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## Financial Disclosures Dominate Candidates Debate

By Richard Weizel - Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE - What has been a lackluster campaign between republican incumbent Jim Zeoli and his democratic challenger Kevin McNabola took on a new dynamic after the two candidates went head to head at the Orange Chamber of Commerce Candidate's Debate held at the Courtyard by Marriot last Thursday evening.

With both candidates showing only minor contrasts on issues such as economic development, taxes, the state of the town's education system and open space purchases, the question that came to the forefront of the debate and subsequent news stories, letters and numerous online blog posts over the past week has suddenly become can either of the town's first selectmen candidates balance a check book?

Voters might be wondering too, after the bombshell disclosure last week that McNabola, business manager for the town's Board of Education, had over-drafted the school district's bank account four times during the past year totaling nearly \$400,000.

Meanwhile, Zeoli disclosed during his closing remarks at the debate that \$20,000 had been garnished from his wages over the past year involving a personal loan. Zeoli said he made the information public after being "informed" by a Democrat, that the party was going to release his personal fi-



Kevin McNabola (D)



James Zeoli (R)

nances issue just before the election to damage his credibility. In 2009, an anonymous email surfaced with financial accusations against Zeoli just days before his victory against Selectwoman Patricia Pearson, who has denied any involvement or knowledge of the widely spread email.

While McNabola blamed retired town Finance Director Al Chiarenzelli for the school board over-drafts, claiming the former finance director did not place funds into the school system's operational budget in time on several occasions, Chiarenzelli blames McNabola for overdrawing the account.

The school system overdrew its operations account in February, April, July and August, records show, and on each occasion McNabola wrote checks for more than the account's balance. Chiarenzelli, whose job it was to monitor the payments, and then transferred funds to ensure that all checks cleared.

Now, both McNabola, the former chairman of the Board of Finance who has based his campaign on "extensive and varied" financial background and expertise", and Zeoli are accusing each other of politically motivated at-

("Debate" continued on page 11)

## Community Saddened by Sudden Loss of Amity Grad

Orange Town News Staff

ORANGE - Area residents were stunned and saddened to hear of the untimely death of Joe Ciancola (20), who died at Rhode Island Hospital last Thursday after collapsing, during baseball practice at the University of Rhode Island.

The well known Ciancola of Orange was a 2010 graduate of Amity High School and selected to the Register All-State Baseball Team in 2010 and also helped the Amity Spartans to win two Division II state hockey titles. Joe was named "Athlete of the Year" in 2010 and was the recipient of the "Baseball Most Valuable Player Award", was co-recipient of the Bethany-Orange-Woodbridge Youth Hockey Award as well as the winner of the "Mark E. Greco Memorial Hockey Award."

("Ciancola" continued on page 8)



Joe Ciancola

## OUTSIDE THE LIVING BOX

Orange native Trevor Raffauf and his band mates from Minus Ned are getting a taste of life as rock stars as

they take to the road on an 18-state concert tour they hope brings them closer to their dreams of making it in the music world.



Laura Fantarella

The close-knit group of friends, Michael Martens, Zach Guglin, Mark Pinkert, all of Woodbridge; and Raffauf kicked off their tour recently by playing to a



From left, Trevor Raffauf, "Ned," Michael Martens, Marissa DuBois, Mark Pinkert & Zach Guglin. Photo by Jessica Frieling.

sold-out crowd of friends, family and well-wishers at Orange Ale House. The four have been making music together since 2001 when they met as sophomores at Amity High School.

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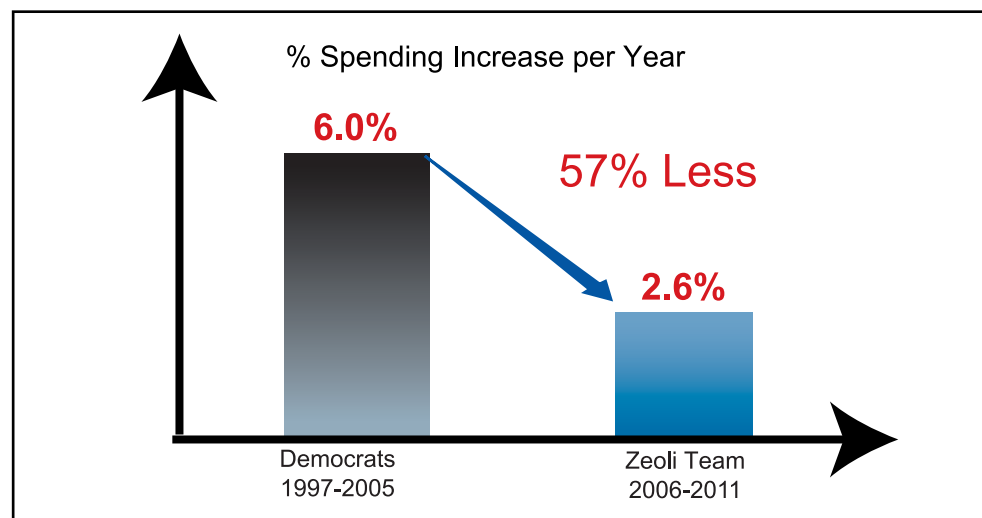
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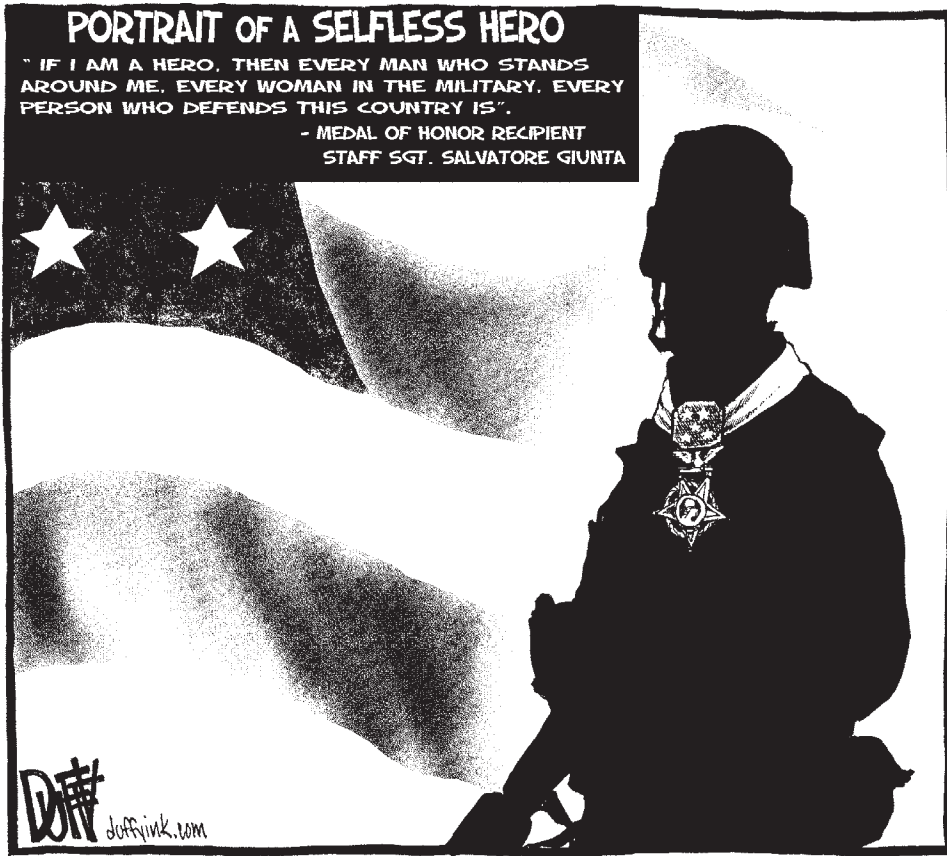
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| November 18th.....             | <i>Thanksgiving Issue</i> - November 23rd |
| December 9th .....             | <i>Holiday Issue</i> - December 16th      |

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

## FROM OUR READERS

### McNabola Unconvincing, Resident Will "Stick with Jim Zeoli"

On November 8th Orange residents will decide who will lead our town for the next two years. Currently, Orange's First Selectman is Jim Zeoli. As our first selectman, Jim has cut town government spending, brought in development like UI, Aurora Products as well as many new shops and restaurants. Jim's effort for us has recently resulted in our town receiving a credit upgrade to AA + . This subject has been much of a debate as of date. The reality of this is not whether or not it was STARTED by another selectman, but that it was achieved under Jim's administration. Jim's continued persistence, ability and knowledge have been the driving force that allows for developed working relationships between town government and those business towns like to attract.

In reviewing the Town News on October 14th, I read Jim's opponent's campaign ads. I question why a candidate seeking to unseat an incumbent who, even by the admission of Joe Blake, has done an excellent job for us, would put out ads that really say nothing and are abounding with nonsense. For example, Jim's opponent says that he will "fight for no tax increase." Wow . . . the former Board of Finance chair and current OBOE business administrator should know better. The shift in Orange student population at Amity alone will guaranty future tax increases to Orange taxpayers, not to mention the rising costs of healthcare, and contractual obligations. And how can a candidate promise NOT to raise taxes AND provide bulk trash pick-up for seniors, spend money on technology and make real measurable upgrades (whatever that means) to Orange's educational facilities.

This time of year, I expect to read and hear campaign promises and declarations and even some exaggerations in what a candidate is going to do for me. But I would expect a self-proclaimed successful businessman, to at least make an organized and consistent argument for why I should vote for him and not vote for the person who has done a proven and successful job and has the best interest of the town at heart.

I remain unconvinced that Kevin McNabola is the right choice to be Orange's First Selectman. During these hard financial times, Orange needs a person who has brought businesses to Orange; who has cut government spending; and who has looked out for all of us. Orange needs to stick with Jim Zeoli.

Tracey Papelo

### McNabola Best Leader for Our Town

We wholeheartedly endorse Kevin McNabola for First Selectman of Orange. Kevin is a family man with a vested interest in Orange, now and in the long term. He possesses the business and municipal experience, and the necessary education to lead our town during the next two years and beyond. It is time Orange had a First Selectman with the professionalism and leadership to manage and represent the town. We admire Kevin's integrity, work ethic, experience, accomplishments, and his record as a community volunteer in our town. We will be voting for Kevin and his ticket and we encourage the voters of Orange to support Kevin. Thank you.

Scott Smith, Jennifer Smith

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Project Manager and PEZ collector Shawn Peterson, is looking forward to the opening of the PEZ Visitor Center later this month.

## Pez Corp. Expands in Orange with "Visitor's Center"

By Laura Fantarella – Orange Town News Correspondent

ORANGE - Later this month Pez Corporation will open its Prindle Hill doors to the public with a new Visitor Center that promises to be as fun and creative as the unique plastic dispensers that hold their fruity candies.

A \$2.5 million, 6,000 square foot addition to the company's Prindle Lane property was five years in the making, as Pez executives worked with artists and leading architectural and design companies to develop just the right look.

The world's largest working Pez dispenser, a 14-foot "Pez Boy" stands at the Center's door, grinning down at the guests who come to visit this land of all things PEZ. A glass encased wall display of 792 current PEZ dispensers, is just a preview of what's to come. "This is a place where people can come to visit and have fun," said President/CEO Joe Vittoria. Indeed, an on-site candy press for free tastings, games, a play area featuring soft, Pez-shaped blocks, a design-your-own Pez label and the opportunity to star in your own Pez commercial are just a few of the interactive activities that are intended to delight kids and adults. Glass display cases throughout the space will highlight vintage Pez-abilia and routinely showcase items from collectors. A small retail area will offer the latest Pez dispensers for sale. "The Center represents our investment in the town of Orange, the state of Connecticut and in our brand," Vittoria said. "We're hoping that it becomes a tourist attraction and a must-see for travelers between Boston and New York." Billboard advertising is planned along the I-95 corridor to promote visitors to the Center and Vittoria is already fielding calls from interested school groups.

Aptly, the new Center's curator is also a self-described "hard-core" collector –one of about 3,000-- who attend Pez conventions and routinely peruse flea markets, tag sales and Ebay in search of vintage Pez treasures. Project Manager Shawn Peterson, who began collecting Pez stuff 22 years ago at age 20, said he made the initial presentation to build some sort of a Pez museum about five years ago when Vittoria first came on board as CEO. A Kansas City native working at Hallmark Cards at the time, Peterson made himself "as visible as possible" in the ensuing years. "I would be at every candy show and convention seeking out the Pez people and making sure they remembered me," he said.

His efforts paid off, and now, in his dream job, Peterson marvels at his good fortune. "I like to say 'there's one of us on the inside!'" he said. "It's very exciting as a collector to know what's being developed and to be a part of it. It really is an honor to be here." The Center will feature Peterson's own collection of more than 1000 Pez items when it first opens. Peterson believes he has "the most comprehensive, well-rounded collection out there" which includes toothbrushes, lunchboxes, watches, cereal boxes and more in addition to hundreds of dispensers. He plans to also feature items from other collectors once the Center opens. Peterson said he has no idea how many visitors will come through the front doors but he expects it will be a lot. "There is a very dedicated group of collectors that encompass all ages and walks of life, but there are plenty of people who just think Pez is cool," he said. "People have a warm and fuzzy feeling for Pez. It's an emotional brand that people associate with childhood."

The Center will be open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 12-5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and kids, with a \$2 rebate to use in the retail store.

## Katie Winkle Speaks at "Paint it Pink" Week

To raise awareness about women and cancer and to be in solidarity with those struggling with the disease, the Office of Campus Ministry at Sacred Heart Academy held its annual "Paint it Pink" week (October 17-21), a tradition that has grown in leaps and bounds each year. The hope is both to inform students about the importance of early detection and inspire students to support cancer patients and survivors.

Events were held throughout the week, when students, faculty, staff and administrators began to grow a Tree of Life, honoring women struggling with cancer or those that have passed away because of the disease. This was followed by students holding a "Baked Goods in Pink" Bake Sale which served as a fundraiser with all proceeds going to local cancer relief and research organizations working to make the lives of those battling cancer better. A Letter Writing Party, where participants wrote letters of encouragement to patients undergoing chemo and radiation at the Hospital of St. Raphael and Yale New Haven was to be held on Wednesday, October 19. The week culminated with Face Painting and "Pretty in Pink" Fashion Show and Assembly with inspirational speaker and SHA alumna – Katie Winkle. Winkle, an Orange resident, is a cancer survivor. Last spring she was named "Comeback Player of the Year" and earned the Mother Clelia Award, the highest honor bestowed to a member of the graduating class.

"This is a particularly meaningful cause for a school filled with young women. So many of our students have been touched by the challenges of this disease...this is a whole new generation of women who hopefully can develop an awareness and experience more hope surrounding the disease," commented Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ, Director of Campus Ministry at the Academy.

## Winter Advisory Notice

By Dr. John Brady, Superintendent of Schools

Once again we are facing the time of year when New England weather can be very unpredictable and severe. Area superintendents of schools must ensure that each district meets the state mandated number of school days and number of instructional hours in a safe and secure manner. The Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge and Amity (BOWA) school districts will continue to participate in a regional school transportation collaborative. This arrangement allows elementary schools to dismiss at similar times and for the Orange and Bethany Middle Schools to open and dismiss at the same time in coordination with Amity Regional High School.



Amity High School

When one BOWA school district closes, delays the opening of school, or dismisses early due to inclement weather, all BOWA school districts will also close, delay, or dismiss early. A delayed opening for elementary, middle and high school will be two (2) hours. The BOWA superintendents try to make a decision to close or delay the opening of school by 5:30 a.m. based upon what is expected to happen in the next two to twelve hours. Stay tuned when a delay has been announced since it might turn into a cancellation if weather conditions do not improve. Radio, television, school bus operators, staff and designated Internet-based sites will be notified immediately.

Although early dismissals are avoided whenever possible, it may be occasionally necessary to dismiss school early due to the unexpected deterioration of weather conditions. In these situations, an announcement will be issued by 10:30 a.m. Weather related early dismissal for middle school and high school students will be at 11:45 a.m. Bethany and Woodbridge elementary school students will be dismissed at 1:10 p.m. Orange elementary school students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. and the Orange kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m.

Families should have an emergency back-up plan in place in the event of an early dismissal. Please make sure the children understand where they should go in the event of an early dismissal from school. Child care arrangements at home or on the same bus route should be made in advance of the early dismissal day since it will be impossible for the school staff to personally contact each parent. On days when the weather may be problematic, please stay tuned to the local radio and/or television channel to be aware of an early dismissal. As alternate drop-off and pick-up procedures vary from school to school, parents should follow the established procedure.

When school is cancelled, unless otherwise indicated, all activities and meetings are also cancelled. The school buildings will be closed.

The decision to delay, close school, or dismiss early is often a difficult one. During inclement weather when an administrative decision to open school has been made, this is not meant to preclude a family's choice to keep their student(s) home. Families are encouraged to exercise their own judgment in such cases.

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# Zeoli Issues Two Proclamations

## October - Breast Cancer Awareness Month



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: October is "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS: Debbie Davis is the 2011 Town of Orange breast cancer honoree; and

WHEREAS: Breast cancer, a life threatening disease, continues to be one of the greatest health risks facing men and women today; and

WHEREAS: One in eight women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime which is the second leading cause of death among women in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Breast cancer in men is rare, accounting for less than 1% of all breast cancer cases, but the American Cancer Society estimates that 1500 men are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and approximately 450 men die from breast cancer annually; and

WHEREAS: Breast cancer in men and women has virtually the same treatment considerations, and stage for stage, the same prognosis; and

WHEREAS: In the fight against breast cancer, one of the best weapons is early detection through self-examination, clinical examination, mammography and prevention education,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James M. Zeoli, First Selectman of the Town of Orange, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Town of Orange and commemorate this month by placing a wreath festooned with pink ribbons and invite all residents to join me in this awareness effort.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Town of Orange this 24th day of October 2011.

James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

## October 16 - Professor Ivan Lobay Day



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Ivan Lobay was born in Kovtuny, a small farming village in Western Ukraine, on October 4, 1911; and

WHEREAS: Professor Lobay has resided in Orange since 1966, became an American citizen in 1968, and refers to the town he loves as "Paradise"; and

WHEREAS: His remarkable career as an Engineer, Lecturer and Professor has taken him to institutes and universities around the world from the Ukraine, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Venezuela, Algeria and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: He was a Professor at the College of Engineering at the University of New Haven for 15 years and taught post-graduate courses at Yale University; and

WHEREAS: Besides his many professional achievements and contributions, he has inspired many people by his deep and heartfelt love of God, his family, his profession, his birthplace and the United States of America, and by his simple yet challenging advice "Do not be afraid of difficulties...Go ahead to the future...Keep Smiling"; and

WHEREAS: He has touched many hearts by his youthful, positive and joyful spirit and his affection and respect for each person he encounters,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James M. Zeoli, First Selectman of the Town of Orange, congratulate Professor Ivan Lobay on the occasion of his 100th birthday and on behalf of the people of Orange, I extend our best wishes and wish him all the "Happiness of the Day" and hereby proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2011 as

PROFESSOR IVAN LOBAY DAY IN ORANGE - VIVA!

