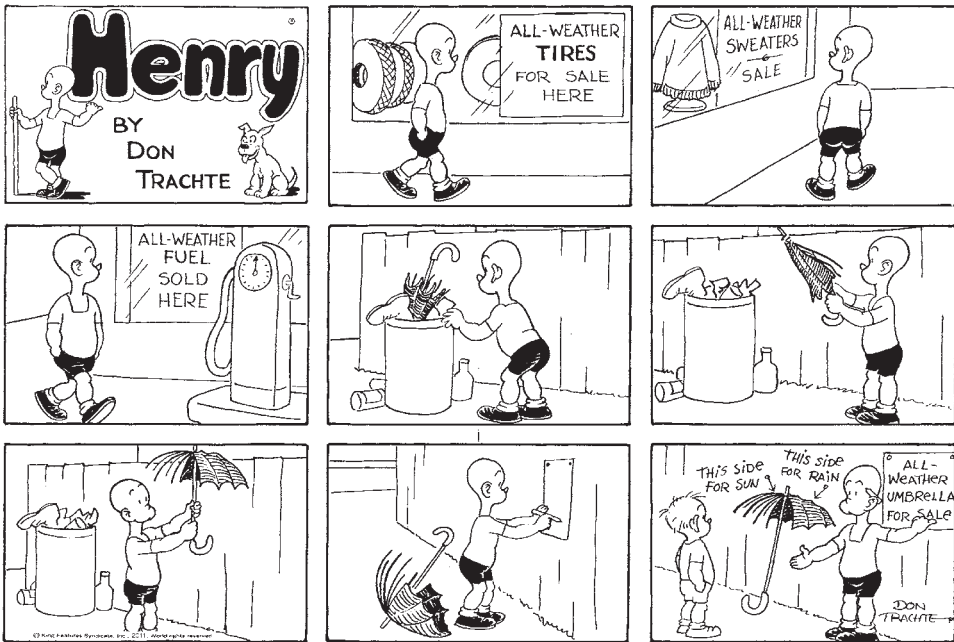
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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Doris Day

HOLLYWOOD -- Doris Day is back. The tabloids couldn't wait to scream headlines that "Doris Day is broke!" and "Doris Day makes a comeback at 86 because she has to!" Nothing could be further from the truth. The truth is, Doris was approached by Sony to allow it to release tracks she recorded back in 1985. At first she declined, but when she heard the totally re-mastered tracks, she reconsidered. She decided to move forward with the project as a tribute to her late son, Terry Melcher, who died in 2004 from cancer. The Beach Boys' Bruce Johnston worked with Terry on producing the tracks, which include "Life Is Just a Bowl of Cherries," "You Are So Beautiful," "Disney Girls" and "I'll See You In My Dreams."

Doris is still among the all-time top-10-grossing actresses in film and was Oscar-nominated for "Pillow Talk" (1959), in which she starred with her friend Rock Hudson. Doris often has been mentioned for an honorary Oscar, but has refused to agree to accept the award on the show. Now that she's posed for photos to accompany the new album, called "My Heart," maybe it will lead to recording a new album and appearing in public again. She currently lives in Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif.

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Jennifer Aniston will direct and star in "The Goree Girls," a musical drama set in the early 1940s. Based on a true story, it's about a group of Texas women who form a country-western band in prison. The cast includes Jennifer Landon (Michael Landon's daughter), former Destiny's Child member and two-time Grammy winner Kelly Rowland, Pam Tillis (daughter of country legend Mel Tillis) and "Grey's Anatomy" stars Ellen Pompeo and Sandra

O. Aniston will unveil her singing pipes in the film.

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Can you believe a remake of the classic 1964 Audrey Hepburn/Rex Harrison film "My Fair Lady"? Originally, Keira Knightly was to star, but she's out in favor of the new "it girl," Carey Mulligan. The screenplay, by Oscar-winning "Sense and Sensibility" screenwriter Emma Thompson, is an update that will reveal more of Eliza Doolittle's past.

