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## BLAKE HONORED FOR 34 YEARS OF SERVICE

*By Melissa Nicefaro - Orange Town News Correspondent*

After 34 years of serving the town of Orange on the Board of Selectmen, Joseph Blake sat at the table for his last meeting Wednesday, November 13. Cake and coffee were served at a pre-meeting honoring the selectman, who chose to 'retire' at the age of 80 and not seek reelection for the next term.

Ralph Okenquist has served on the Board of Selectmen with Blake for 12 years and calls Blake a helper, a worker and a person who was 'here to serve the town—not a party—but the town of Orange.'

Selectman Mitch Goldblatt, who noted he was running mates with Blake on several occasions, told Blake he was a real tribute to the community. "You're a legend. You have served your community well," Goldblatt said. "You are the epitome of politics, of compromise. You bring the partisans together."

First Selectman James Zeoli referred to Blake as a friend and confidante who brought leadership and calmness to the table. "You will be missed," Zeoli said.

In his parting words to the board, Blake passed out candy bars and combs, saying, "May sweetness come out of all of your mouths and use the comb to always look your best."

"When you vote," Blake said to the Board of Selectmen, "Do what's best for the people of Orange. Don't listen to politics, listen to your heart."

A gala event honoring Blake for his years of service to the town will be held January 31 at 6:30 at the Grassy Hill Country Club. The dinner costs \$60 per person and according to Zeoli, "It will be an enjoyable evening. I guarantee that."



## ORANGE VETERANS HONORED AT VARIOUS SCHOOL PROGRAMS

### Race Brook School

Veterans were honored as 'ordinary people who do extraordinary things' at an event at Race Brook School Friday, November 8. Each year, the school's student council invites those who have served in the military to a ceremony in their honor. Under the leadership of teachers Pam Galatioto, Jo-Anne Escandon and Janet Greenspan, students wrote letters and poems to veterans, thanking them for serving our country.

Race Brook Principal Mike Gray thanked the 39 veterans and their families for their service and support. "It is these veterans who gave us our country. Let's honor them not only with words, but with deeds this weekend," he said.

U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro spoke to the veterans and the children in attendance, "I cannot thank you enough. They sound like hollow words, but they are not. Because of them, we live in a free country," she said. "You have protected us and now we need to be there for them and protect them." DeLauro urged veterans to share their stories of their time in the service with their families.

After a Powerpoint presentation that included photographs and accolades of the veterans in attendance, students went back to their classrooms with the veterans and had an opportunity to hear their stories and ask questions. They told students of the day they were sworn in and what it was like to wear a U.S. military uniform.



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# ORANGE POLICE UTILIZE NEW LIFE SAVING DEVICE

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Thanks to the "good-heartedness" of the Orange community, the Orange Police Department now has a device that drastically improves one's chances of surviving a cardiac event. The Department recently purchased the \$13,000 Lucas 2 automatic Chest Compression System state-of-the-art cardiac rescue device entirely with donations from town residents and community organizations. Donations were received from The Orange Volunteer Fire Department, The Rotary Club of Orange, Apicella Adjusters, and several miscellaneous contributions, including a private donation of \$7,000.

The new Lucas 2 automatic Chest Compression System has several features that make it such an innovative piece of equipment, most importantly the fastening mechanism that enables the device to be strapped to the victim's chest and deliver perfect, consistent and uninterrupted compressions to the heart. In addition to freeing up rescuer's hands to perform other interventions, there is no lapse in compressions as the victim is carried down stairs, loaded into an emergency vehicle and transported to a medical facility. "It's not subject to human error," said Police Chief Robert Gagne of the new device. "A person can get very tired very quickly performing CPR and the rate of compression is not always consistent."

The OPD is the first police department in the region to have a Lucas 2 and the only town that has the Lucas on its American Medical Response vehicle stationed in the town's center. Typically towns with larger fire departments have the Lucas on its trucks. The new purchase is another indication of the town's commitment to providing excellent medical care and its designation as a "Heart Safe Community," - a distinction based primarily on the number of first responders in town coupled with the amount of citizens trained in CPR. "We've come a long way from when I was a young patrolman in the 1980s," he said. "At that time we could wait half an hour for emergency medical technicians from New Haven. Doing CPR for that long is very difficult. Today the emergency medical systems in Orange are very good."



Gagne stressed the Lucas 2 does not eliminate the need for manual CPR to be initiated immediately and performed until emergency personnel arrive. "We haven't used it yet and can't say we want to, but when we do hopefully it will help save a life," Gagne said.

AMR paramedic Sal DeLucia, a key player in the town's achieving its Heart Safe designation, was instrumental in initiating the purchase of the Lucas. "Bringing the 'thumper' to Orange was the next step in truly making Orange a 'Heart Safe' community. I approached the chief and he told me to 'strike while the iron's hot,'" DeLucia said. DeLucia knew firsthand the value of having a Lucas in town. Several years ago, his uncle's life was saved because the Wallingford Fire Department happened to have

a Lucas on loan from the manufacturer. "I've been a paramedic for 30 years and I can tell you that if the Lucas device had not been loaned to that department that day, it would have been curtains for my uncle," he said. "I've been involved in 1000 cardiac events and it was his lucky day that they had that device. It won't save everybody but the chances of a patient dying from a cardiac event decreases from 95 to 50 percent if there is a Lucas available and that's huge."

The Orange Police Department is the legal medical First Responder for the Town of Orange. We have seen a steady annual increase in medical calls in the Town of Orange over the past several years, currently averaging about four per day, and approximately 6-12 CPR calls per year. There are 44 officers, certified to at least the level of Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) and ten officers who are certified at the higher level of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

"Here in Orange, this acquisition serves as a great example of the community coming together to fill a need. From a practical standpoint, we cannot keep a Lucas 2 in each police vehicle, so the placement of the device with AMR's Medic 33 is the perfect solution. We will continue to work hand-in-hand with AMR to bring the best possible emergency medical care to the residents of Orange," Gagne said.

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Children were curious about the lifestyles of those in the military: what it was like to live on a ship, whether or not the veterans made friends in the service, what the training was like, and even about how the veterans ate while they were stationed.

The morning-long event served not only as an educational event for children, it was an opportunity for veterans to reminisce and share stories with each other.

**Peck Place School**

The students from Peck Place School gathered together to honor our local Veterans during a special school assembly. Each grade sang beautifully to the Veterans and their families that were in attendance. In addition, a student read aloud a personal story while another read a poem. Pictured is a 3rd grader standing proudly next to his grandfather who had served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. It was truly an honor to be in the company of all the Veterans that came to the assembly on this very important and special day.



**Amity Middle School - Grade 7**

Sgt. Michael Mangan once again graciously donated his time to share his military experiences with our students. Capturing their attention with his description and photos of camel spiders in Iraq, he offered both a Middle East geography lesson and a life lesson in finding the beauty in barren landscapes.

After passing around his helmets and MRE food pack, Sgt. Mangan explained that Iraqi children excel in soccer and often played with the troops; he stressed the importance of establishing positive rapport and making a positive impression through soccer, buying from the locals, and respecting the faith of others, so Iraqi children will grow up considering the US a friend. Students came to understand, in the words of Mrs. Pero, Guidance Administrative Assistant, “that ‘the bad guys’ weren’t the countries or citizens, but that US soldiers followed ‘the bad guys’ wherever they went.”

A major message to students was that the US is fighting insurgents, not the country or the people of Iraq or Afghanistan. Sgt. Magnon shared with students the difficulty soldiers face readjusting upon returning home, saying, “It takes time.”

Marine Will Mingione, father of seventh grade student Phillip Mingione, also graciously donated his time this year to share his experiences in Okinawa, Japan in the 1990s. While kids loved his stories about boot camp and banana spiders, one of his most poignant points was the fact that the military is a “band of brothers” that teaches its men and women to always have each others backs and to always be ready for any challenge. In fact Mingione credits his training in the military for his ability to run his own successful business and is grateful for having had the opportunity to serve his country.

In addition to hearing from two servicemen, students on both teams participated in additional activities to commemorate Veterans Day. In support of active duty troops, Team Y students created mosaics for and wrote letters to soldiers serving overseas. Team X students decorated stars with names of family members or friends that are veterans and created acrostic poems about veterans and their service. Both teams learned the history of the Veteran’s Day holiday as it relates to Armistice Day.

Seventh grade students will continue to pay tribute to veterans by participating in their annual “Stockings for Soldiers” fundraiser to send care packages to wounded veterans in stateside hospitals over the next month. Because of amazing Veteran presentations in both the seventh and eighth grades, all students and staff are participating in this fundraiser in order to help those that willingly put their lives at risk for our freedom on a daily basis.

Our presenters were roles models for our students in both the information they shared and in “the respect they showed for each other and the positive and honorable way they presented.” Indeed, we are grateful!

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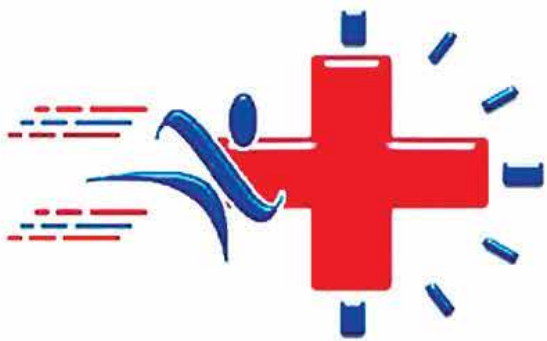
The kindergarteners from Mary L. Tracy recently went on a field trip to three local farms. They visited Shamrock Farm where they got to choose a pumpkin, that they would later decorate, from a pumpkin patch (pictured). They also had a chance to see animals at this farm, some even attempted to count all of the chickens there. Next they visited Treat Farm where they went on a hayride throughout the farm and learned about the vegetables and trees that are grown at Treat Farm. While there, the children enjoyed exploring and meandering their way through a corn maze. Lastly, they visited Buttermilk Farm where the children had an opportunity to meet animals up close and learn about them. There was also a hay maze at this farm to enjoy. It was a beautiful day to be outside visiting our local farms and the children all had a great day!