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the Seal of the Town of Orange this 16th day of October, 2011.

James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

("Ciancola" continued from page 1)

After graduating from Amity, he signed on to pitch at Winthrop University in South Carolina, but then transferred to the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Ciancola died at Rhode Island Hospital after collapsing last Monday, during baseball practice at URI.

Amity School Superintendent Dr. Brady stated after hearing of the tragedy, "It's a shock to the Amity community to have someone so young die; my sympathies go out to his family."

Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli, who informed the Orange Town News of the community's loss, last Thursday, lamented the loss "Joey was a terrific kid with so much to offer; his death has left a void in the hearts of so many that have come in contact with him. He was always smiling and friendly when you saw him and comfortable with people. His natural athletic ability especially in baseball and hockey will be missed; he had so much more to offer."

In addition to his mother and father, Michele Annatone Ciancola and Joseph Paul Ciancola, Jr., he is survived by his sister, Lindsay Ciancola, maternal grandparents, Michael and Joan Annatone and paternal grandmother, Gloria Ciancola all of Orange. A Mass will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange.

## Waterworks XII at the Case Library

Audrey Galer, watercolor instructor, is pleased to announce this year's exhibition of her students' works, WATERWORKS XII. The show each year has been held at Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. In fact, the need to showcase the beautiful work done by the students was the impetus for the birth of the Art Gallery on the second floor of the library eleven years ago.

The following students will be represented this year: Frances Barsevich, Mary Belltramellow, Tiffany Buu, Karianne Canfield, Sana Charania, Alicia Chen, Susan Clark, Renee Cohen, Molly Dinneen, Bette Donahoe, Barbara Dorso, Marissa Dwyer, Sameera Fahmi, Saiyara Fahmi, Millie Farrell, Conni Fedeyko, Stefan Fedeyko, Amanda Frank, Sabrina Frank, Francesca Giannattasio, Amogh Krishna, Catherine Grabowski, Gabriela Guevara, Liz Harlow, Anisha Jain, Joan Lakin, Shari Lipton, Pat Miller, Mukul Mukherjee, Al Munroe, Neha Pashankar, Rashmi Pashankar, Nisansa Perera, Carolyn Pickup, Arshia Puri, Puja Sinha, Clare Staib-Kaufman, Joan Stenner, Linda Stone, Betty Sword, MaryAnn Verinis, Rachna Vipparla and Rachana Yetukari.

A reception was held on November 3 for the artists. The exhibition will be available for viewing from November 1 through November 30th. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 to 8, Fridays 10 to 5 and Saturday, 10-4.



## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

### The Annual Lions Club Thanksgiving Dinner

The Orange Lions Club is pleased to host its 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Orange High Plains Community Center on Sunday, November 27th at 12:00 noon. A complete turkey dinner will be served and entertainment will follow.

All singles, couples and residents who might not have family or friends with them this year are cordially invited to join the Lions Club and their families for this year's Thanksgiving Dinner. If you would like to attend the dinner, please call Orange Community Services at (203) 891-4788 no later than Friday, November 19th to make your reservations.

Transportation is available for those who may need it. Please call Kimberly Callahan, our Transportation Coordinator at (203) 891-4788.

The members of the Lion's Club will deliver dinners to the homebound upon request. Please call the Orange Community Services Department located at the High Plains Community Center in Orange at (203) 891-4788.

We look forward to seeing you on November 27th.



### 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!

### Learn About Floral Design In Time for the Holidays

Do you ever wonder how professional floral designers create designs with "staying power"? Then you won't want to miss The Garden Club of Orange meeting on November, 8, 2011 at 1 PM at the Case Memorial Library. Award winning designer and Orange resident Lana Ho will teach tips on manipulating leaves and using good mechanics for secure and long lasting floral designs. Club members will also be displaying Holiday table designs as well as late Fall beauties from their gardens. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and its purpose is to promote and encourage garden skills and knowledge and to further an understanding of horticulture, flower arranging, bird-life, conservation and environmental awareness. All are welcome. If you are interested in learning more about the Club, please visit its website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or contact Nettie Bartocelli at 203-795-3692.

### Learn About the Rotary Club

Want to learn more about Rotary? Come to the Orange Rotary Reception to learn about membership and benefits of belonging to Rotary. Date: Tuesday 11/15/11. Time: 5:00 to 7:00. Place: Race Brook Country Club. Call Richard J. Zorena for more information at 203.494.0238 or visit our website [www.orangetrotary.org](http://www.orangetrotary.org).



### Tribute Tree Markers In Place

At the completion of the installation of 26 engraved stone markers, brothers Nick and Noah Brown stand with their favored tools in hand. Hired by the Tree Committee through the Orange Youth Services, Nick and Noah worked over the summer months placing the markers in the ground at the base of the Tribute Trees. Each marker is engraved with the name of the person honored by the planting of the tree.

All Tribute Trees are located on public land. The Tribute Tree program is facilitated by the Town of Orange Tree Committee. Tribute Tree information is available at the Office of the Town Clerk.

### Photographers/ Videographers Wanted

The newly organized Orange Imaging Club provides opportunities for every level of photographer/videographer to improve their craft. Whether you are a beginner or seasoned professional, you will become part of an enthusiastic group that provides a wide variety of indoor and outdoor educational opportunities. Our current membership includes photographers with as little as a few years' experience up to members with over forty years experience. You may email: [boemmels@optimum.net](mailto:boemmels@optimum.net) or just show-up at one of our meetings on October 20th and November 10th at 7 pm in the Case Memorial Library.

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## SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh

### Extreme Weather with Art Horn

November 9, 10:30am. Former NBC30 weatherman Art Horn, will speak about Extreme Weather. Over the last year we have seen a great deal of extreme weather. From heat waves, floods, hurricanes and tornadoes it has been a wild ride! Coffee and dessert will be served. Call the center to register for this event.

### Veteran's Day

Join us for a veteran's recognition event in the Senior Café November 9. The program will start with dessert and beverage at 1:30 pm. At 2:00 pm Bob Mel will perform, singing various patriotic and veteran theme songs. So please come out and to honor our service men and women. Call the office to let us know you are coming!

### Lions Club Thanksgiving Dinner

The annual Lions Club Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 27 in the High Plains Community Center Gym from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Targeted guests include the town's senior residents, shut-ins, those without family in the area and anyone else in need of good food and fellowship. Meals can be delivered to homebound residents only. Entertainment will also be provided for the guests. Call the senior center office at (203) 891-4788 to make a reservation.

### Lia Sophia Jewelry

The Orange Senior Center will host a Lia Sophia Jewelry demonstration December 2, 1:00 pm in the Senior Lounge. This fun event is a great opportunity to purchase holiday presents while supporting the Senior Center with its future programming. Catalogs are in the Senior Center office to preview or to place an order if you are unable to attend. Open to non-members, so please call to let us know you are coming.

### 5th Annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest

Clubs, Community Groups, Civic Organizations, Schools and Town Departments decorate one of the hallway doors at the Community Center for the annual Holiday Door Decorating Contest. Stop by the Senior Center office and pick up an entry form. The entry deadline is Nov. 18. All doors need to be decorated by Dec. 2. Voting will take place between Dec. 2 and 16. The winning door will be announced at our Holiday Party on Dec. 19.

### Holiday Dinner Dance

Grassy Hill Lodge will be decorated in its usual Holiday splendor again this year for our annual Senior Center Holiday Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 11 from 12 to 3:30. The Frank Porto Band will provide music for listening and dancing from 1 to 3:30. The menu choices are Filet Mignon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Stuffed Sole. There will be a cash bar. The cost this year will again be \$20 per person thanks to the generosity of the Olga Fund of the Orange Foundation who gave us a grant to pay for the music and to reduce the price of the ticket. This is always a wonderful afternoon, so put on your holiday garb and come join us for a great afternoon. Tickets go on sale November 1. Please use the enclosed form for groups of 2 or more.

### Call for Nominations for Living Treasure Awards

Nominations are currently being accepted through March 9, 2012 for the 2012 Living Treasure Awards. Nomination forms are available in the Orange Community Services office, at Town Hall, and can be printed from the town's website at [www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov), <http://orangeseniors.org/>, or Facebook/Orange Senior Center. The three individuals chosen will be honored at the Senior Center's Pasta Festa! on May 18, 2012. Nominees must be current residents of Orange and at least 65 years of age. As a volunteer, they must have demonstrated positive actions to improve the quality of life for individual residents or enhanced the Orange community.

### Trips

CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT featuring LaSALETTE SHRINE – Monday, December 5, 2011. Departs 7:30 am from the senior center. Cost: \$80 pp. Additional Spaces Acquired! Call the center for information.

UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM at SYRACUSE with an overnight at the TURNING STONE CASINO – January 25-26, 2012. This two-day trip includes tickets for the UCONN Women's Basketball Team vs. Syracuse at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York. Accommodations are at the nearby Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY. You will receive a \$40 Free Play Coupon for Day 1 and Day 2 \$25 Freeplay or \$20 Bingo Bonus (must be chosen at sign-up). In addition you will receive a \$15 meal voucher for day one. Cost: \$192 pp double, \$257 pp single, and \$187 pp triple. Price includes transportation, hotel accommodations, meal voucher, two bonus packages, breakfast buffet, driver & guide gratuities and admission to the game. Cancellation insurance is available. Checks payable to Getaway Tours. Full payment is due with reservation no later than December 12, 2011.

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## Make a Connection with "The Senior Connection" Open House

*Senior Connection is a group of companies with quality resources for Seniors and Their Families. Senior Connection is an affiliate of the Orange Chamber of Commerce.*

This is an opportunity for seniors and their families to meet with people who are knowledgeable in senior services to answer questions such as:

- How do you obtain Veteran benefits to pay for elder services?
- Is Reverse Mortgage the right answer?
- Do you need help downsizing?
- Are you looking for respite services to take care of a frail loved one while you are at work?
- Is your loved one moving and needs help selling their house?
- What services does your hospital of choice provide?
- Are you looking for long term residence for the future?

November 10, 2011 • 4:00pm – 7:00pm  
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tacks.  
 “I was surprised by Mr. Zeoli’s disclosure of his personal finances at the close of the debate Thursday Night,” McNabola told the Orange Town News. “As far as releasing information about Mr. Zeoli’s personal financial issues, I never had any intention of bringing this into our campaign. In fact it has been common knowledge for many years that he has had wage garnishments and tax liens on his property, but that is no concern of our campaign. The people of Orange care about the issues, not personal attacks.”

Zeoli explained “I wanted to disclose the information first, as it has nothing to do with the town’s finances, and it is a personal issue that I have resolved and paid off.” Zeoli said concerns about his own personal finances are not an issue “because first of all, it’s all cleared up and the bill is paid up, and second of all, it has nothing to do with how I’ve managed the town’s finances.” Zeoli pointed out, in fact, that Standard & Poor’s recently upgraded the town’s long-term credit rating to AA+ from a rating of Aa1 saving the town more than \$250,000 on the long sought after Hubbell property purchase.

McNabola also insisted that the over-drafting at the BOE was a non-issue.

“I have stated from the beginning this is nothing more than a timing issue of the Town providing the proper amount of funding into the BOE Account,” McNabola said. “All our financial obligations were met on a timely basis with no late payments to suppliers or vendors, and I have all the documents to prove that.”

But, McNabola said, “I find it interesting that both Jim Zeoli and (Republican) Board of Finance Chairman Kevin Houlihan never once picked up the phone to ask the question of why at the end of June and in August the overdrafts occurred, but instead waited until I was a candidate for first selectmen to bring this up just a week before the election.”

McNabola said of Chiarenzelli: “It (was) Al’s job to ensure the funds (were) placed in the school operating accounts in a timely fashion. Typically, Chiarenzelli would place between \$500,000 and \$2 million, depending on the month, into the school accounts. He failed to put the money in the account. In August, Chiarenzelli was supposed to deposit \$1 million in the schools’ account, but only ended up allocating \$500,000.” McNabola added “Al has a history of funding the school system late and being forgetful.”

Chiarenzelli, however, sees it far differently.  
 “He (Kevin) did not know what his bank balance was because he did not check it. We have state funds due to us all the time, but we do not draw checks against those funds until we receive the payment.” Chiarenzelli wrote to the Board of Finance in an email. “The Board of Education never called me to tell me that they needed additional finds, I called the BOE to see why they were overdrawn.” Chiarenzelli also explained in the email that he need-

ed to move another \$500,000 for August on July 27 because the schools account was overdrawn. “I discovered that overdraft and made the payment to avoid any problems with the bank,” Chiarenzelli wrote. “The projected payments for July and August are in the \$500,000 range because of the reduced summer BOE staffing and operating schedule. I agree the problem is a timing issue, but the timing issue relates to expense timing rather than funding,” Chiarenzelli wrote in the email to Houlihan, dated Oct. 20, “It’s always easier to blame the guy who is no longer here.”

Zeoli expressed his concerns regarding the issue.  
 “I just have to wonder about Mr. McNabola making the main issue of his campaign his extensive experience and expertise in finances, and then writing checks without checking to make sure the funds were in the account,” said Zeoli. “This is a major concern, and cannot be allowed to happen again.” Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 8th.



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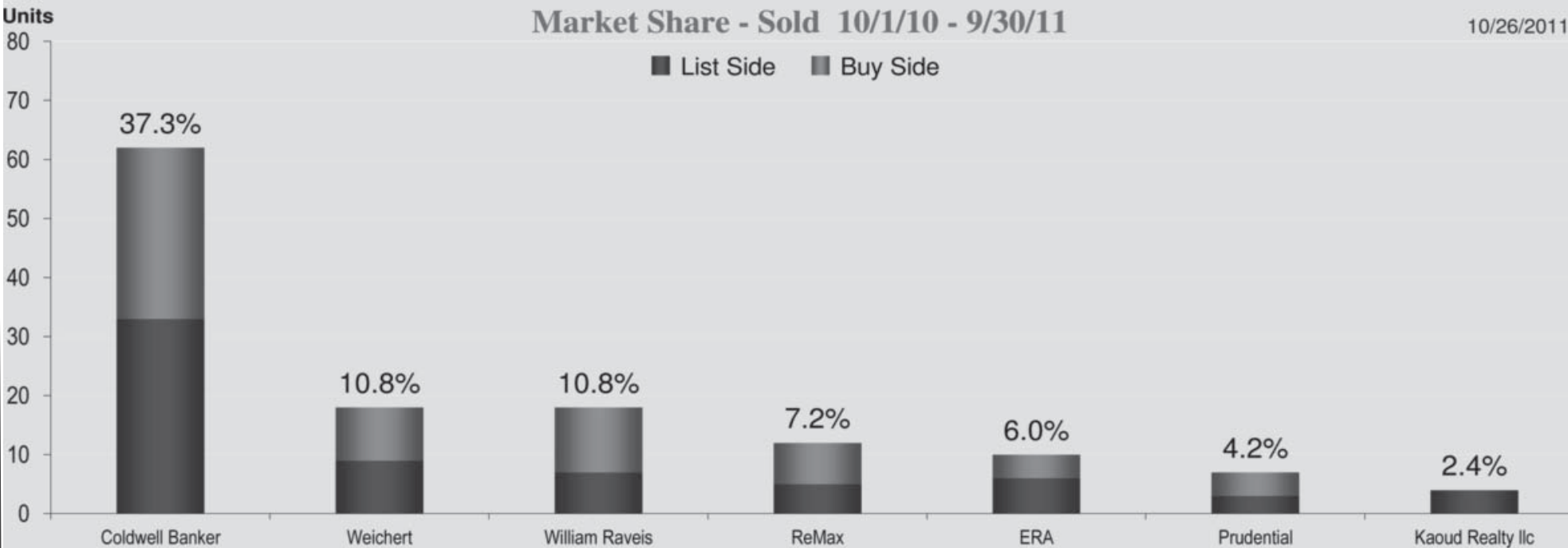
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### Did You Know?

It is very important to exercise care when admitting a family member to a nursing home. Most nursing home admission packets require a signature by a "responsible party". Since the parent being admitted often is unable to sign his/her name, the documents may be signed by the adult child making the arrangements. There have been a number of recent Connecticut Court cases in which a nursing home has sued a family member for an unpaid nursing home bill of a resident relative. If you are bringing a family member to a nursing home, be very careful about how the admission documents are signed!

- > Although federal and state law prohibit a nursing home from requiring a child to guarantee the payment of a parent's nursing home costs, a child, inadvertently, may end up volunteering to take on that responsibility.
- > Whenever possible, have all admission documents signed by the parent who will be entering the nursing home.
- > If you are signing for a parent because you are named as an agent in a Durable Power of Attorney Instrument, sign "Name of Parent, By, Name of Child, Agent".
- > If you are signing for a parent because you have been appointed as a Conservator by the Probate Court, sign "Name of Parent, By, Name of Child, Conservator."
- > If the nursing home requires one or more names to contact in case of emergency, use the phrase "contact person" not "responsible person".
- > If in doubt, have the admission documents reviewed, in advance, by an attorney familiar with elder law/nursing home legal issues.

Steven P. Floman and Allison M. DePaola of the law firm Cantor Floman are the authors of *Did You Know?* This article has been prepared for general informational purposes only. It is not intended to constitute legal advice. Readers should not act upon the information contained in this article without seeking advice from an attorney regarding the specific facts and circumstances of your case.

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## From the Youth Services Coordinator

By John Ulatowski



### Youth Services to gain Provide Artist Colony Professional Art Instruction

The Youth Services Orange Artist Colony will provide an Artist Colony for Orange 7th & 8th grade students who have an interest in art, and want to improve their artistic ability. There is no cost to the parent. Students will receive quality professional instruction in the field of Watercolors. All art materials, lunch, a family reception scheduled in May and more. Sessions are scheduled during part of students' vacations in February and April. Interested parents should contact John Ulatowski Youth Services Coordinator at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov) for further information.