Why Carey Mulligan as Eliza? She was Oscar nominated for "An Education" (2009), has "Drive" with Ryan Gosling making the film-fest rounds, and just completed "Shame" with Michael Fassbender. Mulligan is now shooting "The Great Gatsby," in 3D, in Sydney, Australia. She plays Daisy Buchanan to Leonardo Di Caprio's Jay Gatsby (in 1974 it was Mia Farrow and Robert Redford). Directed by "Moulin Rouge's" Baz Luhrmann, the film also stars Tobey Maguire.

"My Fair Lady" won eight Oscars, including best actor and best picture. Why remake it? If the new version doesn't measure up, will they rename it "My Spare Lady."

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

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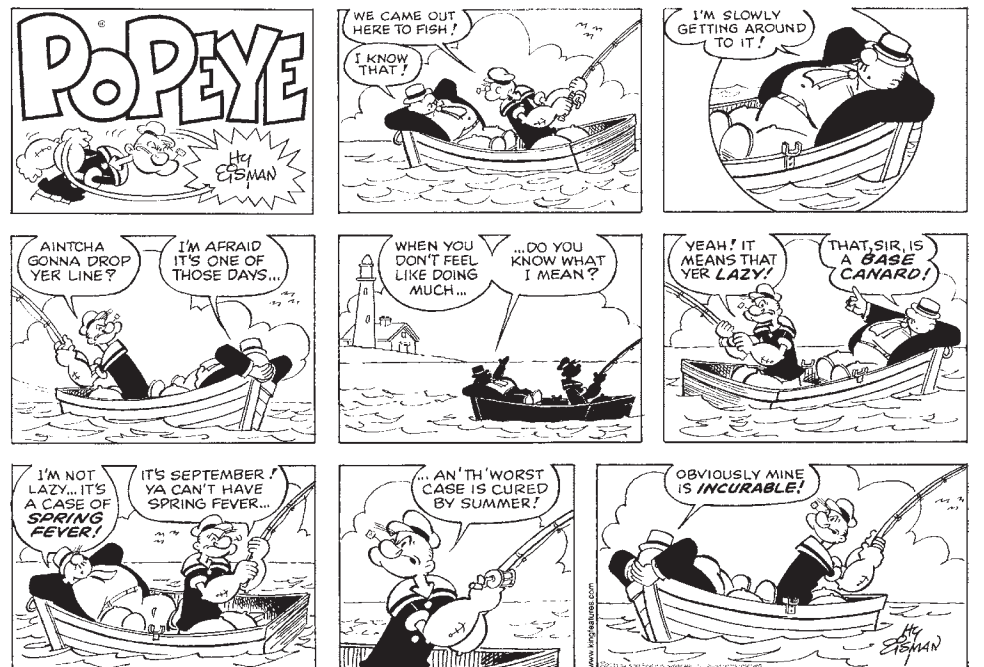
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*Yankee Scout Signs DeVito to a Contract*



*A photo from a 1943 copy of the Stamford Advocate newspaper shows Vito's father, Nicholas, signing his Yankee contract. From left; Yankees' scouts Paul Krichell and John Scalzi; Nicholas DeVito, Mickey Leone (standing) Sacred Heart CYO League; and Vito DeVito.*



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presides over the league's draft. And at least once a week from May to July he's in the stands, watching his teams. If he is not out watching a game, he is likely watching one on TV. "He's never even seen a television program that isn't a game," his daughter Nancy commented. "He's never heard of 'Friends' or any popular shows."

Hurricane Irene had DeVito and his wife living between his various children's homes as the family deals with the damage to their home. But DeVito was most concerned with how he was going to get to an upcoming Twilight League banquet. "Don't worry, dad, we'll get you there," Nancy said. And between his five children and ten grandchildren, there's no doubt DeVito will be at that dinner.