The children at Mary L. Tracy paraded in their Halloween costumes in front of many onlookers as they trick-or-treated outside the Orange Volunteer Fire Department and Town Hall. As you can tell, there was quite a variety of costumes to see as in this group which consisted of a beekeeper, Alice in Wonderland, a mummy, a construction worker and a fireman. The children later returned to their classrooms for their Halloween parties where they enjoyed a treat and a craft.

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Laura Fantarella

The Lorsens and their five-year-old son Max are serious barbecue contest competitors who travel around the country to have their best recipes judged alongside other aficionados.

They recently returned from their third trip to Lynchburg, Tennessee where they competed against 100 teams in the 25th annual Jack Daniel's World Championship Invitational Barbecue, placing 22nd overall and 6th in the sauces division.

The hobby that started as a bit of a 'goof', when Sheila discovered a recipe for "Beer Can Chicken" -- steaming a chicken by placing a beer can in its cavity -- has turned into a passion for the couple.

"We started just looking around on the internet for recipes and one website led to another," Lorson said. Soon they were reading message boards about smoking foods and competitive barbecue. "My mom had an old smoker



in her garage and I asked her if I could borrow it," he said. Calling themselves the "Q Haven" team, Ted and Sheila started experimenting with different cuts of beef, poultry and pork and a variety of spices and rubs and started practicing on their patio grill. When they came across a barbecue contest in nearby Warwick, Rhode Island, they threw a pop up tent in the car and arrived in time to slow cook their pork and brisket for 12 hours before the competition started. Encouraged and excited by a third place overall win, they returned home eager to fine tune their repertoire. They enjoyed success early on, walking away as the 'grand champion' from one of their first competitions in New Hampshire and qualifying immediately for a sought after spot at the king of barbecue contests -- the Jack Daniel's Invitational. Before long they were making eight to 10 trips a year, to places like Lake Placid, New Hampshire, Atlantic City and Vermont.

"I'm definitely not a classically trained chef, this is more process-oriented," Lorson said. "The meat is the first variable -- tender meat is the most important ingredient and if the meat is not tender you are done. If the meat is tender you have a chance and then it comes down to your sauces and spices. It's a constant struggle to get it right." When he started out he typically purchased his ingredients from a commercial food distribution warehouse but now his product sources are more sophisticated -- like the Idaho farm where he purchases the best \$200 brisket. The couple purchased a small camper for more comfortable travel to replace the cheap pop up tents they used to sleep under and his mom's cooker has been retired for a large capacity smoker.

Ted, a former radio news bureau chief who currently is a writer for a national news agency, and Sheila, who works in the insurance department of a youth exchange company, said there's much to enjoy about their shared hobby. "Once in a while we'll



Sheila and Ted Lorsen

do a small catering job but for the most part it's for fun. We like the competitive nature of it, we like the people and trying to win trophies and medals and we've gotten pretty good at it," he said. He can reel off Q Haven's stats quicker than an ESPN sportscaster, recalling the years and events where their pork, ribs, brisket, chicken and sauces were among the best in show. At

some of the larger contests there's even big cash prizes -- as much as \$10,000 -- but often the Lorseons are happy if their winnings cover the cost of their trips. "I may pay \$200 for a great cut of meat and the prize money is \$150," he said. After their early successes, in

the ensuing five years the Lorseons endured "many very long drives home," from contests where they went home disappointed and empty handed. But last year brought good luck and the Lorseons are back on trek, picking up a few good wins in the last several months that have been good for the spirit and good for the pocketbook. And winning aside, over the years the Lorseons have made many friends among fellow avid competitors. "We all hang out and enjoy adult beverages and cook pot luck for each other. Normally I'd call it pot yuck but when it's all championship teams I'm willing to give it a shot!" he said.

For now the Lorseons plan to take a deep breath, perfect their recipes and figure out why their ribs brought their lowest score ever in one of the categories at the Jack Daniel's contest -- finishing 78th. Despite the disappointing score, Lorson acknowledges many more experienced cooks have never even made it to the invitational. "I'm happy to be part of it. We try to put our best foot forward and be competitive," he said. "A win would be awesome but probably not realistic," he said. "We really just want to hear our name called and do the walk to the stage."

They had a small world experience at last year's Jack Daniels Invitational. "We had a banner on our table that said 'Q Haven', Orange, CT and as we were cleaning up, a couple walked by and said 'Orange, CT? We're from Orange, CT!'" Lorson recalled. The couple was Angela and Darrin Booth who happened to be in Lynchburg attending another event. Lorson invited them to try some barbecue and the Booths are hooked, stopping by the Larson's table again this year as they were back in town at the same time again!

Lorson dreams of one day bringing a barbecue festival to the Orange Fairgrounds. "I think it would be great, I think it would really take off and the town would embrace it. But if I organized it I wouldn't be able to cook at it," he said.

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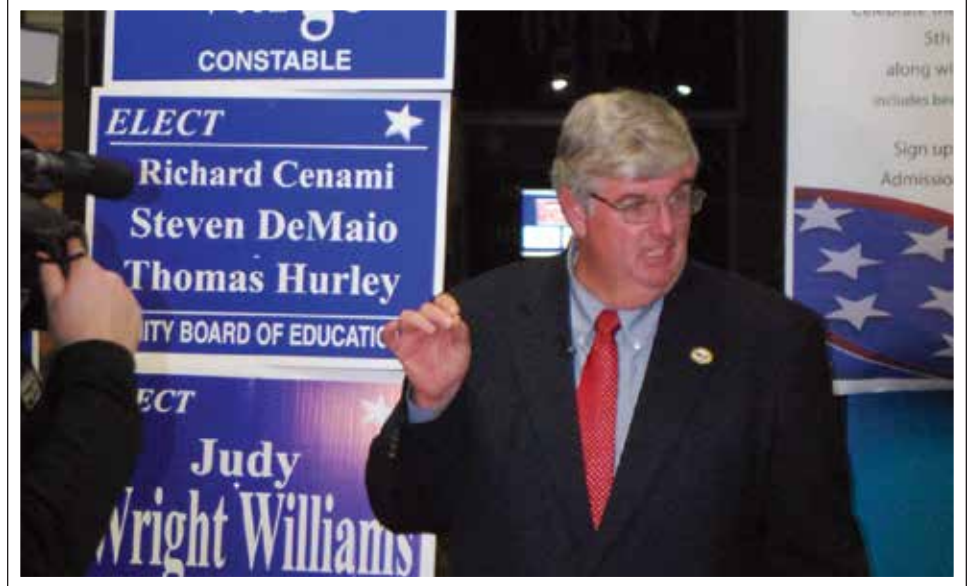
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*Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli addresses supporters at GOP headquarters on election night after winning a fifth term as town leader.*

## ELECTION RESULTS IN ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP FOR THE GOP

The election night celebrations at republican campaign headquarters in Orange are starting to be commonplace as the GOP completed another election sweep in this year's municipal election held on November 5th.

In fact, since taking over the leadership from longtime chairman Joe Lembo in 2010, Democratic Party chair, Trish Pearson has not gained a contested seat on any elected board during her tenure. In 2013, democratic numbers reached a record low and for the first time in the town's history, a democratic candidate was actually outperformed by an independent candidate on the ballot. Democrat John Cifarelli, seeking his first term on the BOS, finished 9th behind third party candidate Mike Richetelli of the "Independents for Orange" party.

In addition, while holding one of two minority seats, longtime incumbent selectman Mitch Goldblatt continued his decline numbers in public support with a career low vote count of only 2109 votes. Zeoli defeated democratic candidate Ken Lenz by a margin of over 1400 votes; however, due to a provision in the town's charter, Lenz will hold the other minority seat and serve on the board of selectmen. Political observers believe that the erosion of support of the democrats was, in part, a result of the negative personal attacks against Zeoli launched by the Pearson/Goldblatt town committee mailings, sending many disenchanted Orange voters to the GOP and benefiting the IFO candidates as well.

Meanwhile, Zeoli was sworn in by Judge Richard Arnold at a ceremony at High Plains Community Center held last Friday, November 15th - as well as all candidates who will serve for the next term. In his acceptance speech, Zeoli congratulated all newly elected officials and stressed the need to work together as a team to get things done for the betterment of the community.

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# ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP

## Jaime Bouchard Makes Goodwin College Dean's List

East Hartford, CT -- Goodwin College is pleased to congratulate student Jaime Bouchard on earning a spot on the Dean's List for the Summer 2013 Session. Bouchard, a student from Orange, performed very well academically during the session in a challenging set of courses. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA and be registered for at least six credits during a given academic session. Making the List is no small feat and reflects the hard work and dedication both inside and outside the classroom it takes for a student to succeed. Goodwin sends its best wishes to Bouchard and all of the other students who merited a spot on the Dean's List.