### Autumn Yard Work? Youth Services Job Bank Can Help

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, washing windows, cleaning attics/basements, snow shoveling, painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785 between 8:30-4:30 Mon-Friday.

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With Martens writing songs and playing acoustic and electric guitar; Pinkert on lead guitar; Guglin playing drums and lead vocal and Raffouf on bass and backup vocals, the group began performing a combination of their own music and current rock hits. Wildly popular among their peers, the group was soon playing regularly at high school functions, area clubs and private events. "We never expected to make money, but we were getting gig after gig," Raffauf said.

The partnership took a hiatus upon graduation when they all left for colleges around the country. But three years ago, college diplomas in hand, the boys decided to get back together. "We decided to move to Hollywood because LA is a big hub for music agencies," Raffauf said. "So we rented a house together and we play music day and night until the cops show up which happens all the time! Thank God they like our music and they've been really supportive. We even gave them a thank-you on our CD." They thought briefly of changing their name but decided the unique name helped fans remember them. "Ned is a mystery and a secret we've been keeping. People ask who's Ned and where is he now? He was kind of in the band and kind of not. It's a joke that stuck," he said.

The band did add a female vocalist, Marissa DuBois, a singer from Arizona who also performed briefly on the hit reality series, *The Voice*. "Mike (Martens) actually wrote the song, 'Shoes' which is a real crowd pleaser, while he and Marissa were in line waiting for her audition," Raffauf said. "She said, 'I like your shoes,' and Mike took out his guitar and made up a song on the spot. It is a simple song with a catchy melody that sticks with everybody." Marissa's voice also gave the band a new sound, Raffauf said, "broadening our melody lines and increasing our soundscape." The band is receiving rave reviews for their latest album, "Are We Finally Fitting In?" which was produced by two Grammy-award winning producers. Some of the band's most exciting moments to date has included playing at clubs around L.A.; opening for the band, "Bush," and providing the post-game entertainment for the Phoenix Suns in Arizona. "We had security and box seats - it was the most 'rock star' I think we've all felt," Raffauf said.

Raffauf spent four months planning the Minus Ned's tour which includes playing at venues in Charlotte, North Carolina, Miami, Washington, D.C., Texas, New Mexico, Iowa, Kansas City, Phoenix, New York, Atlanta, and more. He purposely picked a route based on locations of family and friends so the band always has a place to crash. "We talked about this for years. It's a great opportunity to travel the country and play our music and we're hoping for the best," he said.

For more information, visit [www.minused.com](http://www.minused.com). Their albums can be purchased on iTunes.

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# TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

## From the Fire Marshal's Office



### CT Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Orange Fire Marshal Tim Smith has announced the start of the annual Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest which runs from October to January. Last year, approximately 30,000 fourth and fifth graders from more than 130 communities submitted posters. The contest is a cooperative effort of the Orange Fire Marshal's Office, Office of the State Fire Marshal, The Connecticut Fire Marshals' Association, The Connecticut Fire Chiefs' Association, the State Board of Education, and the Connecticut FAIR plan which represents the insurance industry. This is a classroom project whose goal is to make children and families aware of the causes of fire and to remind them that prevention requires everyone to be alert to these dangers. The theme is "FIRE PREVENTION - EVERYONE/EVERYDAY. Each classroom will submit their posters to a local panel of judges which will then choose one poster from the 4th grades and one from the 5th grades to be forwarded to the New Haven County representatives to be judged in the county contest. The winning county level posters will be exhibited in locations around Connecticut, including the State Capitol. From these, a state winner will be chosen. That poster will be used to promote fire prevention throughout the State of Connecticut and will be the official State fire prevention poster for 2012. The county winners will be awarded a \$200 savings bond and the state winner will receive a \$1000 savings bond. Last year, Hannah Rappaport, a fourth grader at Racebrook School was the 2010-2011 New Haven County winner.

## From the Department of Police Services



### Public Service Announcement

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are taking steps to strengthen the nation's Emergency Alert System (EAS). As part of this effort, on November 9, 2011, at 2 p.m. EST, the first-ever, nationwide system test will take place.

In existence since 1994, the EAS is an alert and warning system designed to transmit emergency alerts and warning to the public at the national, state and local levels. EAS participants broadcast alerts and warnings regarding weather, child abductions and other types of emergencies. Alerts are transmitted via radio and TV broadcast stations, cable television and other media services. The purpose of the November 9 test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system as a way to alert the public during nationwide emergencies.

Although local and state components of the EAS are tested on a weekly and monthly basis, there has never been an end-to-end nationwide test or a national activation of the system. Although the nationwide test will be similar to the monthly and weekly tests that the public is used to, there will be some differences. For example, the November 9 test will be longer than the usual two-minute monthly test, lasting approximately three minutes.

Additional information can be found at the FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau website at [www.fcc.gov/pshs](http://www.fcc.gov/pshs).

### Monthly Report - September 2011

We have been busy serving our community. Here are some of the challenges we faced:

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| 1    | .....Robbery                                  |
| 7    | .....Burglaries (2 residential, 5 commercial) |
| 149  | .....Activated Burglar Alarms                 |
| 34   | .....Criminal Arrests                         |
| 30   | .....Shoplifting/Larcenies                    |
| 21   | .....Fights/Disturbances                      |
| 3    | .....Arrests for DWI                          |
| 80   | .....Traffic Accidents                        |
| 235  | .....Motor Vehicle Citations Issued           |
| 129  | .....Medical Emergencie                       |

## Adopting 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".

If you would like to participate in this great cause please contact, Kimberly Callahan at (203) 891-4788 Monday thru Friday 8:30am until 4:30pm.

## OVNA Healthline



The next Orange VNA Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at its office, at 605A Orange Center Road, the former Library on Thursday, November 17, 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. The next Chat/BP Clinic will be Tuesday, November 8th, 10:30am, at High Plans Community Center.

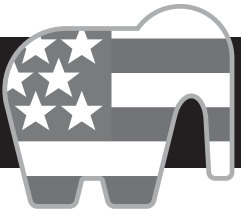
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# ELECTION 2011 – THE REPUBLICANS

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Ralph Okenquist

My wife, Mary, and I have lived in Orange for 36 years. We have three children and four grandchildren. I received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Fairfield University and an MBA from the University of New Haven. After thirty-two years, I retired from AlliedSignal Corporation. My local involvement includes Orange Little League, Orange Babe Ruth, Orange Soccer Association, American Legion, and Knights of Columbus. I served nine years on the Park & Recreation Commission, the last five as Chairman. The past ten years I have served on the Board of Selectmen, including six years on its Personnel Committee.



I have also had the honor of being Chairman of the Ad Hoc Capital Planning Committee since 2002. This committee successfully ushered in a \$10 million bond issue in 2003 for infrastructure improvements, open space funds, and additional classrooms at two elementary schools. In addition, we proposed \$400,000 in short term capital projects each year which have resulted in improvements in school facilities and the High Plains Community Center. These funds also provided for new vehicles and equipment for the Public Works, Park & Recreation and Police Departments.

As a member of the Board of Selectmen I will continue to support the acquisition of open space, further improvement in our infrastructure and facilities and continued economic development to attract new businesses which will lower the tax burden of our residents.

I am requesting your support for two additional years on the Board of Selectmen to accomplish these goals in a fiscally responsible manner.

## TAX COLLECTOR

### Sandra Pierson

A consistently high collection rate is the key to fiscal stability for the Town and remains the number one priority in order to help the Town meet its financial obligation each year. I am State Certified, with 10 years of service as the Tax Collector for the Town of Orange, and feel that an important reason to vote for me is my proven performance. I am pleased to report that we continue to have a collection rate in the mid 90%.



## CONSTABLE



Jody Daymon Michael Donadeo Kristen Marquis Jeff Vargo

### Judy Wright Williams

Jim Zeoli asked me to run on his ticket for Board of Selectmen four years ago. I didn't hesitate to say "yes". I wanted to be part of the team who worked hard to provide a safe place to live; supported a strong educational system; a well organized business corridor; and a community where everyone could live a happy and healthy life.



My service to the town includes many areas. I was a special education teacher in the Orange Elementary Schools for 34 years. Once settling in the farmhouse that has been in the family for 200 years, my husband, Art, and I began our volunteering services to our town. I was a member of the Historic District Commission for 10 years and then 10 years on the Human Services Board (Community Services). I have been a volunteer at the Orange Firemen's Carnival and over 32 years at the Orange Country Fair. I am presently on the Orange Cemetery Association and a steward for the Orange Conservation trail system.

I am very proud to serve our town. I will be pleased to continue working hard for all the citizens of Orange. Through the strong team that Jim Zeoli has assembled, I have no doubt the town will continue doing great things in all areas.

### John Carangelo

Ladies and Gentlemen I was deeply honored when First Selectman James Zeoli asked me to be part of his team and run for the Board of Selectmen in this upcoming election. As you know I served the Town of Orange for the last twelve plus years as Judge of Probate until January of this year when the Court merged with Milford. It was a distinct honor and a privilege to serve the residents of the Town of Orange during that time. I believe that I have served the Town with honesty, compassion, and integrity. In addition, to my judicial experience I have over sixteen years of experience as an attorney. If given the opportunity to serve as a Board of Selectmen member I would use my judicial and legal experience to keep taxes down for our residents, and continue to improve our town's infrastructure, and schools. In these extremely difficult times it is paramount to have straightforward leadership that works. I believe that with my qualifications, and as a lifelong resident of Orange with two children in its school system that I am capable of addressing the Town's interests moving forward.



Thank you for your consideration on November 8, 2011, and Vote Row B.

## BOARD OF FINANCE

### Kevin Houlihan

I am a graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a BS in Accounting and have been a Certified Public Accountant for over twenty years.



I am currently completing my 12th year on the Board of Finance, the past two as Chairman. During the past several years during these most difficult economic times we have worked hard to balance the needs of the Town with affordability and I believe we have been successful as witnessed by our recent S & P ratings upgrade. I ask for your vote so I can continue to serve the taxpayers of Orange.

### Glen Ketchian

B.S. degree from Rochester Institute of Technology -President of LRK Communications Inc., a Fairfield, CT based management company -Works with corporations to analyze and reduce their spending -He is very active in the Orange community.



"My family and I love the Town of Orange and I am excited to have the opportunity to run for the Board of Finance. I hope you will honor me with your vote. Thank you!"

### Fred Kendrick

Fred is a U.S. Army veteran and with a degree in Business Administration from UNH, he worked at Sikorsky Aircraft for 45 years as a Manager of Administration. Fred is a graduate of the Orange Senior Leadership Program, served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, and Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission.



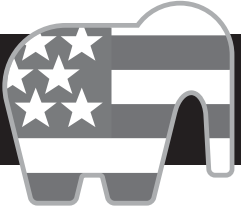
"My extensive background working in the corporate world has thoroughly prepared me to address the cost control challenges that the Town of Orange will continue to face in these difficult economic times."

### Jim Leahy

When I first came to Orange in 1983, I considered it a 'hidden gem,' a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Since then, it's been my pleasure to volunteer and contribute to our Town. Over the last 6 years, Orange reduced its rate of spending 57% while maintaining town services and educational excellence. I respectfully ask for your support to continue on the Board of Finance. Thank you.



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# ELECTION 2011 – THE REPUBLICANS

## AMITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### John Grasso Jr.

I am a lifelong resident of Orange, a graduate of Amity High School, and hold Bachelor's degrees in Accounting and in Business Management and Economics. I have over 23 years of public service experience including 8 years as a decorated Orange police officer. In addition, I have experience as a member of the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and am currently a lieutenant with the Hamden Fire Department.



### Leticia Hashem

With a background in business, I have been an OBOE member for 4 yrs, and also chaired the BOE's Finance Committee, and helped lead the development of 3 fiscally-sound budgets during difficult years. It is my desire to bring both my passion for education and my fiscal experience to the Amity Board of Education to help Amity provide the highest possible education for our kids in a way that is fiscally sound for the Orange tax payer.



### Christopher Browe

I believe that the Amity school system is one of our best treasures and should be celebrated and protected. With my past volunteer science teaching experience and as a Dad of three, I am prepared to support the development of new curriculums and opportunities for the district. In addition, I am committed to selecting the new superintendent in a clear and open process and with the input of the community.



### Tracey Lane Russo

I ask the voters of Orange to support my bid to become a member of the Amity Board of Education. The value of a public education cannot be overstated and, if elected, I assure you that I will do my part to make sure that our children have every opportunity to succeed. I firmly believe that a quality education provides the foundation upon which to build a lifetime of success. Our children deserve that foundation.



## ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Keith Marquis

With a new Superintendent coming in, Orange will need experienced leadership on the Board of Education to control, and assist the new Superintendent as she finds her way into our Education system. As Vice Chair for the past two years and the Finance Committee for 4 years, Keith Marquis has kept an eye on costs and knows the administrative aspects of the OBOE. Please vote for Keith Marquis.



### William Kraut

We can do more for our children's education by prioritizing educational goals and reallocating resources. We need to guide our children into the future and provide them with the most up-to-date technology to keep them on the cutting edge of tomorrow. Providing this is a responsibility not an option. I will work to ensure that our schools' resources are maximized for all our children. Better communication between the BOE, teachers, parent groups and administrators would be a good start.



### Robert Ricciardi

As your representative I will be committed to all the children of Orange by working to make certain that they are provided with the highest quality of education they deserve. I will also be committed to the people of Orange to ensure that fiscal responsibility is applied by reducing unnecessary spending while still ensuring that our children receive an enhanced curriculum. I am driven to make sure that Orange continues to improve the educational experience for our children, which in turn will continue to drive the overall growth of our community.



## TOWN PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION

### Judy Smith Morgan

During my 18 years on the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, I have strived to balance vibrant economic development with protection of the residential district and open space acquisitions, in order to preserve the rural character of Orange. My zoning experience allows me to address the future zoning challenges such as: updating infrastructure, housing needs while maintaining a stable tax base.



As an owner of the Orange Hills C.C. and a lifelong resident of Orange, I am sensitive to the needs of local business and I am committed to land use policies which promote both private enterprise and personal property rights.

### Ralph Aschettino

I believe that my experience on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, Amity Building Committee, HPCC Building Committee, Building Board of Appeal, and 32 years experience in the construction industry, provides me with the right qualifications to serve on the Orange Plan and Zoning Commission. I will work hard to insure Orange is business friendly, while rigorously enforcing the rules. Please vote for me on November 8.



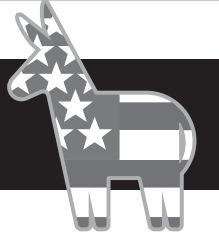
### John Belfonti

- MBA - Fairfield University
- B.S. Mechanical Engineering - Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Amity H.S. Class of 1990 Senior Class VP
- Environmental Engineering, Inc. - VP Operations
- CT Registered Professional Engineer



"With my education in engineering and business and my experience in the construction trades, I feel that I have the background necessary to be a productive member of the Plan & Zoning Commission. I humbly ask for your support on November 8th."

# VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



# ELECTION 2011 – THE DEMOCRATS

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### Joseph F. Blake



I have served on your Board of Selectmen for the past 32 years. I have been very active as chairman of every major building project at the High Plains Community Center. Also, The Clark Building, known once as the former library was completed under my direction and came in way under cost estimate. A strong advocate of affordable senior housing, I am presently on the executive board at Silverbrook Estates.

Education has always been one of my top priorities, serving on past education committees at Amity and our elementary schools. Other activities include personnel committee, Charter Revision Committee, The Orange firehouse, library building committee, Past President Holy Infant Church and American Legion Post 127.

Economic development, a strong fund balance and keeping property tax low are major goals of mine. The job ahead for all of us is not going to be an easy one. Tough decisions will have to be made.

At times in the past 32 years some of my votes have been difficult ones for me, but they have always been in the best interest of Orange. Trying to please everyone is impossible but I will continue to maintain an open form of government with honesty and integrity. I will always answer your concerns by telephone, email or face to face conversation.

I have truly enjoyed the past 32 years on the Board of Selectmen. My years on the Board have given me the experience to understand the needs of our town. With your vote and support, I hope to carry this experience into the coming years to serve you even better.

### Mitch Goldblatt



I'm asking for your vote so that I may serve a tenth consecutive term (including three terms as First Selectman) on the Board of Selectmen.

I enjoy representing our town and making Orange a better community for all our residents and businesses. In addition to being elected as both a Selectman and First Selectman, I served twelve years on the Town Plan and Zoning Commission and ten years as Chairman of the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission.

As First Selectman, I left our town in excellent financial shape. Our fund balance, which is envied by other communities, has enabled us to maintain a great bond rating. In addition we purchased open space and greatly improved our schools.

I chaired the building committees for the Post Road Fire Station and Case Memorial Library, and served on the town's Pension Board, Personnel Committee, and Recycling Committee.

I am employed as the Director of Human Resources for the Town of Guilford working with municipal personnel issues, labor contracts, employee benefits, risk management, and pensions.

In addition, I am an adjunct professor of Public Administration at the University of New Haven.

My wife Abby and I live on Drummond Road, where our son Carl is a sophomore at Amity and our daughter Shayna is in 6th grade at Peck Place School.

Finally, I have a passion for the Town of Orange, and enjoy giving back to our community. I am proud to be a Selectman and hope to continue for another two years.

### Trish Pearson



From the time our son, Patrick, entered Nursery school, I have been involved in Orange; working to solve problems, helping out where I can and stepping up, assuming leadership roles when the opportunity presented itself. Whether building the Mary L Tracy playground, starting the Race Brook School Publishing Center, managing the snack bar at the Little League field, or working in the Rotary Amber Alert tent, these are the experiences that make Orange so special.

Public service is my passion and I have learned so much about town management through on the job training, serving as Chairman of the Police Commission, and Boston Post Road Committee and as an 8 year member on the Board of Selectmen. My goal has been and will continue to be making Orange a better place to live, play and educate our children. This is why we moved here and what keeps us here. It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Selectmen and I hope to have the opportunity to continue my work with Joe, Mitch and Kevin for two more years. There is much that needs to be done, and we need the right team in place to make life in Orange better for all of us.

## TAX COLLECTOR

### Marilynn Marks



Orange is a great town. Many of us come for the schools, but stay for the community. Marilynn Marks is a forty year resident, whose experience as a teacher, parent, and executive board member of a scholarship organization brings many different perspectives. Customer service should not be left at the door of Orange Town Hall. Taxpayers should be treated with respect and sensitivity. As tax collector, Marks will bring professionalism and courtesy to town government.