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5. **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13)  
James Franco, Freida Pinto
6. **Colombiana** (PG-13)  
Zoe Saldana, Jordi Molla
7. **Our Idiot Brother** (R)  
Paul Rudd, Elizabeth Banks
8. **Don't Be Afraid of the Dark** (R)  
Katie Holmes, Guy Pierce
9. **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World** (PG)  
Alexa Vega, Daryl Sabara
10. **The Smurfs** (PG)  
Neil Patrick Harris, Jayma Mays



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Bradley Cooper
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Danny McBride
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10. **Rango** (PG)  
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### Top 10 Pop Singles

1. **Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera**  
"Moves Like Jagger"
2. **LMFAO feat. Lauren Bennett & GoonRock**  
"Party Rock Anthem"
3. **Foster The People**  
"Pumped Up Kicks"
4. **Bad Meets Evil feat. Bruno Mars**  
"Lighters"
5. **Katy Perry**  
"Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)"
6. **Nicki Minaj**  
"Super Bass"
7. **Lil Wayne**  
"How To Love"
8. **OneRepublic**  
"Good Life"
9. **Pitbull feat. Ne-Yo, Afrojack & Nayer**  
"Give Me Everything"
10. **Gym Class Heroes feat. Adam Levine**  
"Stereo Hearts"



Jake Owen

### Top 10 Country Singles

1. **Brad Paisley Duet with Carrie Underwood**  
"Remind Me"
2. **Jake Owen**  
"Barefoot Blue Jean Night"
3. **Dierks Bentley**  
"Am I the Only One"
4. **Kenny Chesney feat. Grace Potter**  
"You and Tequila"
5. **Rodney Atkins**  
"Take a Back Road"
6. **Toby Keith**  
"Made in America"
7. **Keith Urban**  
"Long Hot Summer"
8. **Lady Antebellum**  
"Just a Kiss"
9. **Zac Brown Band feat. Jimmy Buffett**  
"Knee Deep"
10. **Trace Adkins**  
"Just Fishin'"



Buck Brannaman

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of October 3rd, 2011.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Buck"** (PG) -- This documentary tells the story of real-life cowboy and horse-guru Buck Brannaman. Buck's talent is something astounding to behold -- he emphasizes sensitivity and partnership when he's working with defiant equestrians. As Buck puts it, he's 'helping horses with people problems.'

The film links Buck's profound sympathy with his childhood as the abused son of another famous cowboy hero. When Buck sees troubled horses, he has an uncanny ability

to see through to the troubles in the lives of their owners. This tale of a true character with awe-inspiring presence and an enormous heart has rightfully been wrangling in awards since hitting the trail at Sundance.

**'Fast Five'** (PG-13) -- Against the exotic backdrop of Rio de Janeiro, a wild crew of expert drivers plot one last criminal act to get escape the law. If you had Dwayne Johnson coming after you, you'd drive like a maniac too. As the final stunt in the 'Fast and Furious' series, Paul Walker, Vin Diesel and Tyrese Gibson reprise their roles, and yes, they all still have abs.

Every shot that isn't going 100 miles an hour is packed with some form of eye candy -- exciting locales, daring stunts, flashy cars or shots of the beautiful women who apparently live in remarkable population densities throughout Brazil. The movie's climactic one-last-heist is a fitting end for its adrenaline-injected franchise.

**'Scream 4'** (R) -- When this series started more than a decade ago, it was first slasher series to attain full self-awareness. As a loving parody of a genre known for predictability, 'Scream 4' tries to inject some whodunit mystery into the darkened territory of horror movies.

When beautiful young starlets are getting killed off like it's the '90s again, returning members of the original cast (Neve Campbell, David Arquette and Courtney Cox) must solve the mystery and stop the Ghostface Killer before there isn't anybody left in the movie younger than 40. While teen girls tremble in horror of a mad man with a kitchen knife, audiences might sweat under the weight of so much self-referential humor and constant winks at the camera.

1. In what year did the Beatles first tour Scotland? (Hint: They weren't yet called the Beatles.)
2. Name Genesis' only No. 1 single in the U.S.
3. Who released "Comfortably Numb" in 1980?
4. Which of Elvis Presley's 1962 top 10 hits -- "She's Not You," "Return to Sender" and "Good Luck Charm" -- reached No. 1?
5. Name group that released "One of the Guys," "Looking at You" and "Kick Out the Jams" in the late 1960s.
6. What was the last chart song the Eagles released before their breakup? Bonus: How many years did their breakup last?