## Kirsten Elmer Awarded A Scholarship At Denison University

Granville, OH-- Kirsten Elmer of Orange was awarded a scholarship at Denison University. Elmer, a member of the class of 2017, received a Denison Alumni Award. The Denison Alumni Award is based on academic achievement, leadership and personal merit. At Denison University, one of the nation's leading liberal arts colleges, motivated students from around the world tailor educational experiences in pursuit of their highest aspirations. Innovative faculty and a completely residential campus provide an integrated learning environment for students to develop as critical thinkers, perceptive moral agents and active citizens in a global community as they prepare for rewarding lives of purpose and impact.

## Joanne Maida Graduates From Saint Joseph's College Of Maine

Standish, ME -- Joanne Maida of Orange, Conn., graduated in September from Saint Joseph's College of Maine with a Master of Science in Nursing. Saint Joseph's College is Maine's only Catholic liberal arts college, providing a supportive, personalized and career-focused education for more than 100 years. From its 430-acre campus on the shore of Sebago Lake, the College offers more than 40 undergraduate programs to a population of approximately 1,000 students. Saint Joseph's College Online provides certificates, undergraduate and advanced degrees for working adults through an online learning program. For more, visit [www.sjcme.edu](http://www.sjcme.edu).

## Melkus Initiated Into Lambda Pi Eta

Beverly, MA -- Recently Lauren Melkus was initiated into Lambda Pi Eta, the nationally recognized honor society for undergraduate students in the field of

communications, at Endicott College. Lauren is the daughter of Mr. Carl & Dr. Gail Melkus of Orange, CT. Lauren is a Junior. Lambda Pi Eta was initiated by the students of the Department of Communication at the University of Arkansas and was then endorsed by the faculty and founder, Dr. Stephen A. Smith in 1985. The Speech Communication Association established Lambda Pi Eta as an affiliate organization and as the official national communication honor society for undergraduates in 1994. In February 1996, Lambda Pi Eta was inducted in the Association of College Honor Societies. There are currently 400 chapters worldwide.

To be eligible for membership, students must have completed 60 semester hours in undergraduate credit courses; have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0; have completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours in courses in communication; have a grade point average of at least 3.25 in these courses, and be currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing with their institution.

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For those who missed the November testing, Sacred Heart Academy will offer an Entrance Exam on Thursday, December 5 at the Academy, 265 Benham Street, Hamden. We ask students to arrive at 8:45 a.m. Testing concludes at Noon. Students who plan to take the test must submit an application for admission with \$60 fee and contact Mrs. Elaine Lamboley, Director of Admissions at 203-288-2309, x307. Visit the website at [www.sacredhearthamden.org](http://www.sacredhearthamden.org) to apply online or download and print the application for admission.



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Table with 2 columns: Upcoming Issue Deadline, Upcoming Issue Dates. Rows include December 6th (Holiday Issue - December 13th), January 10th (January 17th), and January 31st (Valentine's Day Issue - February 7th).

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

FROM OUR READERS

Dear Orange Residents

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who took the time out of their busy schedules to vote. I am honored to be elected by 64% of the votes cast and can assure you that I will not let you down. Over the past eight years as your First Selectman, I have worked tirelessly for you and plan on continuing on that path. It was so gratifying to hear from so many with kind words and support. The Town is moving forward with many projects at High Plains Community Center, the schools, the library, roads, and I look forward to leading these projects to completion. Again, I thank you all.

James M. Zeoli, First Selectman

To the Editor

I would like to congratulate all the candidates that won seats in the municipal election on November 5th; I hope that they will all work together to make Orange the best it can be.

I would like to say a special thanks to all the people that supported Independents For Orange (IFO). IFO's initial campaign was a great success and an even better experience, with many wonderful memories. We started IFO a mere five months ago and were able to build an organization with first class candidates and dedicated volunteers; that is something we are very proud of. It was a pleasure to work with such fine individuals during this first, landmark campaign. The vote totals for the five IFO candidates were significant, ranging from 917 to 1,340 votes each. This is the first time Orange has had even a single third line candidate earn more than a couple of hundred votes in any given election. The residents of Orange demonstrated that they appreciate having more choices at the polls and IFO is committed to providing these options, by promoting experienced, qualified, non-partisan candidates in the future.

Mike Richetelli, Chairman, Independents For Orange

To the Editor

I would like to thank all the Voters of Orange that took the time out to vote on Election Day. I also appreciate your confidence in me to serve on the Amity Board of Education and represent you and your children for another 4 years. Thank you for your trust.

Thomas P Hurley, Member Amity Board of Education

To the Editor

The Orange Republicans worked hard and enjoyed a very successful campaign which led to a fantastic victory. Several fund-raising events were both profitable and great social get-togethers. The "Inaugural Boost" took place at the Orange Ale House, the "Pig Roast" was at the charming home of Debbie and Vincent Marino. It was very festive and our newly elected selectman, Jim Zeoli gave his winning speech at Campaign Headquarters where everyone celebrated a job well done! The Orange Republican Town Committee and the Women's Republican Club of Orange want to thank all supporters and always welcomes new members. For further information call Nancy Nastri 203-795-4619 (ORTC) or Rita Nardecchia at 203-795-6675 (WRCO).

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## MYSTERY MAN BEHIND "TOWN OF ORANGE FACEBOOK" REVEALED

By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent

Dave Meneo has a Facebook page that's so popular that wanna-be friends have to wait for someone to drop out before they can click in. It's not his personal page, which has decidedly less than the 5,000 maximum; Meneo is the man behind the Town of Orange page which has reached full capacity.

"It's pretty cool, I've been waiting for it to happen," said Meneo, who started the page four years ago in an attempt to promote his then-new Post Road business, Liquid Venue. His bar didn't last long but the page has prospered, becoming a popular site to post on a wide range of topics, like store sales, special promotions, birth and graduation announcements, photos, local events, open houses and even as a vehicle for residents to weigh in on community topics. The page is also a reflection of the love Meneo has for his hometown, growing up in Orange in the 1960s, being among the first class to graduate from Peck Place School, and returning in the 1990s to raise his own family.

Though he didn't actively try to hide his identity, Meneo is aware that many considered the Facebook page a bit mysterious. Many residents assumed it was administered by town officials, as First Selectman Jim Zeoli checks in regularly to notify townspeople of everything and anything town related from power outages and emergency updates to eggplant sales at his Lambert Road Shamrock Farm.

While most posts are innocuous, there have been a few heated online discussions, most recently about gun control after the Sandy Hook shootings. "I sometimes throw my opinion out there, not to anger people but to get them talking," he said. When a local girl went missing, Meneo did all he could to help, posting amber alerts and updates on the search. "Local events like the Orange Country Fair and annual carnival are always popular, with people posting comments and photos," Meneo said. While he does not want to be the Facebook police, Meneo keeps an eye on posts and deletes anything racy, inappropriate or inflammatory.

Unemployed for over a year after the business closed, Meneo, who has a background in graphic arts, kept up the page. "I decided I would make it 100 percent for the town, particularly helping businesses to flourish," he said. "I approached businesses and residents, and encouraged everyone to be part of it. I was doing it for free, because it was my hometown and I had time on my hands." Since it was started as a private page, Meneo decides who can and can't be a friend. Of the 5,000 friends, 3,500 are from Orange and most days there can be as many as 300 to 400 posts in the news feeds. "People have a lot of fun with it; all kinds of things are being posted. It's nice that everybody is using it," he said. He is firm in his commitment to limit it exclusively to Orange businesses, advertising their promotions and sales and the decision has brought Meneo some flak. "I've gotten so many nasty emails from out-of-towners, who want to promote their businesses, but it's not called town of West Haven, Milford or Stratford, it's called Orange and that's been a bone of contention for some outside business owners. But my goal was to help out the town," he said.

Now back to work as a graphic designer, Meneo has less time to devote to fostering business on the Facebook page but he still checks in regularly. "Now it's more a community page, I rarely see anything negative or people with issues. Once in a while there's a polarizing topic, with 400 comments on some things which is good, that's what it's all about. People don't have to agree, they just have to get along. One day the page may be gone and it could become a community page but then it will no longer be what it is," he said.



Dave Meneo

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## URGENT CARE CENTER IN ORANGE CELEBRATES ITS 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

By Melissa Nicefaro – Orange Town News Correspondent

The Urgent Care Center in Orange is marking its fourth anniversary this month, and continues to provide medical care for everything from common colds to broken bones. Since it opened its doors in 2009, the center has provided medical care to more than 30,000 patients mostly residents in Orange and neighboring towns. The Urgent Care Center, located at 109 Boston Post Road in Orange, is a walk-in medical center and is regarded as a facility with the technology and the medical know-how to care for medical urgent needs.



Being one of the pioneers of urgent care/walk-in medical clinics in our state, the owners of this facility have branched out into similar clinics across Connecticut with locations now in North Haven, Norwalk and Waterbury. “We’re delighted to be celebrating the fourth anniversary of the Urgent Care Center in Orange,” says Sanjay Aggarwal, MD, Medical Director. “The last four years we have expanded to three more locations and our many Connecticut residents are well-served by the timely care we provide to patients with non-life threatening injuries. As we continue to expand, evolve and grow we still consider Orange our home.”

When Dr. Aggarwal and Dr. J.D. Sidana created Urgent Care Centers, the goal was to provide an alternate option to patients aside from the emergency room. “Most people who go to the emergency room wind up waiting for hours and can be taken care of outside of the environment of the emergency room,” Sidana says. “It’s hard to wait under any circumstance, but it’s a lot harder when you’re sick. You want to be done and get back to bed and rest rather than sitting in an environment where you are having to wait hours for a 20-minute visit with a doctor.”