### Kevin Moffett



Kevin is the senior member of the Board of Finance, serving since 2003. He has been a part of the Orange community for over 25 years; serving as an officer in Little League, Paugusset Club, Parks and Recreation Commissioner and as a Constable. Kevin understands the needs of senior residents as well as being sensitive to the needs of families. He remains committed to keeping our finances stable and improving services.

### Patrick J. (P.J.) Shanley



P.J. is a native son of Orange, choosing to return here to raise his family. He is a financial professional with a background in analysis and investments. P.J. is also an enthusiastic volunteer, volunteering for such organizations as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the Knights of St. Patrick. Patrick looks forward to improving our financial position through promoting Economic Development, and controlling spending by eliminating waste.

### Michael Storz



Michael is an educator and an administrator, a good combination for a member of the Board of Finance. As the President of Chapel Haven, a large nonprofit organization, Mike understands the importance of delivering quality service within budgetary constraints. His community service includes, Chair of the Orange Community Services Commission, Board member of the Greater New Haven Transit District, and Bridges. Michael is married with two children.

### Neal DeLaurentis



While Neal may be a newcomer to the local public service arena, his entire career is defined as "Mr. Public Service". His background includes: serving in the Peace Corps; with USAID in Eastern Europe; and currently as Vice President in the Soros Economic Development Fund. Neal will bring his vast public service experience to Orange – where he grew up. Neal will be a great addition to the Board of Finance.

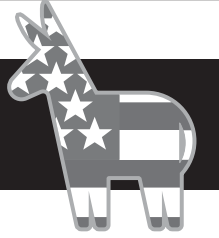
## CONSTABLE



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# ELECTION 2011 – THE DEMOCRATS

## AMITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Susan Riccio

Susan is an educator and financial professional. She taught on the secondary level for several years before making a career change to financial analysis. An involved mom, she has volunteered extensively at Mary L. Tracy and Peck Place Schools. She is a product of the Amity School system and understands the value of a good secondary education. She wants to insure that the Amity system remains strong for her children and beyond.



### Diane Crocco

Diane Crocco has served on the Amity Board of Education since 2007. She is a mother of three, and has been involved in many youth related activities. Her service as a volunteer includes Special Olympics, Relay for Life, Muscular Dystrophy Association to name a few. Crocco's commitment to the community and its children speaks for itself. She has been an outstanding board member.



### Polly Demirjian

Polly is a parent who emerged as a leader from the start, serving as president of Peck Place school PTA and then as Amity PTSA president in 2010. She is an attorney and a mom who recognizes the importance of maintaining the high educational standards our residents expect. She also understands the importance of balancing high educational standards with fiscal responsibility.



### Elyse Borsuk

As a member of the Orange community, a local Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, as well as Education Chair at her synagogue, Borsuk has a keen sense of the needs of Amity students. "In order to maintain the fine reputation of the Amity School System we must address the needs of the individual students. In order to best serve those students, it is vital that we look at their academic, physical and emotional needs as all are equally important."



## ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

### Jody Dietch

I have brought my experience as a parent, former day care center owner, and PTA president since being elected to the Orange Board of Education. In that time, there have been significant increases in CMT scores putting us at the top of our DRG. We have added technology, begun major capital improvements and completed a successful superintendent search. My goal is to make decisions based on what is best for our schools and our children.



### Susan Falvey

I am a professional educator with extensive elementary and secondary school experience. I appreciate what is needed for students on a daily basis. I have been listening to many people in Orange so I know what people's concerns are for the schools in our town. I believe that my role is to be a conduit of information between the community and the board of education. As a parent and an educator I am truly invested in our education system.



### Marlene Itzler

Marlene is the face of Orange parents today – balancing a career with family. She is a familiar face at Peck Place School volunteering in the library and art goes to school program as well as a practicing attorney. Marlene recognizes the importance of community involvement and pledges to focus on high academic standards, reasonable class sizes and fiscal responsibility. Marlene will bring a fresh perspective to the Board of Education.



## TOWN PLAN & ZONING COMMISSION

### Rick Mangione

A three term member of Plan and Zoning, Rick is also Chair of the Inland Wetlands & Water Courses Commission. His professional background in construction, specializing in petroleum equipment, has made him an invaluable member of the commission. He has been a leader in insuring that our zoning regulations are fairly applied, especially where inland wetlands are impacted. Rick is committed to preserving the environment in Orange and managing development responsibly.



### Andrea Shiffrin

Andrea is well versed in land use and regulations. Her background as a realtor makes her uniquely qualified to appreciate the importance of sound planning and preservation of our residential zone. Andrea has been active in Orange for many years, serving as a member of OGAT, Orange Community Women, Orange Players and the Orange Arts and Culture Council. Andrea will look out for our interests when it involves development and land use.



### Paul Kaplan

Paul is completing his seventh year on the Board. Previously he was a five year member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. An attorney, his expertise is in commercial and real estate law. Paul brings valuable experience and viewpoint to zoning and land use issues. He understands well, the need for sound zoning policies as well as the need to promote commercial development.



## TOWN CLERK

### Pat O'Sullivan

Running unopposed for his 8th term as Town Clerk, Pat O'Sullivan is a legacy in Orange. He is a life-long resident, who has been involved in town public service for over 30 years. O'Sullivan has been Town Clerk since 1997 and

is looking forward to continue serving the town for another term. Previous to that he has held many offices in town, including Selectman and member of the Board of Finance.



# ORANGE MUNICIPAL ELECTION BALLOT, NOVEMBER 8, 2011

| OFFICE<br>→<br>PARTY<br>↓ | 1<br>First<br>Selectman                          | 2 3 4<br>Selectmen<br>Vote for Any Three      |  |  | 5<br>Town Clerk   | 6<br>Tax<br>Collector                                   | 7 8 9<br>Board of Finance<br>Full Term<br>Vote for Any Three |  |   | 10<br>Board of<br>Finance<br>To Fill Vacancy<br>for Two Years | 11 12 13<br>Board of Education<br>Vote for Any Three |  |  |
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| DEMOCRATIC                | <input type="radio"/> 1A<br>Kevin M.<br>McNabola | <input type="radio"/> 2A<br>Trish<br>Pearson  | <input type="radio"/> 3A<br>Mitchell R.<br>Goldblatt | <input type="radio"/> 4A<br>Joseph F.<br>Blake         | <input type="radio"/> 5A<br>Patrick B.<br>O'Sullivan II | <input type="radio"/> 6A<br>Marilynn<br>Gimple<br>Marks | <input type="radio"/> 7A<br>Kevin<br>Moffett                 | <input type="radio"/> 8A<br>Neal<br>DeLaurentis      | <input type="radio"/> 9A<br>Michael<br>Storz  | <input type="radio"/> 10A<br>P.J.<br>Shanley                  | <input type="radio"/> 11A<br>Susan<br>Falvey         | <input type="radio"/> 12A<br>Marlene<br>Itzler   | <input type="radio"/> 13A<br>Jody<br>Dietch      |
| REPUBLICAN                | <input type="radio"/> 1B<br>James M.<br>Zeoli    | <input type="radio"/> 2B<br>John<br>Carangelo | <input type="radio"/> 3B<br>Ralph<br>Okenquist       | <input type="radio"/> 4B<br>Judy<br>Wright<br>Williams | <input type="radio"/> 5B                                | <input type="radio"/> 6B<br>Sandra D.<br>Pierson        | <input type="radio"/> 7B<br>Jim<br>Leahy                     | <input type="radio"/> 8B<br>Frederick A.<br>Kendrick | <input type="radio"/> 9B<br>Kevin<br>Houlihan | <input type="radio"/> 10B<br>Glen<br>Ketchian                 | <input type="radio"/> 11B<br>Keith E.<br>Marquis     | <input type="radio"/> 12B<br>William J.<br>Kraut | <input type="radio"/> 13B<br>Robert<br>Ricciardi |
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## PLEASE VOTE ON BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT!

| OFFICE<br>→<br>PARTY<br>↓ | 14 15<br>Planning and Zoning<br>Commission<br>Four Year Term Begins 2011<br>Vote for Any Two |  | 16<br>Planning and<br>Zoning<br>Commission<br>Four Year Term<br>Begins 2012 | 17   | 18 19 20<br>Constable<br>Vote for Any Four       |  |  | 21 22 23 24<br>Amity Regional Board of Education<br>Vote for Any Four |   |   |  |
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| DEMOCRATIC                | <input type="radio"/> 14A<br>Andrea<br>Shiffirin   | <input type="radio"/> 15A<br>Rick<br>Mangione          | <input type="radio"/> 16A<br>Paul M.<br>Kaplan                              | <input type="radio"/> 17A<br>Robert<br>Shanley     | <input type="radio"/> 18A<br>Stephen<br>Hechtman | <input type="radio"/> 19A<br>Santo J.<br>Galatioto Jr. | <input type="radio"/> 20A<br>Randy<br>Thomas | <input type="radio"/> 21A<br>Elyse<br>Borsuk                          | <input type="radio"/> 22A<br>Polly<br>Demirjian   | <input type="radio"/> 23A<br>Susan E.<br>Riccio | <input type="radio"/> 24A<br>Diane<br>Crocco       |
| REPUBLICAN                | <input type="radio"/> 14B<br>Ralph<br>Aschettino   | <input type="radio"/> 15B<br>Judy<br>Smith -<br>Morgan | <input type="radio"/> 16B<br>John C.<br>Belfonti                            | <input type="radio"/> 17B<br>Michael P.<br>Donadeo | <input type="radio"/> 18B<br>Jeffrey<br>Vargo    | <input type="radio"/> 19B<br>Kristen<br>Marquis        | <input type="radio"/> 20B<br>Jody<br>Daymon  | <input type="radio"/> 21B<br>Tracey<br>Lane<br>Russo                  | <input type="radio"/> 22B<br>Christopher<br>Browe | <input type="radio"/> 23B<br>Leticia<br>Hashem  | <input type="radio"/> 24B<br>John A.<br>Grasso Jr. |
| WRITE-IN VOTES<br>→       | <input type="radio"/> 14C  | <input type="radio"/> 15C                              | <input type="radio"/> 16C   | <input type="radio"/> 17C                          | <input type="radio"/> 18C                        | <input type="radio"/> 19C                              | <input type="radio"/> 20C                    | <input type="radio"/> 21C   | <input type="radio"/> 22C                         | <input type="radio"/> 23C                       | <input type="radio"/> 24C                          |

### Orange Electorate Demographics

|                    |            |               |                      |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Democrats .....    | 2460 (24%) | Male .....    | 4760 (48%)           |
| Republicans .....  | 2399 (24%) | Female .....  | 5309 (52%)           |
| Unaffiliated ..... | 5186 (52%) | Seniors ..... | (over 65) 2579 (26%) |
| Total .....        | 10069      |               |                      |



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*Jim Biggart, President of Hubbell Inc. presents a \$50,000 check to First Selectman Jim Zeoli for the parking lot to be built for Orange's newly acquired open space parcel.*

## Hubbell Purchase Finalized

Jim Biggart, Vice President and Treasurer of Hubbell Incorporated stated that Hubbell is pleased that we were able to reach agreement with the Town of Orange and complete the closing for the sale of 376 acres of land to the town.

This is a good result for Hubbell as well as the town. Hubbell sold the land to the town for \$7.1 million, a discount of over \$2 million to its appraised value of \$9.2 million. Hubbell also presented a \$50,000 check to the town at its open house October 17th. The contribution will be used by the town to help pay for the costs of creating a new entryway and parking for the property.

The open house sponsored by the town and Hubbell was conducted at Hubbell's former headquarters. Hubbell has retained this building with 46 acres of land and is currently offering it for sale. The open house was attended by over 75 brokers, local business people, town officials and representatives of Hubbell.

First Selectman James Zeoli is pleased with the purchase of this acreage from Hubbell. This was the largest privately owned parcel within the boundaries of the Town of Orange. This parcel will be left in its natural state for many generations to explore and enjoy long into the future. This open space purchase moves the town much closer to the goal of 1,000 acres preserved, set by Dr. Edmund Tucker years ago.



*It was a great day for the Pumpkin Palooza as many families were out enjoying the activities and good food. Many thanks go to the Orange Special Events Committee who did a fantastic job putting it all together. Pictured are Fred Kendrick and Selectwoman Judy Wright Williams as they greeted the children before they ventured into the haunted maze.*

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**"Dining with Susan"**

By Susan Noonan



**Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant**

One of my favorite things about living in Orange is the wide range of ethnic food in town. How many times do you ask the family "what do you feel like tonight?" Italian, Chinese, Thai, Indian, Sushi, and of course Mexican. I am pleased to report that Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant recently opened at the former 99 Restaurant location on the Boston Post Road.

The transformation is amazing with the interior of the restaurant tastefully decorated with soft pink walls, adobe-like architecture and tile-enhanced table tops, seems like a whole new building. There is also a private outdoor dining area. I had an opportunity to meet with owner Esaul Rodriguez and his bio is such a success story I would like to share it with my readers. "Jalisco, Mexico seems far away to many. But thanks to Esaul Rodriguez, owner of Puerto Vallarta's, it can be found in Connecticut, U.S.A. Esaul came from a large farming family in a small but beautiful Mexican village-Union de Tula, in the state of Jalisco. Farming and ranching were among the only ways to make a living. Esaul wanted more. At 16 years old, speaking no English and with just six dollars in his pocket, he went to Seattle to work in his uncle's Mexican restaurant. He learned fast, worked hard, and grew the skills necessary to be successful. He moved up from bus boy, to waiter, to cook-managing people, schedules, products, vendors, budgets, banks and brand-authentic Mexican dishes made from scratch. In 1991, at age 21, he opened his own Mexican restaurant in Oregon with his brother, Juan. He expected to save some money and move back to Mexico. He loved the culture and warmth of his birth country, but began to love this country, too. Determined to do even better, with everything on the line and a longing to bring the best of Mexico here, he came east to seek his fortune. He wanted to create a place where you could truly experience Mexican culture. Not only delicious, well-prepared foods and beverages made from scratch, but also the smells, tastes, sounds, colors, flavor and beauty of Mexico. His hard work, a desire for more, and a passion for his homeland and love of the land of prosperity-the United States-made Esaul's dream come true.

In 1999, he opened his first restaurant in West Hartford. His freshly-made foods and authentic venue were unique to the area and competition for good Mexican food was limited. Before long, people were lining up to get in. Once that restaurant gained popularity, it was possible (and a smart idea) to open another in Connecticut. In 2001, Puerto Vallarta opened in Newington. In 2003, they opened in Middletown. Then in 2004, in Southington and in 2006 in Avon and finally 2011 in Orange. . Esaul is very happy to be bringing the traditional Mexican food and an accurate taste of Mexican culture to his new location in Orange and the surrounding communities. All Puerto Vallarta restaurants offer authentic Mexican menu selections, most notably moist Mexican rice infused with mild Mexican spices, refried beans oozing with melted cheese, appetizers that range from traditional nachos to shrimp with mushrooms and garlic, and much more. At Puerto Vallarta, you can relax with family and friends while enjoying the fun and flavors of old Mexico. They always greet you with a warm smile and a bountiful basket of warm corn tortilla chips, freshly prepared using 100% cholesterol free vegetable oil. Nothing goes better with the chips than their famous salsa! It too is made fresh daily with only the freshest tomatoes, onions and chilies available. Freshness is also the secret to the unforgettable flavor of Puerto Vallarta's food. Their chefs skillfully prepare all food fresh each and every day- never frozen and continuing the commitment to cooking from scratch according to traditional recipes. Guacamole and salsa are prepared fresh at your table. Fajitas marinated in a secret family sauce, charred to perfection and served sizzling, are a mouth-watering favorite. Corn tortillas, handmade every day, are just the way you'd enjoy them in Mexico. Mojitos and margaritas are a Puerto Vallarta specialty. Authentic, fresh and delicious Mexican foods, colorful décor and friendly staff make you feel as if you've been transported across the border. Puerto Vallarta restaurant boasts an atmosphere that's warm and inviting. And its delicious fare, made with special herbs and spices, is prepared by chefs experienced in the most creative dishes from different regions of Mexico. Visit its web site for lunch & dinner menus: [www.puertovallartausa.com](http://www.puertovallartausa.com) - Open 7 days a week. -Sunday-Thursday 11am-10:30pm - Friday & Saturday 11am-11pm. All major credit cards accepted-Handicapped accessible- Ample parking in large lot surrounding building-Reservations not required-Take-out available on all menu items.

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Final notes: Puerto Vallarta is a great new addition to the town of Orange. Esaul's success story is a true inspiration to all of us. I know you will be as impressed as I was with the top notch food, warm and friendly service along with the very beautiful ambiance. Please remember to support our local family owned businesses. If you have a favorite restaurant e-mail [susan@orangetownnews.com](mailto:susan@orangetownnews.com).

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**Q:** When will **Tori Spelling's** reality show return to Oxygen? It's one of my guilty pleasures, and I have to admit that I miss it! -- Patty T., via e-mail

**A:** Tori and husband **Dean McDermott** will return for the sixth season of **"Tori and Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood"** on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Originally named "Tori and Dean: Inn Love" -- where the couple opened a B-and-B while Tori was eight months pregnant with their first child -- the new season will welcome the couple's third child together, Hattie Margaret, who was born in October. Hattie joins siblings Liam and Stella, as well as Dean's son, Jack, from a previous marriage.

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**Q:** Will **"Swamp Wars"** be back on Animal Planet anytime soon? -- Fred R., Baton Rouge, La.

**A:** Animal Planet will be bringing back "Swamp Wars" for more drama as the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue's Venom One unit carries on its battle against the lethal animals that threaten South Florida. A 12-episode second season begins on Sunday, Nov. 6, at 9 p.m. ET/PT, starting with six all-new episodes and another set of six episodes slated to air in 2012.

This season has our heroes facing a Tegu lizard outbreak as well as Nile monitors and Burmese pythons -- you know, just the usual deadly invasive creatures. They also battle venomous lionfish, which are proliferating the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico, and have no known aquatic enemies.

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**Q:** I read and enjoy your articles that appear in our newspaper every Sunday. I bet you can answer this: Will **"Covert Affairs"** on the USA channel be back? -- Virginia G., Webster, N.Y.

**A:** "Covert Affairs" begins airing the second half of its second season on Nov. 1, with six episodes left to round out the season. And I have even more good news for you, Virginia: USA has renewed "Covert Af-



Tori Spelling

fairs" for a 16-episode third season, to begin airing summer 2012. In fact, all of USA's original summer programming has been renewed, including **"Royal Pains"** and **"Necessary Roughness."**

USA co-presidents **Chris McCumber** and **Jeff Wachtel** said in a statement: "USA's original programming blew through all expectations this summer. It's a rare and wonderful thing to announce the pick-up of our entire summer of programming."