1. In 1960. They were called the Silver Beatles at that time, and served as a backup band for singer Johnny Gentry. 2. "Invisible Touch" in 1986, on the album of the same name. 3. Pink Floyd. Although the single off of "The Wall" double album never charted anywhere, it is one of Pink Floyd's most famous songs and rounded especially for its guitar solos. 4. "Good Luck Charm." All three songs were No. 1 hits in the U.K. 5. M.C.S. short for Motor City Five. The Michigan rock band's guitarist, Fred "Sonik" Smith, was named one of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine. 6. "Seven Bridges Road," released in 1980. The group stayed apart 14 years, until 1994.

Sudoku answers on page 32

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	9				7	8	

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!

# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You'll soon have a chance to take a big step up from where you are to where you want to be. Check it out first. Remember: Even the Mountain Sheep looks before it leaps.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** This week brings a challenge that could determine the future direction of your life. If you're ready for a change, accept it with confidence. A loved one supports your decision.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A disruption creates a delay in completing your projects. Use this time to pursue a personal matter you were too busy to deal with before. You'll find it will be time well spent.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You still need to be on the alert for any signs of problems that could create serious misunderstandings. A more positive aspect begins to emerge toward the week's end. Be patient.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** With things slowing down a bit this week, it would be a good time for luxury-loving Leonines to go somewhere for some well-earned pampering. Things liven up around Friday.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Single Virgos looking for partners are finally getting a break from Venus, who has moved in to make

things happen. Attached Virgos see their relationships blossom.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You've been working hard to get things done. Now take a breather and recheck your next step. You might want to make some changes in view of the news that comes your way.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** The watchword for savvy Scorpios this week is "preparation." Consider sharpening your skills to make the most of the new opportunity you're about to take on.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** There might still be some loose ends that need tucking up if you hope to get that important relationship repaired. A new spurt of activity starts soon.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** It's a good idea to keep the positive momentum going by finding and getting rid of anything that could cause you to stumble. Keep the path ahead clear and open.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A period of contemplation is advised before you make your next move. Be sure that where you decide to go is the right place for you. A health matter needs attention.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** That new energy surge that hit you last week continues to send out good vibrations. Try investing a part of it in creating something noteworthy on the job.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You like to balance your personal universe, and in doing so, you help bring harmony into the lives of the rest of us.

**Just Like Cats & Dogs** by Dave T. Phipps



**MISTER BREGER** By Dave Breger



**Birding BITS** BY Cindy Brook

**Crazy for Cardinals**  
A sure way to bring these red beauties into your yard is to offer safflower seed. This smooth white seed has a bitter taste that cardinals love. A tube feeder with a tray will work, or toss it on the ground in front of a brush pile. They are sure to come.

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**LAFF-A-DAY**



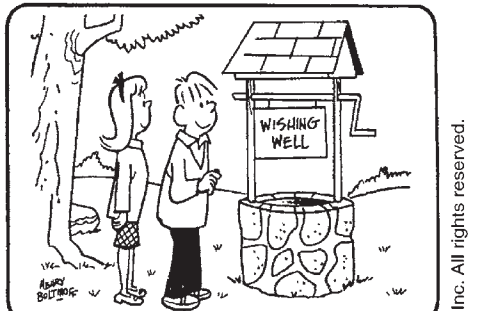
"If I may say so, madam, you are a very difficult person to fit."

**HUBERT** - - By Dick Wingert

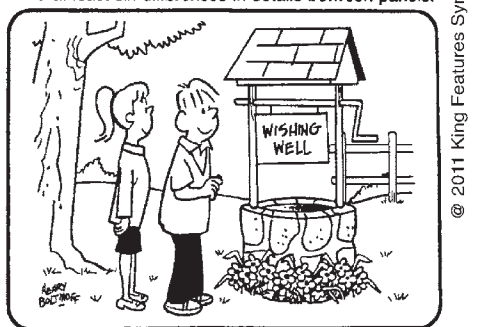


"Tell you what—I can let you have a nice, fresh coffee ring for that kind of money."