So far, feedback has been excellent, according to Sidana, who says that many people are repeat patients. “We know that there is confidence and trust in our facility,” he says.

With the dynamics of healthcare changing around the country, the impetus is now on providing healthcare for all individuals. For patients who are unable to afford healthcare services, the Urgent Care has also launched a unique healthcare membership service called “UR HEALTH”. This service helps individuals, families, and businesses that do not have health insurance or are unable to afford the high cost of insurance to get medical services starting as low as \$99 a month. “Given the high number of people who want to sign up for this plan, we will have to cap enrollment at each facility to ensure continued quality care,” says Aggarwal.

For small business owners and local corporations the Urgent Care provides Occupational Medicine such as drug testing and pre-employment physicals, as well as treating work related injuries in a timely and efficient manner to ensure a healthy and productive workforce. Providing seamless in-house physical therapy services, the Center ensures a high level of communication between the doctors and therapists caring for a particular patient.

Their doctors are also affiliated with local area hospitals including Yale-New Haven, Yale-St. Raphael’s campus and Milford Hospital, in the event that a patient does require hospitalization.

Each Urgent Care Center location is designed to provide quality medical care in state-of-the-art facilities for patients who are sick or injured but who do not require emergency room measures. Using electronic medical records, patient information is stored confidentially and can be made available within seconds if that patient decides to visit any of the other Urgent Care locations. Each site is equipped with onsite x-ray equipment and iSTAT testing allows rapid interpretation of essential blood work while a patient waits in the facility.

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# ORANGE HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

The Town of Orange invites you to attend the Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8, 2013. Festivities on and around the Orange Town Green will begin at 3:00 p.m. All activities are free of charge.

Visitors may tour the Stone-Otis House to learn what a Victorian Christmas was like. The Connecticut Yuletide Carolers will provide musical entertainment strolling around town buildings and at the Stone-Otis House from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

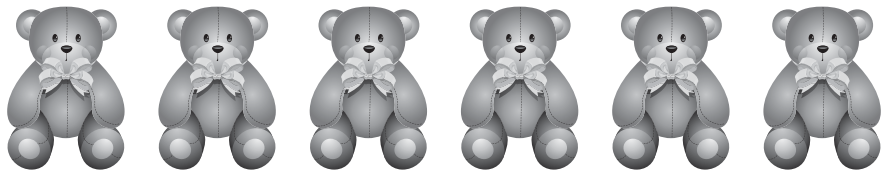
The Academy Building and the antique shop will be open and invites you to view the Historical Society's antique collections and Emily Prudden Watercolors, as well as the Orange to Derby line model railroad in the lower level.

The Orange Congregational Church Bell Choir will perform a hand bell concert and carol sing in the church sanctuary from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. as well as an Alternative Gift Fair, Cookie Sale and crafts for the kids from 3 - 5 p.m.

The Case Memorial Library will be splendidly decorated, and will host a performance from the Amity Chamber Singers from 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. and from Al deCant who will perform a children's musical program in the library meeting room from 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Guess how many candies in the jar at the library and win a prize and write a letter to Santa Claus. The Library will be open from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Gingerbread Contest will be featured in the Clark Building. Friends of all ages are invited to enter a gingerbread creation. Entries must be dropped off at the Clark Building at 2 p.m. on December 8th and must be picked up between 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

An ice carving demonstration will take place in front of the Clark Building from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following, Santa Claus will arrive at the Town Green for a visit with the children. The Holiday Festival will end at 6:00 p.m.



## HOLLY HILL COLLECTING BEARS FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

In the spirit of giving, Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center of Orange will be collecting teddy bears to be given to children in Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital and Connecticut Children's Medical Center during this upcoming holiday season. Anyone interested in donating a brand new teddy bear or any other stuffed animal can drop them off at Holly Hill Childcare, 308 Peck Lane, Orange. The deadline for drop-off is Thursday, December 12th.

This project, known as "TEDDY BEARS WITH LOVE" is the brain-child of the Fairfield University Student Alumni and over 10,500 bears were collected last year. For more information contact Debbie Fedorko at Holly Hill Childcare and Learning Center, 203-799-6300.



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### Snow Plowing Policy

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**Plow Routes:** The streets are plowed and sanded in order of priority. Main (collector) roads are addressed first with special attention to steep hills and difficult intersections. Side streets are done next, then dead-end streets. Side streets will remain unplowed if the main roads require repeat plowing due to heavy volume of snowfall. This may not seem fair to the residents of side streets or dead-ends. However, the main roads must remain open.

**Blocked Driveways:** All snow plows angle the same way; to the driver's right. While plowing, the plow will push the snow in front of a residential driveway. The homeowner is responsible for access to his/her driveway. The only way to avoid additional snow removal is to wait until DPW work crews have completed their final clean up of your road.

**Mailbox Damage:** The town repairs or replaces only those mailboxes and/or posts that are actually struck by the plow blade. Usually, a paint mark or tire tracks provide evidence of a mailbox strike. The Town does not repair or replace mailboxes and/or posts that fall from the force of plowed snow. Mailboxes and supporting posts must be installed to withstand the rigors of snow removal; including the force of snow pushed from the street onto the roadside. It is recommended that homeowners do not purchase and utilize plastic mailboxes and/or posts as they are subject to damage. DPW recommends the use of a 4" x 4" wooden post or 2" metal pipe with a metal mailbox.

**Private Plowing:** The Town of Orange

prohibits private plow contractors from pushing snow from private driveways or parking lots onto Town streets. This practice is dangerous and impedes the Town's snow removal efforts. If there is no other alternative to pushing the snow into the street, the plow driver must plow off the windrow left across the street by re-plowing until the road is safe. This may not necessarily mean bare pavement, but it should certainly be no worse than when the driver began work.

**No Parking:** The Town of Orange Snow Removal Ordinance takes effect on November 1 of each year, and continues to April 1 of the following year. During this time, there shall be no parking on public roads during snowstorms. Should your vehicle be parked on the street causing an obstruction to snow removal vehicles, your vehicle may be ticketed or removed by the Town of Orange Police Department. The cost of removal and any other subsequent fees shall be borne upon the owner of the vehicle.

**Snow Stakes:** The Town of Orange Highway Department reminds Orange residents to install "snow stakes" now before the ground freezes. It is difficult to distinguish between the pavement edge and the edge of a lawn in heavy snowfall. Installing stakes along property edges as close to pavement as possible without interfering with traffic will help homeowners avoid unsightly lawn damage this winter, especially for properties with underground sprinklers or invisible fencing. Snow stakes should be 30-36" high and can be purchased at a local hardware store. If using wooden stakes, paint the top 3" of the stakes red to increase visibility against snow.

Residents who feel they have a legitimate complaint should call the Town of Orange Department of Public Works at (203) 891-4775.

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To watch either OGAT live streaming or VOD go to the Town of Orange website at [www.orange-ct.gov](http://www.orange-ct.gov) and click on the appropriate link: OGAT LIVE for the stream of what is currently being shown on OGAT or OGAT VIDEO ON DEMAND for the VOD programs.

## EMAC SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC) of Orange is currently seeking to compile a roster of volunteer medical personnel who would be available to assist in staffing the Town's emergency shelter. The shelter is located at High Plains Community Center and is available to help citizens in the event of severe disasters.

Fred Palmer, Director of Emergency Management, stated, "We are looking for physicians, nurses, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians who would be available to provide a minimum of four hour blocks of time for medical oversight of persons using the shelter." Volunteers will be required to provide medical qualifications, such as Connecticut State license number, home address, and home or cell phone numbers. Interested and qualified persons willing to help are asked to contact Emergency Management Director, Fred Palmer at [fcpalmer@juno.com](mailto:fcpalmer@juno.com) or 203-444-2733.

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) manages and maintains the shelter. It was open during Hurricane Sandy and Superstorm Nemo. The CERT members are trained in basic first aid. If a medical problem arises beyond the scope of CERT training, we need trained medical personnel to handle those types of problems.

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## FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES COORDINATOR

By John Ulatowski



### Youth Services Offering Orange Artist Colonies

Orange Youth Services is offering Artist Colonies for grades 7 and 8 Students. Watercolors: Monday, December 23rd and Friday December 27th both at 12:30 to 3:30 pm. Student should do both watercolor days. Instructor: Audrey Galer.

Also, a Drawing class will be held on Wednesday, April 16th from 9 am to 2:30 pm. Instructor: Graham Dale.

New curricula for both courses.

Parents should choose only one course choice. Courses held at High Plains Community Center. There is no cost to the parent. Students will receive professional instruction and all art materials. Contact Person: Parents should email Youth Services Coordinator—John Ulatowski at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov) if interested. Each class size limited to 12 students. Students will be placed in a course in the order of email received.

### Area Residents Need Jobs Help? 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, attics/basements, raking, snow shov-

eling, small 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.