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**Q:** I remember reading in previous columns that you are a big fan of Syfy's **"Being Human,"** so I figure you can tell me if/when it'll be back for a second season? -- Johnny T., via e-mail

**A:** I am, and I can. The werewolf/vampire/ghost paranormal drama will return for its second season on Monday, Jan. 16. As you'll recall, last season saw the demise of Bishop at the hands of Aidan, with Aidan becoming the new leader of Boston's vampires; Nora learned Josh is a werewolf, not revealing to him that he scratched her while he was in werewolf form; and Sally missed her window to the Great Beyond to help save Aidan.

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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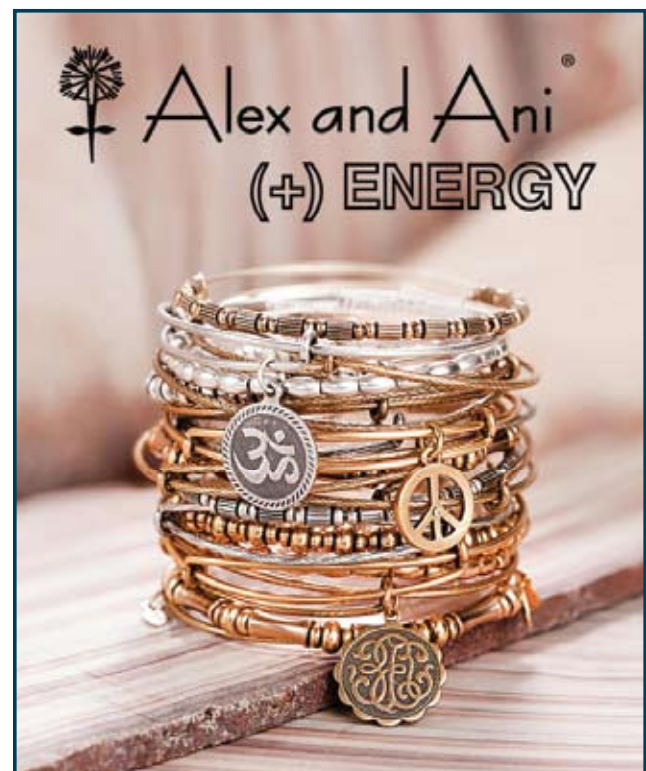
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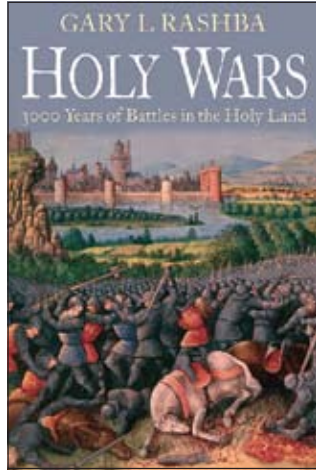
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**BOOK REVIEW**

**HOLY WARS - 3000 Years of Battles in the Holy Land by Gary Rashba**

Alexander the Great, Roman Legions, Arabian Horsemen, Crusader knights, Mongols, Ottomans and Napoleon. Orange native Gary Rashba was fascinated to discover that so many great civilizations have sent their soldiers to the Holy Land. So fascinated, in fact, that he wrote a book about it. Rashba's recently-released book: HOLY WARS - 3000 Years of Battles in the Holy Land (Casemate Publishers) describes the history of conflict in the Holy Land, from the Israelites' conquest of the Promised Land to Israel's most recent clashes. His book reminds us that the Middle East dispute is nothing new; the Holy Land has been contested for millennia.



Rashba focuses on pivotal battles or campaigns to tell the story of each historical era, intentionally foregoing an exhaustive account of every battle fought over the years--enabling HOLY WARS to cover battles from Biblical times to present day. While the book runs chronologically, chapters are conveniently self-contained, meaning readers can choose a specific chapter for a snapshot of a particular period of interest without having to read the previous nor subsequent chapter.

Rashba's writing has appeared in military and aviation enthusiast magazines, specialty magazines, newspapers and on the internet. HOLY WARS is his first book--the culmination of more than a decade's work. While the book is clearly extensively researched, the author describes himself as storyteller rather than historian, bringing readers a sense of the fight and the context in which the battle was fought, in a work written for the layman. Anyone interested in military history, the history of the Holy Land or simply eager to know more about the Middle East will find HOLY WARS an invaluable read. For more information about the book and author, please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/holywarsbook/>.



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## HISTORY CORNER

With Ginny Reinhard

# Did They Always Think This Way?

During the last few decades, politics has evolved into an arena of confrontation, mud slinging and a general contest between the parties, whoever they may be and if you talk to the old timers they'll tell you that "it wasn't like that when FDR was running for president." Obviously serving three terms does give credence to his popularity but let's go back, further than that.

It was 1785 and the western part of the New Haven Colony, known as West Farms, was not entirely satisfied with the fact that they were required to pay their share of expenses for the New Haven Colony when they received a small amount for their own improvements. Petitioning the General Assembly for self-government was the legal way to proceed but they were turned down again in 1787. Both New Haven Colony and Milford opposed this, claiming that a new town would deprive them of some of their lands, weakening them politically and economically.

Although West Farms was more than happy with the size of their little community, New Haven contended that it would make "too small a town." With this and the other reasons firmly planted, the charter was denied! It wasn't until 1820 that West Farms approached the Ecclesiastical Society of North Milford with the proposition that the two districts unite to form a town. Keep in mind that North Milford was part of the Colony of Milford and thus the two offshoots could find solace in their uniting.

The men of North Milford were very conservative, taking a public opinion poll of the citizens before giving West Farms a hasty decision. After much discussion, they agreed to join West Haven on three conditions: One, that all town meetings would be at the meetinghouse in North Milford; two, that for the first 10 years after the merger, each society would pay such expenses that would be incurred within its own limits; and three, that North Milford would not be responsible for any expense at the General Assembly, if the petition was not granted.

Taking text from *The History of Orange* by Mary R. Woodruff gives us the words but one must wonder how charged was the attitude of the citizens at this change. What were they saying as their leaders forged a new link in a chain that would bind West Farms and North Milford for another hundred years? "At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut holden at New Haven, in said state on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, upon the petition of the inhabitants of the Society of North Milford by their agents Ichabod Woodruff and others and the inhabitants of the Society of West Haven, by their agents, Nathan Platt and others, showing the population, situation, extents of territory and amount of Lists, etc. praying for reasons set forth at large in said petition: to be incorporated as a distinct town; as by petition on file, dated April 18, 1821. (Note - Seems there are a few verbs missing.)

The "resolve" outlines the boundaries, beginning at the sound extending through the harbor to the mouth of the West River and up to the bridge on the Derby Turnpike Road. With the "thence this and thence that," the "town" was created. "And the inhabitants aforesaid and their successors forever residing within said limits shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and immunities enjoyed by other towns in this state, with the right of sending one Representative only to the General Assembly of this State." What would a decree be without the statement "and said new town shall pay such proportion of all debts, charges and expenses, suits, petitions and claims already due and accrued, commenced or existing against said Town of New Haven." West Haven was charged with the support of the poor.

The first town meeting was held on the 2nd Monday of June in 1822 with Charles H. Pond, Esq. high sheriff for the county of New Haven, moderator. Officers were chosen but there is no indication on how they were chosen and who did the choosing. Those chosen were Town Clerk; Benjamin Lambert, Selectmen; John Bryan Jr. Thomas Painter, Ichabod Woodruff, Aaron Thomas, Jr. and Lyman Law, Treasurer; Nathan Clark, Constables; Nathan Merwin, Lyman Prindle, Garry Treat and James Reynolds. Grand Jurors; Nathan Clark, Jonathan Judd, John Hubbard and Nehemiah Kimberly. Tythingmen; Garry Treat, Aaron Clark, Jr. Simeon Smith, Bradford Smith, Lyman Prindle and Samuel Pardee, Sealers of Weights & Measures; Jesse Hodge, Filemon Smith, Pound Keepers; (stray animals) Nathan Platt, Nathan Clark, James

Reynolds, Fence Viewers; Benjamin Clark, Jesse Allen, Jonas Merwin, Robert Treat, Eliakim Kimberly and Aaron Thomas.

A second town meeting was held in October of 1822 with Thomas Painter moderator and a Board of Assessors was chosen and they voted that notices were to be "put up" at North Milford, Allingtown and Dogburn. Yes, Dogburn. Using these three areas of the "new" town put the notices in a triangle with Dogburn to the north, Allingtown to the east and North Milford to the west. In December of that year it was voted "that the Selectmen have the

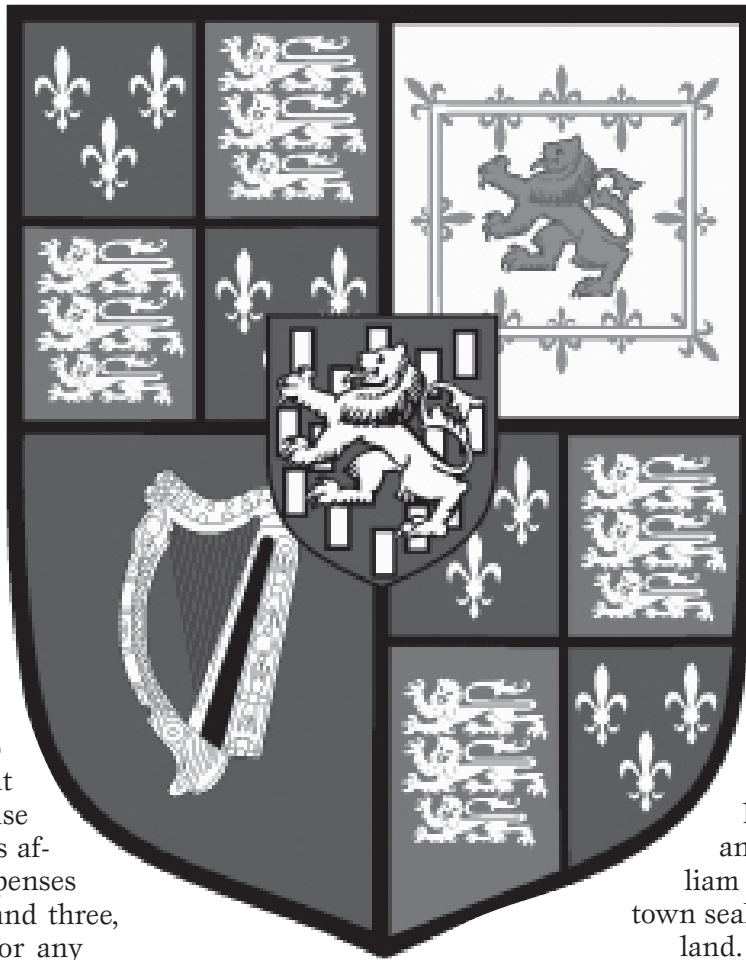
power of distributing the money at their discretion on the highways." As the meeting continued it was "voted that a tax of six cents be laid on the dollar including one and one-half cents for highways." Although the first tax was high, the assessments appeared to be low and the total tax due was moderate. With this burden in place, it was allowed that the inhabitants had the liberty to work out their tax at 8 cents an hour. At this time, the Tax Collector was auctioned to the lowest bidder.

After all of this, another committee was appointed to choose a name for the town. Something like naming a new puppy, yipes. Now I can only imagine that this meeting got a bit "warm" and being one of the opponents of the change of our town seal a decade or so ago, I can only imagine the rhetoric with the naming of the town. There *was* a difference of opinion, that is clearly written in the *History of Orange*. Some wanted North Milford. After all, the original colony was Milford. West Farms had approached North Milford to be included so why not keep it the same? Nada. Others favored Milford Haven while still others liked Westford. Finally, the committee chose Orange. Why you ask? Well, let me tell you. Prince William of Orange, whose coat of arms was our original town seal, was the husband of Mary Stuart, Queen of England. He had been very influential in the restoration of colonial privileges when her father, King James sought to dissolve the Connecticut Colony and return her subjects' loyalty to England, to say nothing of the wealth

and opportunities the colony offered. It is important to note that in 1665, the New Haven Colony had been forced by several factions to become part of the Connecticut Colony and thus Prince William was important to the saving of both parties.

The fence viewer was responsible for the repair of all fences and if, after being notified of a damaged one, the owner did not make the repairs, it was repaired and the owner was sent the bill. Originally, West Farms was to take care of the poor but in 1823, it was voted that the Selectmen may put the town paupers to the lowest bidder to be supported during the ensuing year. And the beat goes on. Politics, politics...the same everywhere you go. Someone is always going to go away angry, disappointed or just plain disgusted.... Has any of it changed? Probably not but it always seems to have been easier in "the good ole days." See you at the polls.

*Excerpts from The History of Orange 1639-1949 by Mary R. Woodruff available for sale at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall.*



Seal of Prince William of Orange

The Orange Historical Society is pleased to announce the acquisition of an original Emily Prudden water color, one of the pages from her sketch book now owned by Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, North Carolina. The blue-flowered sketch was authenticated by the University as being Emily's work as her style and use of color is distinct and easily recognizable by those who have collected her work over the years.

Emily's love of nature and life itself is depicted in the many floral water colors attributed to her as she presents them in their botanical uniqueness. Copies of six of her prints are now available from the Orange Historical Society. Matted and ready to frame, Emily's prints will be showcased at the Academy on Sunday's during November and on December 4 at the tree lighting event. At this time, quantities are limited to two of each of the 6 prints. For information and availability, call 203 795-6465.



## HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

### Rev. Peter Baldwin to Speak

Join Reverend Peter Baldwin Panagore as he tells of dying of exposure while ice climbing in Canadian Rocky Mountains in March of 1980. Come hear his story of why and how he died, how he experienced Heaven, and was allowed to return to live a life in this world, and how it shaped his life and ministry. Reverend Panagore, will tell his Near Death Experience (NDE) story on Saturday, November 12 from 7:00-8:30 PM at the Orange Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, located on the Green at 205 Meeting House Lane. This event is free. The public is welcome. Come hear this exciting and true story from a master storyteller. Heaven is real. Refreshments will be offered following the presentation.



Reverend Peter Baldwin Panagore

The wider community is also welcome on Sunday morning, November 13, to join Reverend Panagore and the Orange congregation at the 8:00 AM or 10:00 AM service to hear much shorter sacred stories told. Refreshments will follow the service.

Starting in 1986, Reverend Panagore served at the Orange Congregational Church for three years as the Interim Associate Minister. Reverend Panagore now broadcasts daily, telling his own two-minute inspirational stories to one million people a week on two NBC affiliates across Maine, into New Hampshire and New Brunswick, and on AM, FM, CD, App (Call on Faith), DailyDevotions.org, YouTube, Facebook, email, Twitter, magazine, a book (Two Minutes for God), and in churches, at retreats, in public settings, and private meetings from coast to coast. Reverend Panagore serves as the on-air minister for First Radio Parish Church of America, America's oldest continuous religious and inspiration broadcast, founded in 1926. Visit DailyDevotions.org to view video, find more information, and find their Face Book link.

Reverend Panagore will be signing books and will be available for conversation after the events. A CD copy of his NDE story is available.

### Temple Emanuel to Celebrate 50 Years

Temple Emanuel will be celebrating its 50th anniversary throughout the coming year. Guests are welcome to share our parties, musical events, lectures and unique shabbat services as we embrace our next half century. Temple Emanuel is a vibrant, caring and socially involved community. As a small Reform congregation of 170 families, we are able to know one another and have meaningful input to the planning and programs for TE. Under the leadership of our dynamic new rabbi, Michael Farbman, we are exploring new directions and learning about Judaism, our community and the world from a perspective which combines modern thinking with traditional values.

Rabbi Farbman has introduced regular joyous musical shabbat services with our own Temple Emanuel orchestra of musicians from 11-60+. This warm, uplifting experience has members and guests singing and connecting.

To better serve our students, Temple Emanuel has introduced a new school curriculum of self paced Hebrew combined with prayer instruction and discussions of Jewish values. Our adult members enjoy study in Hebrew, Basic Judaism and Torah taught by Rabbi Farbman. Our buildings are alive with voices of our congregation, diverse and multigenerational, praying and singing together, working to plan events, build a Sukkah, collect and distribute food to local pantries, participate in interfaith work or walk to raise awareness of a social injustice. We use technology to better communicate and serve our members. Visit our website and view our calendar for current information and scheduling. This is an exciting time to visit and become part of the Temple Emanuel family. Temple Emanuel is located at 150 Derby Avenue (Route 34). For more information, or to request a membership packet, call 203-397-3000.



### Second Time Around Sale

Holy Infant Women's Guild is having its fall Second Time Around Sale on Saturday, November 19th. The sale will be at the Holy Infant Church gymnasium at 450 Racebrook Road from 9 am - 2 pm. There will be over 30 vendors selling a variety of items including cards, books, antiques, collectibles. The sale benefits the annual scholarship that the Guild awards to a graduating senior, as well as various charitable contributions that the Guild makes through the year. Refreshments will be available. For more information call Marilyn at 203-795-9078.



Holy Infant Church

### Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events

**Life in a Jar**, Sunday, November 6, 10:00 am: Our Annual Kristallnacht program will focus on the Irena Sendler story. Our guest speaker will be Norm Conard whose high school class in Kansas first discovered her story. Admission is free and no reservations are required.



Congregation Or Shalom

**Coffee & Learn** begins Wednesday, November 9, 11:00 am: Coffee & Learn with Rabbi Wainhaus returns on Wednesday, November 9. Each week the Rabbi will address interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The Rabbi begins the new year of Coffee & Learn with: "Wisdom & Wonder from the Sages of the Talmud" In this class, the rabbi will discuss the wise, funny and poignant tales of the Talmudic sages that infused the Judaism of our parents and can help us illuminate life's pressing issues today. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (Coffee and) are served.

**Annual Holiday Bazaar:** Vendors Wanted: Congregation Or Shalom is hosting its annual Holiday Bazaar on Sunday, November 13 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Admission is free. There will be raffle prizes and lunch will be available for purchase. Among the committed vendors are Avon, Silpada, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Nature's Artistry, jewelry, clothing and much more.

**Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, Sunday, November 20, 7:30 pm: This year, Or Shalom will be hosting this annual event with most of the local houses of worship represented. The purpose of these annual gatherings is to proclaim unity among the different faiths, in keeping with the spirit of America.