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Girl's hair is different. 2. Skirt is black. 3. Flowers added around well. 4. Rock is missing. 5. Fence has been added. 6. Boy has short sleeves.

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**top ten Worst Fads**

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2. Pet Rock
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4. Blacklights
5. Lava lamps
6. Cabbage Patch Kids
7. Mood rings
8. Virtual pets
9. Sea-Monkeys
10. Saggy pants

Source: <http://listverse.com>

**top ten Foods for Healthy Hair**

1. Salmon
2. Dark green vegetables
3. Beans
4. Nuts
5. Poultry
6. Eggs
7. Whole grains
8. Oysters
9. Low-fat dairy products
10. Carrots

Source: WebMD

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## Learn Your State's Pet Evacuation Laws



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** During Hurricane Irene, I was kept busy contacting my town's superintendent's office on behalf of some of my older neighbors who were worried about evacuating with their pets. The misinformation about evacuating with pets was huge. Fortunately we were spared the flooding that took place in surrounding towns. After the storm, the fire chief told me my neighbors could have brought their pets with them as long as they were crated.

Please let your readers know that many states, including Vermont, have pet evacuation laws on the books that specify exactly how and where owners can evacuate with their pets. Owners need to know them, because many emergency centers and local media did not, and citizens often were misinformed. -- S.H., Bellows Falls, Vt.

**DEAR S.H.:** Thank you for the heads-up! Readers, in 2006 following Hurricane Katrina, the federal government passed the PETS (Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards) Act, which requires state and local governments to include companion pets in their disaster planning and evacuation plans. Laws in each state and municipality are slightly different, so it's important to familiarize yourself with the regulations where you reside prior to a natural disaster.

For example, Louisiana and New York permit pets to ride on public transportation with their owners if an evacuation is declared. Check your state government's website (go to [www.pawscorner.com](http://www.pawscorner.com) for a list of links to each state's site) or contact the emergency planning agency by phone to get details.

Of course, it's also important to include your pet in emergency planning at home. Keep your pet's travel crate and important documents together, along with a small kit containing food, treats, toys and medications so you can quickly grab them and go if needed.

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

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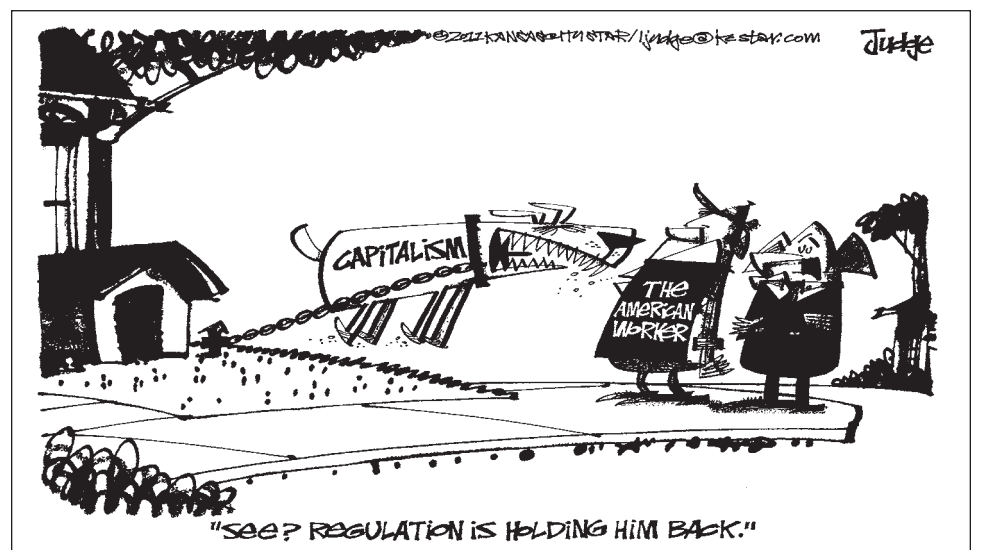
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