## TOWN OF ORANGE MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2013

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



Town Hall

2nd	Zoning Board of Appeals .....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
3rd	Economic Development Comm .....	5:30 pm	Town Hall
	Town Plan & Zoning Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
5th	OGAT .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
9th	Traffic Authority .....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Board of Police Comm .....	4:30 pm	Police Dept
	Amity Board of Education .....	6:30 pm	Woodbridge
	Conservation Comm .....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Orange Board of Education.....	7:30 pm	Mary L.Tracy Bldg
10th	Inland Wetlands Comm.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
11th	Board of Selectmen.....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
12th	Elderly Housing Liaison Cmte .....	12 noon	Silverbrook Estates
	Community Services Comm.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
16th	Family Counseling Cmte .....	9:00 am	HPCC
	Board of Finance .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
	Board of Health.....	7:30 pm	HPCC
17th	GATA.....	7:00 pm	Town Hall
18th	Safety Comm .....	9:00 am	own Hall
	Recycling Cmte.....	7:00 pm	HPCC
	Park & Recreation Comm .....	7:30 pm	Town Hall
23rd	Youth Services .....	7:30 pm	HPCC

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# LOCAL BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## REGINA SAUER RECOGNIZED AS QUARTERLY TOP PRODUCER

Regina Sauer has been awarded the Top Producer for the Quarter at Real Living Wareck D’Ostilio. “The competition for Top Producer is always intense; those in the running are highly motivated individuals with exceptional sales and customer service experience,” said John Wareck, Broker/Managing Partner. “We are proud to have Regina on our growing team of professionals.”



Regina Sauer

“It is the combined efforts of our veteran agents like Regina and our new additions that have enabled us to maintain a strong position. It is also what is nurturing our continued growth,” added Frank D’Ostilio/Partner.

An Orange native and realtor since 2004, Regina has a vast knowledge of the local area and has worked with first-time home buyers, sellers and investors throughout the Greater New Haven area. Her trademark is superior customer service, utilizing her patience, tenacity, and passion for the industry.

Recent reviews from her many clients all had the same, reoccurring message of honesty, experience and knowledge of the market. “It was a pleasure having Regina work with us to find us our first house. We also had her help us sell our condo. She is very real and genuine. She is very quick to respond. Not pushy and very honest. She helped us find our dream house.” - Chris Sullivan.

“Great agent, Very honest, experienced and knowledgeable in real estate. Never pressures you into buying a house just for the sake of making a sale and works very hard to find the right home for you and your family!” - Nick Clemente

“I have worked with Regina for many years now. Her integrity and knowledge are the best in the business. I would not work with any other realtor to represent me other than her. She knows the markets very well and most of all she is extremely honest. Regina always has her clients in mind every step of the way and will go above and beyond to help out in any way she can. She is a wonderful person and an amazing realtor. In my opinion, the absolute best in the business.” Scott Massey

Regina can be reached at [regina.sauer@realliving.com](mailto:regina.sauer@realliving.com) or 203-494-3421. Real Living Wareck D’Ostilio Real Estate is a full service residential and commercial brokerage firm offering complete buying, selling, and rental services.



## GRIFFIN’S TREASURES OPENS ON BOSTON POST ROAD

Griffin’s Treasures recently opened its doors at 535 Boston Post Road in the Peck and Post Plaza directly across the street from DSW. They are owned and operated by Jaime Griffin and Paula Griffin (son and mother) and offer a wide variety of high-quality merchandise from vintage to nearly new at bargain prices, including antiques, appliances, collectibles, furniture, bedding, home décor, watches, jewelry, electronics, sporting goods, baby items, and much more. New items are added weekly and they also keep a customer list for items people are looking for that are currently not in stock. Store hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Anna Accetta, Interim Executive Director of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, says “We are excited to have Griffin’s Treasures join the Orange business community. We wish them much success with their business.”

Their slogan is “Digging Up Treasures For Bargain Prices.”



## WEICHERT REALTORS COLLECTING THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Richard Muttick, Manager of the Weichert Realtors Regional Properties’ Orange office announced today that the agents in his office are collecting non-perishable food items, gift cards and monetary donations for the W.H.E.A.T., West Haven Emergency Assistance Task. Spearheaded by Mary Radziszewski and Rosemary Sowitcky, both residents of West Haven, explain “Donations can be brought to the Weichert Orange Regional office located at 236 Boston Post Road, near the Racebrook Road intersection, or to any of our Sunday Open Houses.” Weichert Regional Properties has been running their Thanksgiving Food Drive for W.H.E.A.T. for many years. The office will be collecting these donations until Monday, November 25th.

Weichert Realtors Regional Properties’ Orange office is open Daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, please call Mary or Rosemary at 203-795-2700.

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## FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

By Chief Robert Gagne



I am writing this letter in response to questions I received regarding the recent mailing that went out to residences in Orange referencing the Town's ranking in the November 2013 issue of Connecticut Magazine. The mailing referenced the fact that "In 2004, Orange was ranked #4. Today Connecticut Magazine ranks Orange 33 out of 36." While there are several categories that are rated as part of the overall ranking, I was questioned why Orange ranked so low in the crime category of the magazine. There are two points that need to be made here:

1. Previous issues of Connecticut Magazine have ranked towns and cities by similar populations. For the first time, the November 2013 issue ranked the towns and cities by the median home cost. In this issue we were rated against a new group of towns and cities, making any comparison to previous years' rankings somewhat irrelevant.
2. Connecticut Magazine uses the figures from the Department of Public Safety to rank the cities and towns in the crime section of the comparisons. These figures are based on two criteria: number of UCR crimes reported and population. Orange has always had a high rate because we are somewhat unique, at least here in Connecticut, for having such a small population (13,952), and such a large commercial area (Boston Post Road) that generates property type offenses. I will explain this further, so that our residents are better informed.

The UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) system is used by all law enforcement agencies to report crime to the state and federal governments. It is based on the very specific Index Offenses of Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. The number of these offenses in any given municipality are added together to establish the Crime Index Total, although the number of arsons is not included in this total. The Larceny offense category has no monetary value associated with the offense. Ultimately, whether you have five homicides, or five \$10 shopliftings, the total number of offenses is the same. The crime rate is based on the number of offenses per 100,000 persons, therefore the 100,000 figure needs to be divided by the actual population, and then that number is multiplied by the Crime Index Total to arrive at the crime rate. For instance, the November 2013 issue of Connecticut Magazine used the UCR statistics from 2012. Orange had a Crime Index Total of only 383, but based on our population of 13,952, the formula described above gave us a crime rate of 2,745.1. Approximately 90% of our Crime Index Total of 383 was comprised of theft related

offenses, and approximately 35% of the total was for routine store shopliftings. This is quite normal and usual for the Town of Orange. As a point of comparison, the City of Stamford (5 murders, 25 rapes, 145 robberies, 176 aggravated assaults, 290 burglaries, 1,472 larcenies, and 170 vehicle thefts - Crime Index Total 2,283) actually had a lower crime rate than Orange because of its large population of 125,109.

Based on all of the above, it is easy to see how these crime rates can be misleading, and how crime rates need to be analyzed and not taken at face value, as there are many different factors that influence them. On its website, the FBI strongly cautions against using UCR statistics for purposes such as ranking the towns, as Connecticut Magazine does, as "they provide no insight into the many variables that mold the crime", and "consequently, these rankings lead to simplistic and/or incomplete analyses that often create misleading perceptions adversely affecting cities and counties, along with their residents." People who have lived in Orange for any length of time and who read Connecticut Magazine know not to trust this ranking system. In fact, our 2012 Crime Index Total and corresponding crime rate were among the lowest we've seen in the past thirty-five years, and the current figures for the third quarter of 2013 are lower than what they were in 2012 at the third quarter. In general, our crime rate has been going down over the past several years, and our UCR numbers in the past decade have been much lower than what we were seeing in the 1980's and 1990's. This is not unique to the Town of Orange as this has been a national trend.

Each month our crime statistics are reported to the Board of Police Commissioners, and approximately five years ago I instituted a practice of releasing monthly statistics to our local media. That practice will continue. Residents seeking further information on Uniform Crime Reporting for Connecticut, can access records at [www.dpsdata.ct.gov/dps/ucr/ucr.aspx](http://www.dpsdata.ct.gov/dps/ucr/ucr.aspx). Additional information on the UCR system and national statistics can be accessed through [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov). Again, I stress that crime statistics cannot be looked at in simplistic ways, and further research and analysis is required in order to give them proper meaning and consideration.

Although national crime rates are generally decreasing, the issues facing law enforcement have grown more complex over the years and law enforcement continues to respond to these issues. Here in Orange, we do not rest on our laurels and constantly seek improvement. The men and women of the Orange Police Department will continue to remain vigilant, and will continue to work hard to keep our community safe.

## Did You Know?

### Planning to Protect Your Pets

It has become increasingly common for pet owners to see themselves as parents to four-legged children rather than owners of property. For this reason many pet owners want to be sure their pets are cared for after they die.

**1. What is a Pet Trust?** A Pet Trust is an estate planning document that is used to hold and manage assets to pay for your pet's care after you die or in the event you are unable to care for your pet yourself.

**2. Who is responsible for managing the assets in the Pet Trust?** The "Trustee" is the person (or people) you appoint to manage the assets (money) in the Trust and use the assets to pay for your pet's care.

**3. Who takes care of the pet?** A Caregiver is a person you choose to take custody of the pet and to provide for the pet's day-to-day care. This person will be named in the Trust and will receive the funds from the Trustee to pay for the pet's care. Before appointing a Caregiver, you should consult with him or her to be sure he or she is comfortable with your pet and willing to accept this responsibility.

**4. How can you be sure the Trust funds will be used exclusively for the pet?** A Trust Protector is a person appointed with the responsibility of ensuring that the Trust assets are used for the sole benefit of the pet. If a Trustee or Caregiver uses Pet Trust assets for anything other than the benefit of the pet, the Trust Protector must go to the Probate or Superior Court to enforce the provisions of the Trust. The Trust Protector may also remove the Trustee.