**Zumba Gold:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Join Zumba Gold with coach Robin Allen each week for a one hour class. Call Robin for more information at 203-314-8176.

**Naming Babies:** Does your Jewish child need a Hebrew name? If not, we will provide him/her with one. There is no charge and this is open to Congregation Or Shalom members and non-members. Call the Or Shalom office at 799-2341.

**Services:** Sunday mornings: 9:00 am  
Monday mornings: 7:30 am  
Thursday mornings: 7:30 am

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

Saturday mornings: 9:30 am

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**Orange Resident Competes in Quarter Horse Competition**

Dawn Blake of Orange along with SHES HOT STRAW, a 2004 sorrel American Quarter Horse mare, will be among 64 contenders for the Farnam All-Around Amateur Award at the 2011 Bank of America Amateur competition at the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show, November 5-19 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

"The Farnam All-Around Amateur Award is the most prestigious title an amateur exhibitor can win at the AQHA World Championship Show and one of the most significant honors awarded by the American Quarter Horse Association," said AQHA Executive Vice President Don Treadway Jr. "I congratulate Dawn on qualifying SHES HOT STRAW for this award."

The Farnam All-Around Amateur Award is presented to the amateur exhibitor earning the greatest number of points in a minimum of two categories and three events on the same horse in amateur competition. The winner will receive \$15,000 from Farnam, plus thousands of dollars in additional prizes. The Farnam Reserve All-Around Amateur will receive \$5,000 plus additional prizes, with third through fifth-place finishers each receiving \$1,500 plus additional products.

More than 3,500 entries are vying for 94 world championships and more than \$2.6 million in cash and awards at the 2011 Bank of America Amateur and FedEx Open AQHA World Championship Show, the largest, richest, invitation-only world championship horse show. Invitations were extended only to exhibitors earning a pre-determined number of points in AQHA-approved shows between August 1, 2010, and July 31, 2011. Visit [aqha.com/worldshow](http://aqha.com/worldshow) for complete coverage of the event and additional information.

**WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS**



**Johnson & Kasowitz Wed**

The Wachusett Village Inn in Westminster, Massachusetts was the site of the June 25, 2011 wedding of Katie Lynn Johnson and Ian Ross Kasowitz. The wedding was officiated by Rabbi Mark Newton of Boston and Father John Dwyer of Lunenburg.

Katie, a daughter of Jeff and Dawn Johnson of Lunenburg, Massachusetts, is a graduate of Lunenburg High School and the University of Connecticut with a degree in Marketing. She is employed as an Associate Manager at the Nielsen Company. Ian, a son of Sherry Kasowitz of Orange, Connecticut and a grandson of Nettie and Alvin Lebowitz of Stratford, Connecticut, is a graduate of Amity High School and Clark University with a degree in Psychology. He is employed by the Stiles Company in Norwood, Massachusetts.

Following a honeymoon in Mexico, the couple resides in Lunenburg.

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# Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani

## National Tasting Project



This year the American Wine Society once again held the National Tasting Project and this year the wine featured was Merlot, the wine that gets no respect. This tag line comes from the movie Sideways where Bart Giametti says, "I am not drinking any \_\_\_\_\_ Merlot." Many wine snobs have a similar philosophy in that they feel Merlot is just a good blending wine that helps some Cabernet taste better and, of course, is used in the great Bordeaux blend of southern France. Many California wineries use Merlot and Cabernet to enhance the taste of both wines and produce a superior blend than if each wine stood on its own. Once again Merlot has the stigma of becoming the favorite wine of beginning wine drinkers and casual wine drinkers. Whereas, the "Real" wine drinkers drink big Cabernet wines or Bordeaux or Zinfandel, perhaps. The wine society tells us what brands and vintage wines to obtain and do a blind tasting and score the results using the AWS judging criteria. We then open the wine bags and reveal the brand, vintage and the price of the wine. It is always a fun night and we send the results to the national and they publish the results.



In order to judge the wines we use the AWS Wine Evaluation Chart which you can download at American Wine Society.com. The criteria is as follows: Appearance 3 points; Aroma/Bouquet 6pts Max; Taste/Texture 6 Max; Aftertaste 3 Max; Overall impression 2 Max for a total of 20 points. For Appearance Brilliant with outstanding Characteristic color ranks 3. Most commercial wines have outstanding color and unless there is a slight haze or off color they should get a 3. Aroma and bouquet, however, may be extraordinary for a 6 with unmistakable characteristic aroma of grape-variety or wine type. This is not very common. 5 - Excellent - Characteristic aroma with complex bouquet and good balance. 4-Good Characteristic aroma with a distinguishable bouquet. 3-Acceptable-Undistinguished wine but pleasant. May have minor off flavors. 2 Deficient-No perceptible aroma or bouquet or with slight off odors. 1-Poor

Taste and Texture: 6 - Extraordinary - Unmistakable characteristic flavor of grape-variety or wine-type. Extraordinary balance. Smooth, full-bodied and overwhelming. 5 - Excellent - All of the above but a little less. Excellent but not overwhelming. 4 - Good;- Characteristic grape-variety or wine-type flavor. Good balance. Smooth. May have minor imperfections. 3- Acceptable - Undistinguished wine but pleasant. May have minor off flavors. May be slightly out of balance. 2-Deficient - Undistinguished wine with more pronounced faulty than above. 1- Poor - Disagreeable flavors, poorly balanced, and/or unpleasant texture. 0 - Objectionable - offensive flavors and/or texture.

Aftertaste: 3 - Excellent - Lingering outstanding aftertaste. 2 - good - Pleasant aftertaste. 1 - Poor - little or no aftertaste. 0- Objectionable - Unpleasant aftertaste. Therefore, when you look at the results 17-20 is the best wine you have ever had that just knocks your socks off and 10 or below you could not drink the wine because it was deficient. Very few commercial wines are so fantastic they should get a 17 or higher and very few commercial wines should get a 10 or lower unless you get a bad bottle. The results of a blind tasting are always interesting and here are our results.

1- Frei Brothers Merlot which scored a 15.5. The wine cost is \$25-\$30 per bottle. Frei Brothers is known as a top Napa winery making outstanding Merlot, Cab and Chard for at least 3 generations. This one is a winner! 2 - Australian Little Penguin at a cost of \$7.00 per bottle. This wine has a big fruit flavor with a pleasant aftertaste that lingers. At \$7.00 per bottle it is a buy and it scored a 15! 3rd wine is the Chateau St. Michelle from the state of Washington. This wine has developed a big reputation and now costs \$14.00-\$15.00 in Connecticut - it earned a score of 14.67. 4- Encore Christian Merlot which was made in France. It scored 14.64. The cost of the wine is generally over \$20.00. 5- is a Columbian Valley wine Called Snogalmie Merlot. It costs about \$13.00 and it scored 14.37. 6- is Columbia Crest Grand Merlot and it scored 13.6. The cost of this wine is under \$13.00 per bottle. #7 - is the Napa Valley Beringer Merlot for \$19.95 and it scored 13. We had some great food and a lot of fun at the Bear and Grill in Orange. You can see that the highest priced wines are not always the most popular. Try some of these wines. You will be glad you did!

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

## Bulletin Board



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

**Nicotine Anonymous Meetings**, Mondays, 12:00 - 1:00pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 21 Robert Treat Parkway, Milford, open to all, no dues or fees, only requirement is the desire to be free of nicotine. For more information, call Bridges, 203-878-6365.

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

**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).

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

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

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

**Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild**, Saturdays, 10am-1pm, November 5, December 3, 2011, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. Visit Web site at: [www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite.com](http://www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite.com).

**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.

**Congregation Or Shalom Commemorates Kristallnacht**, Sunday, November 6, 2011, 10:00am-Noon, Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Road, "Life in a Jar", The Irena Sendler Project" is presented free of charge. For more information about this program, visit [www.irenasendler.org](http://www.irenasendler.org) and [www.lowellmilkcenter.org](http://www.lowellmilkcenter.org).

**Garden Club of Orange Meeting**, November, 8, 2011, 1:00pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, get tips for secure and long lasting floral designs. All are welcome. If you are interesting in learning more about the Club, visit its website at <http://www.orange-ct.gov/gardenclub.html> or contact Nettie Bartocelli at 203-795-3692.

**Veteran's Day Ceremony**, Friday November 11, 2011, 11:00am, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road. For further information, please contact Vicki at 203-799-1121 or [vickg.grande@snet.net](mailto:vickg.grande@snet.net).

**Wepawaug-CT Valley-West Rock Chapter of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women Author Presentation**, Sunday, November 13, 2011, 2:00pm, Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge. Lorraine Lotzof Abramson will discuss her memoir My Race: A Jewish Girl Growing Up Under Apartheid in South Africa, sharing her ambitions, achievements, losses and growing unease with a system of social inequality that simultaneously excluded her. Abramson won three gold medals in track at the Maccabi Games in Israel and eventually emigrated to the United States. For directions, call 203-387-2522.

**Holy Infant Women's Guild Second Time Around Sale**, Saturday, November 19, 2011, Holy Infant Church Gymnasium, 450 Racebrook Road, 9:00am-2:00pm, cards, books, antiques, collectibles, to benefit annual scholarship fund and charitable contributions, refreshments available. For more information, call Marilyn at 203-795-9078.

**Ward-Heitmann House Museum**, presents "A Visit with Harriet Beecher Stowe" best known as the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, Saturday, November 19, 2011, 11:00am - 1:30pm, Church of the Holy Spirit meeting room, 28 Church Street, West Haven, Tickets/\$25 per person includes a luncheon of quiche, salad, dessert, and beverage. Reservations are required, call Kathryn Gregory at 203-933-0599; deadline for reserving is November 11, 2011.

**Holy Infant Church Women's Guild Trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular**, Friday, December 2, 2011, 4:00pm, Ticket reservations/\$87.00 includes show, transportation, and gratuity, \$25.00 deposit required with balance due October 1, 2011. For reservations, call Elizabeth Gara Monday - Friday at 203-799-2379 or after 5:30 pm at 203-795-6910.

**Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting**, Sunday December 4, 2011, 3:00-6:00pm, On and around the Orange Town Green.

## Death Notices



### Charles Martin Robear

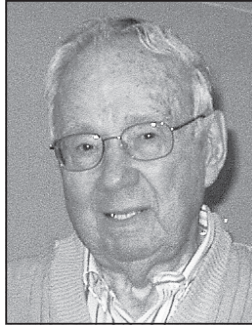
Charles Martin Robear, 92, of Meetinghouse Circle, died peacefully in his home on October 9, 2011 after a long illness. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on November 3, 1918 and spent much of his childhood and teenage years in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. Charles served as a fighter-bomber pilot with the 9th Air Force in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He piloted twin-engine attack bombers including the Douglas A-26 Invader. Mr. Robear was awarded the Air Medal with 2 battle stars, the E.T.O. ribbon, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Distinguished Unit Badge, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

After the war, Charles flew with the Military Air Transport Service. He continued to fly as an active reservist during the Korean Conflict. He eventually obtained the rank of Major and spent more than 24 years in the Air Force Reserve, including 5 years of active duty.

Mr. Robear attended the New Haven State Teachers College and earned an A.S. degree in Education. He worked primarily in the construction and maintenance fields and was a long-time employee of First National Supermarkets (Finast). Mr. Robear spent over 34 years with First National, retiring in 1984. He began his career with Finast as a carpenter and his final position prior to retirement was the Corporate Director of Construction and Maintenance. He was a long-time member and past president of the Orange Lion's Club and was a 50-year member of the American Legion. Mr. Robear was a resident of Orange for over 53 years and was active in town political and community activities for many years.

Charles was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Marna Segnalla. He is survived by his two children, son Ernie Robear and his wife Betsy of Orange, and daughter Joan Jackson and her husband Ken Jackson of Homestead, Florida, and two grandchildren, Emily and Devlin Robear of Orange. He is also survived by his sister, Margaret Harrigan, many nieces and nephews, and many close friends and neighbors.

Contributions may be made to the Orange Lion's Club, P. O. Box 824, Orange, CT 06477. Offer condolences at [www.marescafuneralhome.com](http://www.marescafuneralhome.com).



Charles Martin Robear

### Betty Jo Hansen

Betty Jo Hansen, age 85, of Orange, beloved wife of 62 years to the late Woodrow W. Hansen, passed away at home on Thursday October 13, 2011. Born on December 3, 1925 in Florence, SC, she was the daughter of the late William Derrick and Myrtice Estelle Boylston Murray. Betty Jo was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother and her family was everything to her. She was an active member of the Orange Congregational Church and a member of the Orange-Wood Women's Club. Betty Jo belonged to the Merry-Mates Club of West Haven and had very close ties with the West Haven Congregational Church.

She is survived by her children, Gary of Orange, Glenn and his wife Lisa of Madison, Brian of Orange, Craig of Troy, NY and Mark of Denver, CO, six beloved grandchildren, Colleen, Derek, Aubrey, Ryan, Jaime and Jake Hansen and a brother, Peter Curry of Riverdale, GA. She was predeceased by her son, David Hansen.

A Funeral Service was held in the Orange Congregational Church, with Interment following in the Orange Center Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St, Milford, CT 06460. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Orange Congregational Church Choir, 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange, CT 06477.



Betty Jo Hansen

### Gail (Abigail) Kramer Mason

Gail (Abigail) Kramer Mason, age 80, of Orange, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2011. She was born in Meriden, CT., a descendent of Governor William Bradford of the Mayflower and Plymouth Colony. Beloved wife of Richard A. Mason, she resided in Orange for over 55 years. Gail was a graduate of UConn where she met her husband Dick. They were married for 58 years. Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter Bonnie Mason (Al Chock) of Hampstead, NH, a son Richard Jr. (Mary Milewski) of East Hampton and a son Seth (Kirsten) of Orange. She enjoyed her nine grandchildren: Nicholas Mason, Alfred and Lee Chock, Hunter, Ethan and Madeline Mason, and Kai, Maren and Eden Milewski Mason.



Gail Kramer Mason

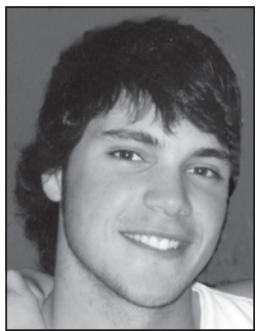
Gail had an interest in Ancient, European and American History and was one of the founders of the Orange Historical Society and its first Secretary.

She also formed and led a Junior Historical Society and was a Girl Scout leader for a number of years. She enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe especially England, France, Italy and Ireland. Gail took pleasure in her own ethnicity which was German, Irish, English and Yankee. She retired from the Orange Police Department after 20 years where she serviced five Chiefs as Administrative Assistant. Gail was a 40-year member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was active in Milford's Freeloze Baldwin Stowe branch of the DAR. Gail liked doing crafts and in her later years was an avid quilter, making many quilts for her children and grandchildren. She loved the birds and was an advocate and protector of wildlife, and for the humane treatment of animals, especially the small ones.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the Orange Congregational Church, 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange, CT. Burial will be private and there will be no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to either the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 Twenty-Fourth St., N.W., PO Box 97180, Washington, D.C 20090 or to the Connecticut Audubon Society, 2325 Burr St., Fairfield, CT. 06824.

### Joseph "Joe Joe" Paul Ciancola III

Joseph "Joe Joe" Paul Ciancola III, age 20, of Orange and beloved son to Michele Annatone Ciancola and Joseph Paul Ciancola, Jr. passed away on Thursday, October 27, 2011 in Providence, RI. Born in New Haven on August 13, 1991, he was a graduate of Amity High School Class of 2010. Joseph was a gifted and accomplished athlete and while attending Amity was the captain of the hockey team as a defenseman and captain of the baseball team as a talented pitcher for the Spartans. He led the Spartans hockey team to 2 Division II state titles and was chosen All State and All Conference for both sports. Joseph was named Amity HS 2010 Baseball MVP and 2010 Amity HS Athlete of the Year. He also played with the CT AAU Bombers of Hamden. He attended the University of Rhode Island where he was a proud baseball player for the Rams. Joseph was proud of his "flow". He enjoyed his "strings" and loved Phish concerts. He was passionate about playing pond hockey with his "boys" and enjoyed fresh water fishing. He had a very humble and caring soul who appreciated the every day things in life and took immense pleasure in having breakfast with Pop.



Joseph "Joe Joe" Paul Ciancola III

In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by his sister, Lindsay Ciancola, maternal grandparents, Michael and Joan Annatone and paternal grandmother, Gloria Ciancola all of Orange, his beloved aunts and uncles, Michael (Lorie) and Jonathan (Lynn) Annatone, Victoria (Jim) DeCola and Paul, Charles and Mark (Sharon) Ciancola and eighteen cousins. Joseph is also survived by his beloved and devoted dogs Bailey and Zoey. He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Joseph P. Ciancola, Sr.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 5th at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Infant Church, 450 Racebrook Road, Orange. Interment to follow at Orange Center Cemetery. Friends and family may call on Friday, November 4th from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Cody-White Funeral Home, 107 Broad St., Milford, CT 06460. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alumni Association of URI - URI Baseball, URI Baseball Office, 3 Kearny Rd, Ste 1, Kingston, RI 02881 or to the Ronald McDonald House, 45 Gay St., Providence, RI. 02905.

## Orange Town News

### Death Notices

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

FRIDAY



## Get Ready to Cruise News

By Leslie Marsh



### New Cruises, Ships and Itineraries

Every so often, I like to update you on what's new in the cruise world, especially for our homeports of New York City and Port Liberty in Bayonne, NJ. There's lots of excitement on the horizon!

For Disney fans, the new Disney Fantasy will begin 7-night Caribbean sailings from Port Canaveral in March, 2012. This ship has all the bells and whistles of the Disney Dream which I described earlier this year, including fabulous adults-only dining at Remy and Palo, Broadway-quality shows for the entire family and the only water coaster at sea, the Aquaduck. There are many new stateroom choices designed to accommodate families at any budget. Even more exciting, the Disney Magic will be sailing from New York City from May to September, 2012 with 8-night Bahamas cruises, 5-night Canada/New England cruises and two 2-night weekend getaway cruises. This is your opportunity to experience Disney Cruise Line without the added cost of airfare!



*Celebrity Silhouette*

Celebrity's brand new Solstice-Class ship, the Silhouette, will be sailing from Bayonne November, 2011 through April, 2012 sailing 12-night Caribbean cruises. New to this class is The Alcoves, an exclusive retreat at The Lawn Club (situated on Deck 15, most of this area is covered with a live lawn) offering a la carte foods and beverages which arrive in picnic baskets and wi-fi, (note that a rental fee applies). The Art Studio is a new venue at the Lawn Club that will offer hands-on instruction in arts and crafts such as painting and beading as well as mixology and culinary lessons! Silhouette will have several dining choices including Qsine, a restaurant with a playful approach to fantastic food.