**5. How do you make sure the pet is taken care of properly?** Pet Trusts allow an owner to describe the pet's standard of living and care requirements in detail. This includes the pet's daily nutritional and medical needs, walking and grooming schedules, and likes and dislikes.

**6. What happens when the pet dies?** You can include instructions in the Trust that detail the final disposition of the pet upon its death, including burial, cremation, or a memorial ceremony. You can name the person or people who should receive any assets that remain in the Trust after the death of the pet.

If you are interested in learning more about Pet Trusts, please visit our website and read our blog. For advice regarding planning for pets as it pertains to your specific circumstances, please contact the office. We would be glad to meet with you, without charge, to discuss your specific concerns.

Steven P. Floman and Allison M. DePaola of the law firm Floman DePaola, LLC are the authors of this article. This article has been prepared for general informational purposes only and 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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# CASE MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs at the Case Memorial Library are free (except as noted for materials charges) and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for all Library programs. Library hours are as follows: Monday and Thursday 10-8; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10-5; Saturday 10-4. The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. Regular hours resume on Saturday, November 30.

## Weekly Storytimes

Come to our weekly storytimes to have fun, meet new friends, and set your child on the path to lifelong learning!

### Mother Goose is on the Loose! Lapsit Storytime

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months. Our lapsit storytimes feature nursery rhymes, music, and movement. The schedule is as follows: Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. November 26; December 3, 10, 17.

### Two-Year-Old Storytime

Our 2-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, music, and movement. The schedule is as follows: Thursdays from 10:30 to 11 a.m. December 5, 12, 19.

### Three to Five-Year-Old Storytime

Our 3 to 5-year-old storytimes feature storytelling, rhymes, and finger plays. The schedule is as follows: Mondays from 4-5 p.m. November 25; December 2, 9.

## Events for Children

### Thanksgiving Craft

Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m. - Make a Mayflower centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table to fill with your favorite goodies and notes of thanks. For children ages 6-10. Space is limited.

### Winter Craft: Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m. - Start the holiday season with something sweet! Make your own gingerbread house with a variety of treats. We will provide the materials; please bring a base to take your gingerbread house home on. For children ages 5-10. Space is limited.

### Holiday Teddy Bear Storytime

Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m. - Join us for a special holiday storytime. For children ages 2-5. Bring a snack; we'll provide juice.

## Events for Teens & Tweens

### Book Chat Café

Tuesday, December 17, 2:15 p.m. - Held in the Amity Middle School Media Center for teens who love to read and share their opinions over refreshments. Please see Mrs. Goss.

### Crafternoon!: Etched Glass Candleholders

Thursday, December 12, 4-5 p.m. - Make an etched glass candle holder for yourself or give it as a gift to someone special. Wrap your candleholder at our gift wrapping station and leave with a finished present. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited. For teens and tweens in grades 6 through 12 only.

## Events for Adults

### A Child's Christmas in Wales

Monday, December 2, 7 p.m. - A special holiday event for the whole family. Colin Lane and Becca Zaretsky will delight you with their special retelling of Dylan Thomas's popular poem told from the viewpoint of a young child celebrating Christmases past and portraying a nostalgic and simpler time.

### Golden Globe Comedies

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen - Monday, December 9, 7 p.m. & Wednesday, December 11, 1 p.m. (with subtitles) - A fisheries expert is approached by a consultant to help realize a sheik's vision of bringing the sport of fly-fishing to the desert. PG-13. 107 minutes.

### The Bookcase: Evening Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. - Join The Bookcase leader Toby Zabinski for a discussion of The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty. Copies available at the Circulation Desk.

### Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea

Saturday, January 4, 1 p.m. - Ring in the New Year and get ready for season 4 of Downton Abbey (premiering on January 5) with an afternoon tea at the Library. We'll enjoy tea and refreshments that Mrs. Patmore would be proud of, have some fun with Downton Abbey trivia and games, and watch the season 3 finale. Attendees

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are encouraged to bring a teacup and saucer and dress in Downton-inspired fare – whether upstairs or down. Space is limited.

### Cookbook Club

Monday, January 27, 7 p.m. - Come to the cookbook club for great food and great discussion about the featured cookbook: The Food52 Cookbook: 140 Winning Recipes from Exceptional Home Cooks by Amanda Hesser & Merrill Stubbs. Come ready to share your dish and your experiences with the group. Copies are available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

## Art in the Library

**November:** Watercolors by the students of Audrey Galer.

**December:** Oils and sculptures by Thu Tran and Sandy Spahr.

**Reception:** December 5, 5-7 p.m.

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Deaver, Jeffery – The October List  
Gladwell, Malcolm – David and Goliath (305)  
Hawking, Stephen – My Brief History (Biography)  
King, Stephen – Doctor Sleep  
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Sandford, John – Storm Front  
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It was a perfect day for the students and faculty at Peck Place to parade outside the school in front of the many onlookers that came to watch them during their annual Halloween parade. The entire school was surprised at all that came to watch them with a flash mob routine to the song Ghost Busters!

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Recently held at Peck Place School was a very well attended Pecktoberfest. The event featured something for every age group. Many children came dressed in costumes and went 'Trunk or Treating' along a row of vehicles that were decorated in a wide range of themes. The decorated vehicles included a graveyard, a farm, the Candy Land board game, and a psychedelic 60's Volkswagen (as seen in the photograph) among many other creatively decorated vehicles. Brave students along with many adults ventured through the haunted house. Those looking for something less spooky enjoyed stories read by teachers, a magic show by Danny Magic and cupcakes from the Sugar cupcake truck. The Pecktoberfest committee along with the many volunteers are to thank for making this event such a huge success!

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Some of the 3 year olds at Orange Congregational Church Nursery School were getting ready for their Halloween parade. Registration is ongoing. For information about our program, including our extended day option, please contact us at occns@yahoo.com or call 795-9749, ext. 305. Visit us on Facebook!



The 4 year old preK class from Orange Congregational Church Nursery School (OCCNS) visited the Orange Volunteer Fire Department to learn about fire safety. Enrollment is ongoing at OCCNS, for more information email occns@yahoo.net.



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## DINING WITH SUSAN

By Susan Noonan



### Connecticut Food Bank 2013

The holidays are upon us and in the season of giving, I felt it only fitting to devote this profile as I have done for the past six years to one of my favorite local organizations, Connecticut Food Bank. The organization is a non-profit whose mission is to provide nutritious food to people in need. Connecticut Food Bank strives to do this by supplying food products and resources to eligible programs throughout Fairfield, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London and Windham counties, and by promoting public awareness about the problems of hunger.

Scores of individuals, families, civic groups, schools, religious organizations and companies come forward each year to help make Connecticut Food Bank's "Thanksgiving for All" campaign a success. Last year, more than 25,100 turkeys and more than 240,000 pounds of trimmings were collected. With everyone's help, Connecticut Food Bank was able to provide nearly 490,000 holiday meals for people in need of food assistance. It hopes to surpass this total for 2013, as the need continues to escalate in Connecticut.



The kindness demonstrated throughout the Thanksgiving campaign is awe-inspiring, but is also a testament to what everyone can do working together as a community. As the effects of the recession continues to push more of our neighbors over the brink of financial security, we have to do more. Hunger is a year-round issue that doesn't end on Thanksgiving weekend. You can help Connecticut families year round by making a donation at [www.ctfoodbank.org/donate](http://www.ctfoodbank.org/donate).

Founded in 1982, Connecticut Food Bank is the largest source of charitable food assistance in Connecticut. Its main warehouse is located in East Haven with branch warehouses in Waterbury and Fairfield, along with affiliated distribution centers in New London and Stamford. Connecticut Food Bank provides food and other resources to more than 650 food-assistance programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and low-income senior and children's programs. Connecticut Food Bank has distributed over 200 million pounds of food over the years.

Everyday operations of Connecticut Food Bank are overseen by President & CEO Nancy L. Carrington, who has served the Food Bank for more than 29 years. The Board of Directors, made up of dedicated community members from the fields of finance, law, business, fundraising, public relations, human resources, warehousing and the food industry, have enabled and encouraged growth and forward thinking at Connecticut Food Bank. A dedicated staff of 50 ensures that Connecticut Food Bank continues to fulfill its work to alleviate hunger.

Many food drives are held throughout the year to benefit Connecticut Food Bank. The majority of food donations come from the food industry. They donate products that are wholesome but might have some cosmetic flaw and so will not sell. In this way Connecticut Food Bank reduces food waste and is able to feed the needy. Connecticut Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network. Feeding America is the largest domestic hunger relief charity network, consisting of more than 200 food banks and food rescue organizations. Connecticut Food Bank is funded privately, supported by a broad base of individuals, businesses, foundations and community organizations. Ninety-five cents of every dollar donated is directed toward program services.

To learn more about Connecticut Food Bank, visit [www.ctfoodbank.org](http://www.ctfoodbank.org). Tours of all three warehouses are offered after the holidays. What a great idea for a class trip (ATTENTION TEACHERS)! Connecticut Food Bank also offers a Speaker's Bureau where you can arrange for a staff member to speak at your organization's meeting or event, free of charge, along with Hunger 101, an interactive learning experience for groups to better understand what it means to be food insecure. Connecticut has many households grappling with hunger, according to a federal report recently released. More than 520,350 people in our state struggle to put food on their tables.

Everyone can help fight against hunger! Donate food, raise funds, volunteer, host friends or neighbors who are down on their luck to a meal (don't forget our senior citizen population on fixed incomes). Encourage political leaders to be more involved in fighting hunger in our country, support businesses that donate to hunger related efforts, be mindful of waste at home, and last but not least, teach your children to be compassionate to those less fortunate. Connecticut Food Bank-Main office & warehouse - 150 Bradley St. East Haven, CT 06512; Phone 203-469-5000; Fax 203-469-4871; Website: [ctfoodbank.org](http://ctfoodbank.org). Keep up-to-date about Connecticut Food Bank and hunger issues by following them at [www.ctfoodbank.org/blog](http://www.ctfoodbank.org/blog), [www.facebook.com/ctfoodbank](http://www.facebook.com/ctfoodbank) or [www.twitter.com/ctfoodbank](http://www.twitter.com/ctfoodbank).

Final notes: We can't justify people living with hunger and must do all we can to change this. You don't need a reservation to donate food throughout the year. For every \$30 donated, Connecticut Food Bank can feed a person for a full month. Let's carry that resolve throughout this holiday season and beyond. Happy Thanksgiving to all our loyal readers and supporters of the Orange & Woodbridge Town News. Remember to support our local family owned businesses as they are the backbone of our community and our great nation.

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Lacey Chabert

**Q:** A few months back, you ran an interview about **Scott Wolf**, and it got me to wondering what his fellow **"Party of Five"** alum **Lacey Chabert** is up to now. -- Janet L., Minneapolis

**A:** Lacey, who played the second youngest of the Salinger children on the hit '90s nighttime drama, stars in the Lifetime Movie Network original movie **"Non-Stop,"** which premieres Friday, Nov. 29, at 8 p.m. ET/PT. Lacey plays an executive assistant on a nighttime flight to Zurich who strikes up a romantic encounter with a handsome stranger seated next to her. When she later wakes from a nap, she finds that her bag with her ID, cellphone and laptop are missing -- as is the mysterious stranger.

Lacey told me she was delighted to play a different character from what her fans are used to seeing: "My character is at a point in her life when she's gone through a very devastating breakup. She's really searching for clarity and just trying to find an anchor in her life again. And there is also this mysterious side about her job, and throughout the story, you start to find out what that is.

"I really could empathize with her. I've certainly had times in my life where I felt a little lost -- I could relate to that part of the character. But there was a lot about her that I hadn't seen in characters I've played before. I like that she's in a situation where things are completely out of control, and she's starting to feel like she's going completely insane. At the same time, she has to be the sanest character in the film because she's driving the story. It was definitely a challenge."

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**Q:** Will **"The Client List"** return for another season, especially now that **Jennifer Love Hewitt** is pregnant? -- Nina L., via email

**A:** Lifetime has officially canceled the racy nighttime drama after two seasons. Word has it that Jennifer and the execs

were at a standoff over how to handle her real-life pregnancy within the show's story line.

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**Q:** I recently caught the encore airing of History's **"The Bible"** miniseries, and it made me wonder if there will be more new episodes of the series. -- Jackie W., via email

**A:** NBC recently acquired the rights for the sequel to "The Bible," called **"A.D.: Beyond the Bible,"** currently in development. There also is a two-hour theatrical version of the miniseries in the works focusing on the life of Jesus through his Resurrection. The film, called **"Son of God,"** premieres Feb. 29, 2014.

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**Q:** Is **Drew Barrymore** expecting again? Didn't she just have a baby? -- DeeDee P. in Georgia

**A:** Drew did indeed give birth to daughter Olive in September 2012, stating at the time that she wanted another baby, and soon. She got her wish, as Drew is now pregnant with baby No. 2, and is due late spring/early summer 2014.

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We invite all women who qualify for eligibility to join our organization to promote patriotism and to help our current and past veterans. For additional information to join, please contact us at -203-799-2822 and leave a message.



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## ORANGE ROTARY CLUB TURKEY TROT

The Rotary Club of Orange is excited to say that the 1st Annual Orange Rotary Turkey Trot – 5k Road Race is approaching quickly and people are urged to sign soon. The race, scheduled for Thanksgiving morning on Thursday, November 28, 2013 will begin and end at the High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road.

Orange Rotary President, Carl Russell said, "Registrations are coming in at a rapid pace. We are excited that so many people are going to participate in our 1st Turkey Trot. We are gearing up for a great day." The Rotary Club is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Its organization is open to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or political preference. There are 34,282 clubs and over 1.2 million members worldwide. Locally, the Rotary Club of Orange is engaged in numerous charitable activities designed to improve the lives of Orange and beyond.

Carl Russell, states, "We have tried to make registration and participation very easy. Our race committee is working very hard to ensure that everything is administered well. We expect everyone to be impressed with the day's events."

- Date of Event: Thursday, November 28, 2013
- Registration begins: 6:30 am • Register at: [orangectrotary.org](http://orangectrotary.org)
- Race Begins: 8:00 am (sharp)
- Awards: 9:45 am
- Runner Cost: \$20.00 Pre-Registered / \$25.00 Race Day Registration
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- Event Type: 5K Road Race (3.1 Miles) - USTAF Sanctioned Event Mile splits at 1, 2 & 3 Miles
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## GARDEN CLUB - GETTING READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Members of the Garden Club of Orange are making holiday decorations for the Case Memorial Library's rotunda. This will be our 14th year decorating the library. Come see our new holiday look!

In addition, we will be holding a wreath decorating workshop on November 26th. All wreaths will be on view in Orange civic buildings during the holiday season. These are fun opportunities for members to teach and learn. New members are welcome. For membership, please contact Teresa Evangeliste 203-795-3195. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC; NER and FGCCT.

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Maryellen Bospuda, President Garden Club of Orange and Francis Martino, floral designer.

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The Garden Club of Orange had its November meeting at Maplewood Senior Living. We were treated to an expertly prepared lunch with farm-fresh ingredients. The program for the day was "HIP, HIP FOR HOLIDAYS" presented by floral designer Francis Martino. For membership, please contact Teresa Evangeliste 203-795-3195. The Garden Club of Orange is a member of NGC; NER and FGCT.

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Julie Davis (OCW left) and Pat McCorkle (OCW right) present a check to Pat Miller (OACC center) for \$200 to further the efforts of OACC.

## ORANGE COMMUNITY WOMEN DONATE TO OACC

Recently, Orange Community Women (OCW) presented a check for \$200 to the Orange Arts and Culture Council to support its promotion of continuing artistic expression of all kinds.

For those unfamiliar with OCW or OACC, here is a brief description of their activities. Orange Community Women (OCW) seeks to unite the women of Orange and surrounding areas to participate in community service and to provide enrichment, leadership and social interaction. Some of the activities OCW undertakes throughout the year include: providing an Amity Scholarship to a graduating senior each year, providing holiday food baskets to the needy, care packages for deployed troops, hosting gatherings for the Seniors at Silverbrook Estates, hosting gatherings with the Tracy Bunch, support for Girl Scout and Boy Scout service projects, and participation in town events such as Relay for Life. In October OCW held its Suds and Bubbles fundraiser which raised the funds necessary to support activities within our community such as OACC.

The mission statement of Orange Arts and Cultural Council (OACC) is to promote continuing artistic expression of all kinds, coordinating the efforts of arts and civic organizations to enrich the cultural life of our community. Some of the activities OACC undertakes each year are Museum trips to Boston, New York and New Haven, buses to the New Haven Symphony, workshop/demonstrations (clay jewelry, watercolor), photography contests for children, as well as collaborations around town such as Partners in the Arts (local businesses exhibiting local artists' work), book signings in cooperation with the Garden Club and the Orange Library, and Artists at the Town Hall Gallery and Orange EXPO.

To find out more about OCW, contact Cheri McNabola, cmcnabola@aol.com, (203) 795-8032. To find out more about OACC, contact Halina Slawsky, orangearts1@hotmail.com, (203) 397-8915.

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Drew Carrano spent the last 15 years working under former Marketing Director Sam Tilery who recently passed away after serving WPLR/WYBC for over 34 years. While it is hard to follow in the footsteps of such a legendary figure, Drew learned from the best, has earned and deserves this role.



Drew Carrano

Sam's legacy at WPLR & WYBC will always be to serve the community, do great work with clients/partners and make sure everything looks camera ready. Connoisseurs Media has the utmost confidence that Drew will keep the legacy alive and continue to make this one of the best radio station promotion departments in the country. "Drew has been one of the hardest working, passionate, knowledgeable promotions people I have ever worked with," said Operations Manager Keith Dakin, "and there is no one who deserves this role more than him. I look forward to working with him to continue WPLR and WYBC's incredible success."

"I can't begin to express how honored I am to follow the footsteps of my friend and mentor Sam Tilery and become the Marketing Director for two legendary radio stations", said Marketing Director Drew Carrano. "I'm eager to continue the great work both stations have done for many years in the community and be part of the creative force that has built such a great and unique brand in the market."

Drew is a lifelong Orange resident and graduate of Amity High school. He graduated from Quinnipiac University with a degree in Communications.

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# HISTORY CORNER

By Ginny Reinhard



## Everyday Things at "The House"

Some of you might immediately know what I am referring to when I put the house in quotation marks. For those of you who know my passion for the Bryan-Andrew House, will understand that at this point, this lovely 1740 is the jewel in the crown of the history of Orange. Many of you have visited the 1830 Stone-Otis House, enjoyed afternoon tea, tours, washday, butter making and other yearly events but the Bryan-Andrew House is an unusual addition to our town.