My favorite new itinerary though, is with AMA Waterways, an exciting river cruise line. It is offering 16 and 19-day Safari packages in Africa, including several days on the Chobe River on its exclusive 14-stateroom Zambezi Queen. These tours to such places as South Africa, Botswana, Kenya and Tanzania will give participants the opportunity to see a vast array of African wildlife and scenery. Truly the trip of a lifetime!

This is just a quick sampling of some of the new cruises on the horizon. Whether you're young or young at heart, an experienced cruiser or a first-timer, there are always new and exciting cruise options for you to choose from!

Quick reminder: please come by the Marriott Courtyard on November 15, between 6 and 8 pm for a glass of wine and learn about Viking River Cruises!

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

## Orange Chamber to Hold Holiday Raffle

The Orange Chamber of Commerce is conducting a Holiday Raffle on December 15, 2011. The raffle has one grand prize of both a Toro LX Series Lawn Tractor and Toro Power Max Snow Blower. The drawing will take place during the Chamber's Holiday Celebration at the Orange Hills Country Club, 389 Racebrook Road, Orange, at 6:30 p.m.



Both pieces of equipment can be seen at Knights, Inc. Outdoor Power Equipment, 286 Boston Post Road in Orange. The raffle ticket price is \$20. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at the Orange Chamber of Commerce, 605A Orange Center Road; Apicella Adjusters, 284 South Lambert Road; Diamond Designs, 500 Boston Post Road; FastSigns, 525 Boston Post Road; and Sign-A-Rama, 553 Boston Post Road; all are located in Orange. You may also call the Chamber at 203-795-3328.

This is a great opportunity to get 2 great prizes and support The Orange Chamber of Commerce.

## Your Life: Going Through a Divorce? You Don't Have to Do it Alone

By Shari-Lynn Cuomo Shore

The number of divorces and legal separations in Connecticut have steadily increased over the last ten years. However, just because it has become a fairly "common" process, does not mean it is an easy one. Each divorce or legal separation has its own unique set of circumstances and issues to take into consideration. It is a personal decision whether or not to hire an attorney to represent you in a divorce, and is certainly not required. Nevertheless, there are definitely pros to having the "pros" help you along the way. In general, the longer a couple has been married, and the more assets they have obtained, the more complicated the divorce process can be. It is very common for those going through the divorce process to also consult with a financial advisor to assess specific financial situations and concerns. Couples with children have additional issues to consider throughout the divorce process and should ensure that they utilize the resources available to them through the court system.



Shari-Lynn Cuomo Shore

If you are currently going through a divorce, or considering filing for one, you may be very overwhelmed and unsure as to what to do. However, knowledge is important, and early action is essential to protect you, your children, and your assets. If you choose to proceed forward on your own, make sure to educate yourself and use the resources available to you, such as the Connecticut Judicial Website and Libraries, [www.jud.ct.gov](http://www.jud.ct.gov), and the Court Services Center at your local courthouse. While the information available will not be tailored to individual situations, it can be helpful to familiarize yourself with the divorce process in Connecticut.

Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP's practice is largely based in Family Law and we understand the concerns, emotional distress and financial issues associated with going through a divorce. If you are considering obtaining counsel for your pending or forthcoming divorce, contact us for a free consultation.

Attorney Shari-Lynn Cuomo Shore, 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. 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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## Town of Orange Veteran's Day Ceremony

The Special Event's Committee will be holding a program honoring Veterans on November 11, 2011 at High Plains Community Center at 11:00am. We welcome all the public and any veterans that wish to attend. For further information, please contact Vicki at 203 7991121. or vickg.grande@snet.net.



## Land Trust Guided Hike

The Orange Land Trust will be leading a guided walk of the Howard Brooks' Wepawaug Conservation area on Saturday, November 5. People should meet at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot on Mapledale Road (across from Cherry Hill Road).

This easy to moderate walk will include information on the historical highlights of the area, a view of the old mill site, and a walk through the beautiful Wepawaug Ravine area. "With all the recent rain," said walk leader Chris Shaw, "the ravine should be a spectacular site."

Please wear appropriate footwear as there are some rocky areas. In case of steady rain, the walk will be postponed.

All are welcome. Please bring a friend. For information, call Judy at 203-799-6321.

## Senator Slossberg Honored

State Senator Gayle S. Slossberg (D-Milford), Senate chair of the legislature's Government Administration and Elections Committee, has been honored with a 2011 Legislative Leadership award by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce (GNHCC). The award was presented on October 13th at the chamber's 2011 Annual Awards Luncheon held at the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale. "Each year the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce presents awards to those members who are particularly outstanding in their fields," Anthony P. Rescigno, president of the chamber, wrote in his invitation to Senator Slossberg. "On behalf of the GNHCC and the entire business community it represents I congratulate you on receiving this award."

"As co-chair of the state's Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes our blueprint to streamline and consolidate state government was conceived, approved, and recommended, and now a plan is in place to save the state \$450 million," Senator Slossberg said. "These current economic circumstances demanded such an assertive approach – I appreciate the chamber's acknowledgement of the progress we've made so far."

"Having grown up working in my family's small business I know very well the value of honest, effective government and have worked toward that end as a legislator," Senator Slossberg said. "I know more often than not the interests of small businesses – and the chambers of commerce to which they belong – coincide with the state's best interests because small business owners create jobs and generate opportunities for so many state residents. I'm grateful to Tony Rescigno, the other officers of the GNHCC, and its entire membership for this award this year," Senator Slossberg added.

Senator Slossberg is serving her fourth term in the General Assembly. In addition to her responsibility for the Government Administration and Elections Committee, she is vice-chair of the Public Health Committee and Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs and is known as an effective advocate on behalf of issues in these areas as well.

## Free Public Nature Walks at Yale's West Campus

The Yale Peabody Museum's Community Education Center in Orange, CT is pleased to announce a schedule of nature walks on Yale University's West Campus. These one-hour walks are open to the public and will focus on the flora, fauna and natural history of West Campus. The walks will begin at noon on the following dates: Wednesday, November 2; Wednesday, November 16; and Wednesday, November 30. Pre-registration is required, binoculars are available, and rain will cancel the program.

The entrance to West Campus and the Education Center is at 117 Frontage Road, just off Exit 41, I-95 in Orange. For more information or to register for one or more of these free public programs, please contact the Peabody Museum's Community Education Center at 203-737-3065 or peabody.west-campusprograms@yale.edu.

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## THEATER REVIEW

### “Follies” at the Marquis Theatre in New York City

by Zander Opper

“Follies,” Stephen Sondheim’s and James Goldman’s haunting 1971 musical, is currently being given an all-out electrifying and revelatory production at the Marquis Theatre on Broadway. Lavishly cast, beautifully designed, and thrillingly performed, this “Follies” revival must stand as a landmark for the many fans of this show (including myself) who have longed for a large-scale, exciting production of this work on Broadway that does full justice to the size and grandeur of this iconic musical. With a dream cast headed by Bernadette Peters, this show concerns a group of former Follies girls who have returned, decades later, for a party at the theatre where they once performed before it is to be torn down. But “Follies” is so much more than that: it is about lost dreams and unresolved feelings and the scary fact that time cannot be turned back, whatever the cost. What’s more, it contains (probably) Sondheim’s greatest score and there is fine work by director Eric Schaffer and choreographer Warren Carlyle. By all means, run to see this stunning production of “Follies,” for I strongly doubt that we will see a better revival of this show in this lifetime.



Zander Opper

Before I continue, I must make a confession: “Follies” is truly my favorite musical of all time and this is the fourth (and best) production I have seen of it. But even before I started seeing revivals of this show, I got acquainted (so to speak) with the unmatched original 1971 production, thanks to treasured home movies and live audio recordings of the original cast, which have given me the strongest sense possible of what it must have been like to have witnessed this show back in 1971. But, even taking all this into account, this current “Follies” revival can stand strongly on its own as a breathtaking monument of this show.

Chief among the pleasures of this production are the exquisite performances by the entire company. Bernadette Peters gives a beautifully sung, devastatingly acted account of the character of Sally, a dissatisfied housewife, achingly pining for Ben—played by the strong Ron Raines—the man she always intended to marry, and their individual songs and duets together are truly haunting and goosebump-inducing. The wonderful Danny Burstein (as Sally’s husband) is maybe the best Buddy I’ve ever seen and, above all, there is Jan Maxwell as Ben’s wife Phyllis. Looking sensational and reading the lines nearly as well as the original Phyllis, Alexis Smith, did, Maxwell is heaven-sent and her two big Act II numbers crackle with electricity and excitement.

What’s more, the supporting characters are also smashingly good. The dazzling Terri White leads the big “Mirror” number terrifically, bringing down the house, soon to be followed by the stunning Elaine Paige’s angry, all-out “I’m Still Here,” which almost literally blows the roof off the theatre. Mary Beth Peil shines as Solange and Jayne Houdyshell is perhaps the most eccentric, gloriously one-of-a-kind lady to do “Broadway Baby” since the original Ethel Shutta. It must also be mentioned that 1960’s ingénue Susan Watson has some lovely moments, and she, more than anyone else in the cast, summons up a bygone era simply by walking onstage.

Indeed, the only criticism I can make about this revival is that it lacks performers who represent the time period of the Follies girls, strictly with their presences, such as Ann Miller and Betty Garrett, who I have seen in previous productions (let alone original stars such as Yvonne De Carlo and Dorothy Collins). But it must be accepted that there aren’t really actors still around or still performing who can do that. In any event, this current “Follies” stands as the best possible production of this show that could be presented today and, what with this gallery of fine actors doing some of their best work ever, this revival plays like one showstopper after another and is suitably ghostly enough to haunt one long after the show is over. “Follies” is most highly recommended and you can get tickets by calling (877) 250-2929 or by going to [www.FolliesBroadway.com](http://www.FolliesBroadway.com).



## Required Minimum Distributions

By Roberta L. Nestor

There are many magic ages with retirement accounts. For example, accessing retirement funds before age 59½ earns you an IRS penalty of 10%. Ages for social security benefits involve “early” age 62, “normal” age 66, and if you were born after 1960 you can add several months to age 66 for full benefit eligibility. Then there is the magic age of 70½, when you must begin to draw off of your retirement account in the form of a required minimum distribution or RMD. IRS rules for these required distributions are many and they are complicated. Retirement plan owners are ultimately responsible for taking the correct required minimum distribution each year or you risk incurring an IRS penalty that translates into 50% of the amount you should have taken. Even if your investment company miscalculates, you are still responsible.

### Dollars and sense

#### When is the first distribution?

A retirement plan account owner must take the first RMD for the year in which he or she turns 70½. However, the first RMD payment can be delayed until April 1st of the year following the year in which he or she turns 70½. For all subsequent years, including the year in which the first RMD was paid by April 1st, the account owner must take the RMD by December 31st of the year. Most investment companies (and banks) will contact you before your 70th birthday and they have forms with multiple options for receiving your RMD. It is important to note that if you defer your first distribution it results in having to take 2 distributions the following year.

#### How is the RMD calculated?

You would take your 12/31 account value and divide that by the published mortality tables (IRS Publication 590) to get the dollar amount required. The first year this translates into 3.46% of your 12/31 account balance. While there are Joint and Survivor Tables if you have a spouse that is 10 years younger, most will use the Uniform Lifetime Table. Beneficiaries of IRA accounts use a Single Life Expectancy Table and must take the RMD based on their age and not that of the deceased IRA account holder.

#### What if you have more than one retirement account?

You can combine the 12/31 account value for each type of retirement money you have. For example, if you have several IRAs with different investment companies, you calculate each RMD separately; however you can take the full amount from just one IRA account. If you have a 403b plan, its values cannot be combined with IRA values. The same would apply to 401ks, Simples, SEPs, SRA SEPS and 457 plans. If you are retired and no longer contributing to an employer sponsored plan it may make sense to rollover these funds into an IRA to make the RMD less complicated in the future. Note that Roth IRA accounts or Roth 401ks are not subject to RMD - that is the distinct advantage of Roths - you are not required to take withdrawals at any age.

#### What can you do with your RMD?

The RMD withdrawal is taxable as ordinary income; you pay taxes on the distribution in the year it is withdrawn. Often it is viewed as a “pay raise” and you can arrange for a systematic withdrawal that pays out your RMD monthly. For many retirees, taking the distribution semi-annually can help to pay real estate property taxes. Annual withdrawals can be used to pay long term care insurance premiums, or used to fund a vacation or holiday spending. If you set up an automatic RMD withdrawal plan, you can change the distribution frequency anytime. Each year the investment company will automatically calculate and adjust the amount of the distribution for you.

If you are close to the magic age, don't go it alone. I recommend you see both your financial advisor and your tax preparer to avoid stiff IRS penalties.

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

## A Closer Look at Municipal Debt, its Advantages and Risks

By Richard J. Zorena, CFP®

The market for municipal bonds -- debt obligations issued by states, cities, towns or public commissions to fund schools, hospitals and public works projects -- appears to be holding steady despite heightened uncertainty in recent years.

For some investment specialists, municipal bonds represent an option for income-seeking investors looking for high-quality fixed-income assets. Municipal bonds are also increasingly being coveted by investors because they offer several unique advantages over other fixed-income securities.

So should you move in to municipal bonds now? The answer depends on your situation. For investors whose financial objectives include the preservation of principal or reliable cash flow, bonds should be a consideration.

Investors are attracted to municipal bonds because they are generally exempt from federal taxes, and sometimes, from state and local taxes. As a result of their unique tax-exempt status, municipal bonds may provide investors with tax-equivalent yields that are greater than taxable bonds, including some Treasuries and corporate bonds.

What's more, municipal debt is typically of high credit quality, with many investment grade municipal bonds maintaining their credit rating despite default worries. Municipal bonds can also be attractive to some investors because their returns tend to be less volatile, helping bond buyers predict how much they will earn, and when their principal will be returned.

Municipal bonds holders are predominately individual investors. Since retail investors typically buy and hold municipal bonds until maturity, the market experiences less volatility than other fixed income asset classes.

With municipal bonds offering such attractive benefits, new investors may be ready to incorporate the bonds into their investment portfolio. However, before investing, you should be sure you understand the market risk.

For instance, municipal bond prices fluctuate in response to changing interest rates, as do other fixed-income securities. Prices increase when interest rates decline, and prices decline when interest rates rise.

Since each investor's goals, and portfolio size and history are different, the process of building a municipal bond portfolio should be conducted with an experienced financial advisor, who can weigh their personal financial objectives with current market conditions to deliver sound investment guidance.

Whether you are searching for tax-advantaged income, trying to help safeguard your principal, saving for college or targeting other financial objectives, consult with your financial advisor to determine if investing in municipal bonds could help you pursue your goal.



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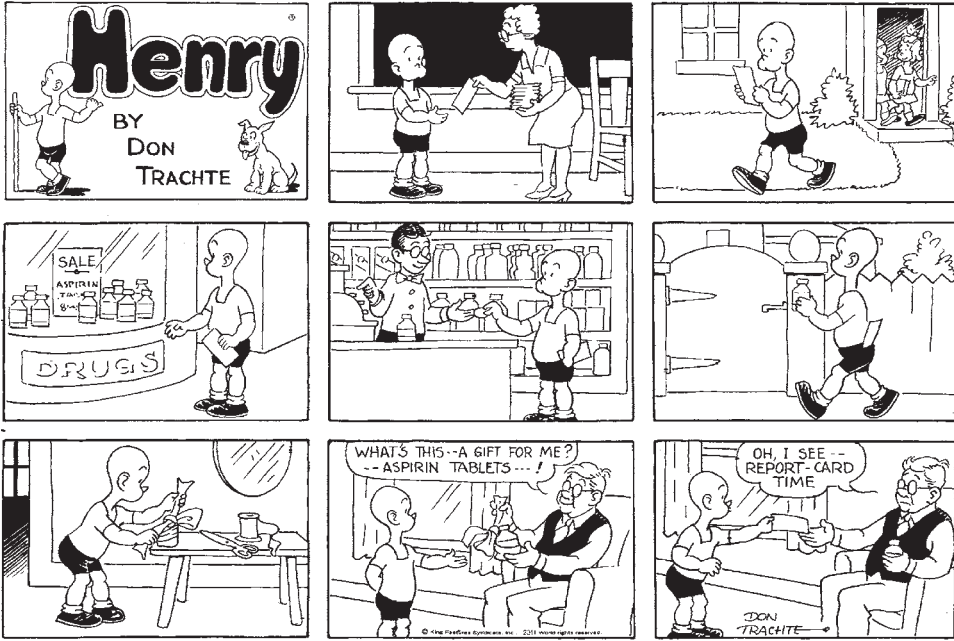


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HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Shirley MacLaine

HOLLYWOOD -- The Frankenstein monster rises again! A screen staple since the 1930s when he was brought to life by Boris Karloff and Lon Chaney, Jr., Frankenstein fans have turned out for every film produced, even one with Robert DeNiro as the monster. Now acclaimed director Stuart Beattie, director of "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" (2003), "Collateral" (2004), "Derailed" (2005), "Australia" (2008) and "G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra" (2009) is going to resurrect the monster in modern times.

The handsome and capable Aaron Eckhart, no stranger to monsters after playing Two-Face in "The Dark Knight," will play Adam Frankenstein, who has survived to present day due to a genetic quirk in his creation, and finds himself in the middle of a war between two immortal clans. It starts shooting in Australia in January for an early 2013 release. If that's not bizarre enough for you, over in England, BBC3 recently had a live telecast of "Frankenstein's Wedding: Live in Leeds" with David Harewood, a black man, portraying the Frankenstein monster.

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Oscar-winning superstar Shirley MacLaine will finally get hers when The American Film Institute honors her with its 40th Life Achievement Award in June. Among her arsenal of classic films are "Can-Can" (1959), the film that shocked Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev when he visited the set, and two directed by Billy Wilder, "The Apartment" (1960) and "Irma La Douce" (1963), both co-starring Jack Lemmon.

Her fairy-tale career began in 1955 when Carol Haney, star of the Broadway hit musical "The Pajama Game," broke her leg and Shirley, as understudy, had to sub for her. One

night, Paramount producer Hal Wallis saw her in the show and signed her to a contract. Her first film was Alfred Hitchcock's "The Trouble with Harry," with "Dynasty" star John Forsythe.

Shirley was Oscar nominated five times before she received the award for "Terms of Endearment" in 1983. And let's not forget her baby brother is Oscar-winning director/actor Warren Beatty. Talk about a lot of talent in one family! The 77-year-old MacLaine will be seen in the upcoming Matthew McConaughey/Jack Black film "Bernie," being released in March.

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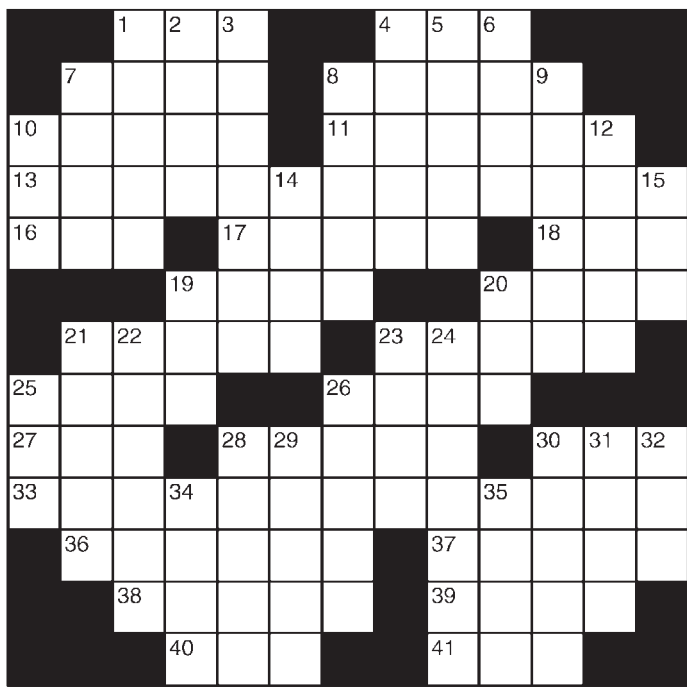
Get ready for "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters," starring Jeremy Renner as Hansel, and no less than three more films based on the fairy tale, including "Black Forest: Hansel and Gretel and the 420 Witch," about a witch living in Pasadena, Calif., who lures teen-agers into her house with a special blend of marijuana. Seems eating them helps the witch maintain her youth. Some teen's junk-food diet could give her a deadly case of indigestion!

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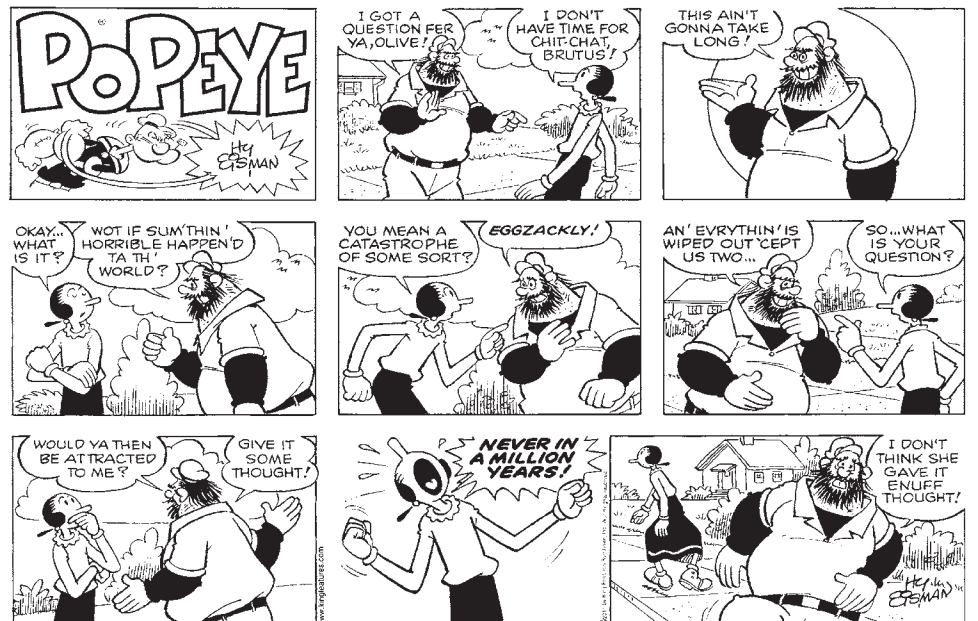
- 1 Commercials
- 4 "Doo" follower
- 7 First victim
- 8 Acrylic fiber
- 10 Scent
- 11 Wallowed (in)
- 13 Sofa, recliner, ottoman, etc.
- 16 New Guinea port
- 17 Antimacassar
- 18 Spotted, a la Tweety
- 19 Intend
- 20 Arm bone
- 21 Cricket, for one
- 23 Performs high-tech surgery
- 25 Sonic —
- 26 Scoff
- 27 Elev.
- 28 Ladd and Alda
- 30 Shemp's brother
- 33 Guesswork
- 36 Jog sans togs
- 37 Gambling game



- 38 Surpass
- 39 Kill a bill
- 40 French possessive
- 41 English cathedral city
- 7 Met melody
- 8 Utah politico Hatch
- 9 Get snug and cozy
- 10 The whole enchilada
- 12 Campus big wigs
- 14 Grownup kid initials
- 15 Old airline initials
- 19 Mid-May honoree
- 20 Work with supply
- 21 Cobbler's supply
- 22 Spud
- 23 Chain part
- 24 Exculpate
- 25 Evil
- 26 "King of Pop," in headlines
- 28 Mountain ridge
- 29 Begins
- 30 Thurber's dreamer
- 31 Aware of
- 32 Id counterpart
- 34 Tom-tom, e.g.
- 35 Christmas refrain

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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** "Careful" is the watchword for the prudent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in

making a new situation work for you. But it'll all be worth it.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Good news -- you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer.

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



## MISTER BREGER By Dave Breger



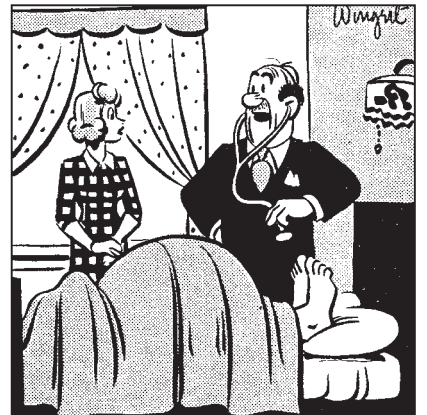
"How much will you be needing?"

## LAFF - A - DAY



"I'm your neighbor. Do you mind if I borrow your weekend guest?"

## HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert



"And just how many helpings did he have of this upside-down cake?"



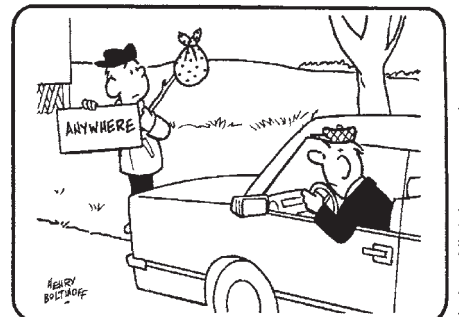
## Fall Migration!

You never know who may show up. Four things to have on hand:

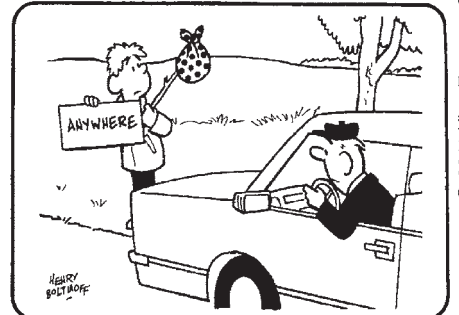
1. Thistle feeders for finches.
2. White millet tossed on the ground for sparrows and buntings.
3. Fruits and berries for orioles and gray catbirds.
4. Fresh water for all the birds!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's hat is gone. 2. Knapsack is different. 3. Tree has leaves. 4. Man's hat is different. 5. Tire is black. 6. Billboard is gone.

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## A Dog's Reading Room



Just in time for fall, here's a selection of pet-related books to enjoy on a blustery evening. This month's selection features odes to irreplaceable dogs, humorous anecdotes, a bit of mystery and some training advice, of course.

"A Pug's Tale" by Alison Pace (Penguin Group) is the author's second foray into the wonderful world of pugs -- this time in a fictional setting. Heroine Hope McNeill and her beloved pug Max hunt down a priceless painting that's gone missing from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Psychologist and dog expert Stanley Coren pens a loving ode to Flint, his Cairn terrier, in "Born to Bark: My Adventures with an Irreplaceable and Unforgettable Dog" (Free Press). But it's also an autobiography of his own journey, with and without pets. Well-written and touching, this is an enjoyable and inspiring read.

"All My Patients Kick and Bite" is veterinarian Jeff Wells' second memoir about the joys and pains of caring for farm, domestic and "not-so-domestic" animals. From an escaped dog to an ornery llama, Wells' anecdotes are humorous looks at caring for animals in a rural area.

Finally, if you're looking for a book that covers the basics of obtaining, training and raising a puppy, look for "The Dog Trainer's Complete Guide to a Happy Well-Behaved Pet" (St. Martin's Press). Author Jolanta Bental details everything from choosing a new dog to training and socializing, dealing with common behavior problems and keeping your dog healthy. Anyone considering getting a dog, especially first-time owners, should have a training and care manual close at hand, and Bental's guide fits the bill.

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Denise Puglia ,Cindy Romanoff  
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**Desperation of Zeoli Campaign?  
-Throw Darts at McNabola?**

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### King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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# ENTERTAINMENT



- 1. Real Steel (PG-13)**  
Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
- 2. Footloose (PG-13)**  
Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
- 3. The Thing (R)**  
Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Joel Edgerton
- 4. The Ides of March (R)**  
Ryan Gosling, George Clooney
- 5. Dolphin Tale (PG)**  
Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
- 6. Moneyball (PG-13)**  
Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill
- 7. 50/50 (R)**  
Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen
- 8. Courageous (PG-13)**  
Alex Kendrick, Renee Jewell
- 9. The Big Year (PG)**  
Steve Martin, Jack Black
- 10. The Lion King (G)**  
animated



- 1. Fast Five (PG-13)**  
Vin Diesel
- 2. Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13)**  
Shia LaBeouf
- 3. Bridesmaids (R)**  
Kristen Wiig
- 4. Scream 4 (R)**  
Mary McDonnell
- 5. Thor (PG-13)**  
Chris Hemsworth
- 6. X-Men: First Class (PG-13)**  
James McAvoy
- 7. Hanna (PG-13)**  
Saoirse Ronan
- 8. Set Up (R)**  
50 Cent
- 9. Everything Must Go (R)**  
Will Ferrell
- 10. Paul (R)**  
Simon Pegg



Fast Five



Daniel Radcliffe

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of November 7th 2011.

## PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" (PG-13)** -- The forces of evil are in full swing, and it's up to Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and his wizard friends to bring the final confrontation to Voldemort and save the world. Seeds planted long ago come to full fruition, as the children cast in the original films have all grown into talented performers, capable of handling the more intense drama of the final films.

What you probably saw in the previews was a lot of dirt-stained youths looking serious spliced with darkened images of computer-generated destruction. While this is indicative of the cataclysmic action in the movie, it leaves out the emotional climaxes in the story -- it's not all gloom and lightning bolts.

**"Life in a Day" (PG-13)** -- If YouTube and the "It's a Small World After All"

ride could be combined into a motion picture, it would be this jumbled, yet touching collective documentary. Produced by Ridley Scott and directed by Kevin Macdonald, more than 4,500 hours of footage from people around the world all going about their lives on the same day is assembled into a single movie about living on Earth.

It's grand in scope and perhaps a little gimmicky, but there is something -- however shallow or profound -- to see here. Specific segments will strike a chord while others will simply bore. However, it's the contrast between segments and the heartwarming similarities between different lives that gives the documentary its true energy.

## DOGS OF THE WEEK

**"The Change-Up" (R)** -- This here is a body-swap comedy that will certainly go down as one of the many unpleasant and forgettable body-swap comedies. Jason Bateman plays a guy with a family and responsibilities; Ryan Reynolds is a swinging bachelor who still feels unfulfilled. The two slightly different pals swap lives through the supernatural forces of dull cinematic cliches.

The novelty of this movie is that it has a perfect display of Hollywood's new favorite failure -- the no-laugh gross-out gag. It's been an escalating trend that gross humor has a place in all adult comedies. This means that the audience can see a baby spray fecal matter all over a protagonist before the opening credits, and thus have low expectations secured throughout the remainder of the experience.

**"Atlas Shrugged: Part 1" (PG-13)** -- Author Ayn Rand's novel about powerful thinkers going against the grain makes it to the big-screen. Too bad it has the looks of a made-for-TV affair. With a "no talent, no problem" cast and amateurish direction, any philosophical content could be missed between eye-rolls. The film portends to be the first in a trilogy, but it could be getting ahead of itself in that regard.



### Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Adele**  
"Someone Like You"
- 2. Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera**  
"Moves Like Jagger"
- 3. Foster The People**  
"Pumped Up Kicks"
- 4. LMFAO**  
"Sexy and I Know It"
- 5. Gym Class Heroes feat. Adam Levine**  
"Stereo Hearts"
- 6. LMFAO feat. Lauren Bennett & GoonRock**  
"Party Rock Anthem"
- 7. Rihanna feat. Calvin Harris**  
"We Found Love"
- 8. David Guetta feat. Usher**  
"Without You"
- 9. Cobra Starship feat. Sabi**  
"You Make Me Feel..."
- 10. Lady Gaga**  
"You and I"



Trace Adkins

### Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Keith Urban**  
"Long Hot Summer"
- 2. Toby Keith**  
"Made in America"
- 3. Blake Shelton**  
"God Gave Me You"
- 4. George Strait**  
"Here for a Good Time"
- 5. Rodney Atkins**  
"Take a Back Road"
- 6. Eli Young Band**  
"Crazy Girl"
- 7. Trace Adkins**  
"Just Fishin'"
- 8. Jake Owen**  
"Barefoot Blue Jean Night"
- 9. Taylor Swift**  
"Sparks Fly"
- 10. Miranda Lambert**  
"Baggage Claim"

1. How many No. 1 hits has Joan Jett had?
2. Dig back for this one: What year did the Kingston Trio release "Tom Dooley"? What's the song about?
3. How many minutes long was the 1977 Meat Loaf single "Paradise by the Dashboard Light"?
4. Name the English duo who released "A World Without Love" in 1964.
5. What was the first single that the Eagles released? What was on the flip side?
6. Before Annie Lennox hooked up with David Stewart to form the Eurythmics, they were both with another band. Which band was that?



1. Just one -- "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" in 1982. The song went to the top of the charts in multiple countries, but it hanged for it. The old North Carolina folk song is based on a true story. 3. Nearly 8 minutes (7:55). Right now, Meat Loaf is on the "The Guilty Pleasure Tour," with U.S. dates to be announced. 4. Peter and Gordon. The song was written by Paul McCartney, who was dating Peter's sister at the time, and was a No. 1 hit in both America and the U.K. 5. "Take It Easy," in 1972. The B-side song was "Get You In the Mood." 6. The Tourists, from 1977 to 1980.

Sudoku answers on page 40

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
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the Town Finance Director a forecast of the date on which bills will be paid and plenty of advance notice as to when payroll is due, which by the way is done via Direct Deposit.

This is a process that the former Business Administrator for the OBOE, then, the current Finance Director, Al Chiarenzelli was well aware of since I served as Chair of the OBOE in the mid 1990s. For whatever reason, funds that were needed were not transferred from the town account to the OBOE when they should have been in June. The forecast of expenses required to be paid has not changed, the date of payroll has not changed, the process has not changed and the date on which the funds were to be transferred has not changed. So why weren't the funds transferred as scheduled? You'll have to ask Mr. Chiarenzelli or Mr. Zeoli. Mr. Chiarenzelli has the record of forgetting to make payments, lest we forget.

None of these issues of financial timing were important or relevant until now. I guess this was the real motivating factor for Mr. Zeoli and the Republicans. If Mr. Zeoli felt he had to come clean about his personal financial issues, then it is always prudent to deflect the voters' attention by creating an issue out of a non-issue.

John Hoffman

*Editor's Note: John Hoffman is a former chairman of the Orange Board of Education as well as a member of the Democratic Town Committee.*

### Don't Blame the Messenger

It has recently been publicly revealed that Kevin McNabola, as Business Manager of the Orange Board of Education, overdrew school accounts not once or twice but on four separate occasions. Mr. McNabola's stunning lack of “pro-active” attention to detail in performing his duties is only topped by his attempt to shift the blame to another.

When is it ever acceptable, personally, in business or in public finance to write a check without determining if there are enough funds in the account? I don't know what's worse, making the errors in the first place or trying to shift the blame. This is an example of getting something wrong by a person who touts himself as a businessman with corporate experience.

Once in a while, one's political opponents in an election get something right. In this case Joe Blake's quotation in the Orange Town News June 17th edition saying that “I think he (Zeoli) has done a very good job, and has the best interests of the town at heart,” and “Jim Zeoli has had a flair for the job” is an example of a political opponent getting something right.

To blame the Zeoli campaign for “deliberately misleading” anyone, is doublespeak at its best. Just because the Democrats were obviously embarrassed by this admission of truth, doesn't mean that these comments weren't genuine. Did Joe Blake not say that Jim was “doing a good job”? Was he misquoted when he said that Jim had a “flair for the job”? You can read the article for yourself on the Orange Town News website.

We are not “misleading” anyone. What was said was said. Don't blame the messenger.

Rick Roberts

*Editors Note: Rick Roberts is the chairman of the Republican Town Committee.*

### Let's Elect a Full-Time First Selectman

The First Selectman position became a full time position in 1999. In 2005, when Mr. Zeoli took office he decided that he no longer had to work on Fridays. These are difficult times, we all must work harder and smarter, not work less. Kevin McNabola has the vision, experience, education and commitment to hard work to lead our town and solve our problems. Let's move forward and elect Kevin McNabola along with his entire slate on November 8th .

Kenny Burns

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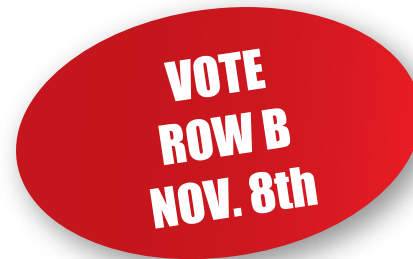


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