Colonial living is experienced when we visit Sturbridge Village, Wethersfield and other historical sites but we have one of our own, a truly authentic house, the oldest house in Orange! Our September Open House was a smashing success with 129 visitors sitting around the fireplaces, enjoying friends and neighbors just as it would have been when the house was built by Nathan Bryan and in subsequent years when William Andrew purchased it from Nathan's son.

Each room is an adventure in itself, starting with the keeping room or kitchen. Often the largest room in the house, it is dominated by a large 10 foot fireplace with two bake ovens called beehive ovens. Each of these were used for baking and warming, heated with its own fire source of small logs until the brick interior was hot enough to bake bread, cakes, and pies or to keep the roasts warm. A myriad of kettles and pots was hung from a crane, an iron arm extending from one side of the oven wall with the ability to swing close or far from the embers. Sounds easy, doesn't it? But to keep the temperature correct for each kettle required a keen culinary sense. A series of hooks, hung in a chain would make the food simmer or boil depending on how close the kettle was to the heat. Since there were no "chef" stores to purchase the necessary equipment, all had to be made by a blacksmith and for the hand tools such as spoons and spatulas, a tinsmith.

It is all well and good to have a working fireplace but what about the food? How was it kept so as not to spoil? And where did the homemaker store her bowls, trenchers, baskets, firkins, pewter mugs and chargers and the jugs of many sizes? Why in the buttery, of course. The name comes from several sources, one being the butt, a wine keg that was stored there and the fact that churned butter was held there as well. Its modern name is a pantry. In the Bryan-Andrew house, one can find a collection of 18th century antiques all chosen to recreate the atmosphere of the 1740's.

For the size of the house, it would appear that a family of 10 would have made for tight quarters, but it needs to be understood that the house contained furniture, all necessary and used for storage. Chairs, tables and chests of drawers were included in Nathan's inventory when he died in 1767 citing 7 tables and as many chairs, two of which he described as great chairs. The family would most likely spend time in the keeping room and a room called the "hall." This room had a smaller fireplace with a crane that allowed for food preparation but on a smaller scale. Here the family would spend their evenings, reading, sewing, spinning and settling down after a hard, day's work. If they were expecting company, then the room, on the opposite side was set aside as the parlor. This was the "fancy" room where brass candlesticks, a brass bed warmer, fancy ironwork lighting devices and of course

the corner cabinet would be found. The cabinet, handmade by family would feature the finest china and pottery the family owned whether imported from Europe or brought to the colonies by their ancestors. Here is where one of Nathan's "great" chairs would have been located.

The Colony of Milford, as with other coastal towns, was well known for its chair making. The famous heart & crown chair of the early colonies was derived from early English designs and later refined to represent the feelings and tastes of the colonies. Andrew Durand 1702-1791 and his sons were fine chair makers and Nathan would be pleased to see examples of their work in his home. As to chests, the inventory speaks to sets of drawers and cases with drawers, which can be translated as lowboy furniture. Storage was an important part of the colonial home and it appears that Nathan had several styles of chests and trunks.

The very front of a house, we call an entry, was the porch. Here the walls would have been of wood sheathing, fancier than the plaster walls in the other rooms and a welcoming entry to the colonial home. The size of the Bryan-Andrew house would appear to be modest but what we have discovered in Nathan's inventory tells of a very successful farmer, indeed. He came from a very well to do family, Alexander and Richard Bryan who

were part of the colonization of Milford in 1639. William Andrew was also a successful farmer and comparing his inventory with Nathan's is a future project.

Although this house is structurally one building, it was divided in its history with a tradition, if you will, of dower rights. The dowry and dower rights are not a simple matter and they differ throughout the world. With Nathan Bryan, whose death came in 1766, one-third of his estate was left to his wife Elizabeth and two-thirds to his son Nathan. This arrangement is spelled out in detail in his last will and testament where Elizabeth was given "one third part of the house and barn, the west of the house with the cellar, with liberty to the life use of the ovens, with liberty to & from the well, the chamber over the ell, one-third of the saw mill." As with many wills and inventories of the 18th century, not only is the handwriting difficult to decipher but also the ultimate copies are often difficult to read.

In 1775, the young Nathan sold his two-thirds to two brothers, Samuel and William Andrew. It was not until 1789 that Nathan sold his mother's dower rights to William whose ownership of the house is documented in the 1790 census as living there. His brother Sam had died previously to this final purchase. It was apparent that this arrangement was "family" as Nathan's brother Thaddeus married William's daughter Esther in that same year.

The Nathan Bryan-William Andrew house has officially taken its place among the historic houses of Connecticut and will be open to the public by appointment for the time being. It is being offered to the public for small, family gatherings and celebrations where docents will be on hand for tours, fireplaces lit with food and beverages provided by the visitors. With additional funding, the home will have a certified kitchen. For information on availability call 203 795-3106 and leave a message.





Ms. McDonald's first grade class at Turkey Hill School in Orange collected over 250 letters, written by students in grades 1-6, for veterans in Connecticut. The letters were delivered on Veteran's Day in appreciation of those that have served. The class learned about the importance of Veteran's Day and why it is celebrated each year. They explored the different duties and responsibilities of each branch of the armed forces. The students learned of the bravery and sacrifices of veterans and understand the importance of respect and gratitude. Ms. McDonald's class and Turkey Hill School thank all veterans for their service, bravery, and dedication to America!

## BEREAVEMENT GROUP

### Finding Comfort in Our Time of Loss

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Coping with the loss of a loved one has no set time frame. There are moments when we seem to be managing just fine and then there are moments when we continue to struggle. Holidays, life-cycle events and everyday living can at times feel overwhelming. Memories can fill us with joy and are bittersweet as well. Please come join us as we support one another in a shared loss, yet knowing that our grief experiences are unique to us. Laughter and tears are equally welcome. Jan Cowles is the Bereavement Coordinator for Constellation Hospice located here in Orange, CT. There is no charge for the groups, but pre-registration is required. Please call Jan at 203-497-3872. You are warmly invited to attend...all you need to bring is yourself...that is the courageous first step.

**Locations:**

- Orange Senior Center (affiliation NOT required), 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Room 2. First and Third Tuesday of the month (unless there is bad weather).
- Constellation Health Services, 240 Indian River Road, Orange 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, 8 week sessions. Please call for date of next session.

"The reality is that you will grieve forever. You will not 'get over' the loss of a loved one; you will learn to live with it. You will be whole again but you will never be the same...nor would you want to." ~ Elizabeth Kubler-Ross and John Kessler

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## ORANGE FOOD PANTRY DONATION

*By Laura Fantarella - Orange Town News Correspondent*

The Sports Center of Connecticut in Shelton is hosting a Holiday Extravaganza Dec. 1 which promises to deliver good fun and help stock the shelves of the Orange Community Food Pantry. The all day event begins with a 12 p.m. visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus and photo opportunities followed by half priced public skating at 1 p.m. and free admission to a 3 p.m. holiday skating show with the donation of a non-perishable food item.

According to one of the skating show organizers, coach Jody Melotto, the contribution to the Orange Food Pantry should be a big one. The afternoon holiday skating show, featuring figure skaters of all ages, is always a popular event. "Our stands are always full!" Melotto said. "The show is a wonderful way to begin the holiday season with the magic of skating and the spirit of helping others."

The Sports Center is located at 784 River Road in Shelton.

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### Instructors to Teach Special Interest Courses for the Amity Adult & Continuing Education Spring Program

Do you have a special talent or hobby you would like to share with the community? In our ongoing quest to bring exciting new classes to our program, Amity Adult & Continuing Education is looking for instructors to bring their talents and interests to our Spring 2014 session.

Thanks to you, the community, we've had a great response to our online survey, and we're listening! You have given us great suggestions on some new classes you would like to see us offer, and we're doing our best to bring them to our program.

Do you sew, knit, crochet, or have a flair for interior decorating? Do you upholster your own chairs, do furniture repair and refinishing, or small home repairs? Are you great at tap dancing, basket weaving, playing an instrument, or want to teach others how to make those beautiful arts and crafts that everyone compliments you on? We're interested! Call Karen Wade at 203-392-2005 for more information.

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## Wine Talk

With Ray Spaziani



### MATCHING WINE AND FOOD

Wine is food. Certain foods go very well with other foods. Steak and potatoes are a favorite match. The texture and weight of the steak and texture and weight of the potatoes are a sharp contrast that seem to go together very well. Some people like green beans or carrots with this combination. I love fresh corn on the cob with mine, preferably from some of our wonderful local growers. What wine would go well with my favorite combination? I like a big heavy red wine with a long dry after taste. California Cabernet, Primitivo, Barolo, some Zinfandel, Shiraz, Pinotage and Malbec. All of these wines are full-bodied and go well with red meats. They are also great with Lamb, sirloin and game meats. The key is to find a full-bodied red that you like with your favorite hardy meat dishes.

When wine is properly matched with foods BOTH taste better. If you go out for lobster and order the wrong Chardonnay, (a single fermentation chardonnay usually made with no oak in stainless. Cold weather chards from the state of Washington or the Finger Lakes region of New York State and most of our Connecticut chards for example), the match does not work because the crisp malic acid does not match up well with a big buttery lobster. However, if you get a big chard from Napa Valley that has been run through a secondary fermentation where the malic acid changes and turns into Lactic Acid and is aged in an oak barrel. Wow! It is the best lobster and the best Chard you have ever had. (Lactic acid is similar to Lactos in milk, eggs, and butter!) It is too bad many restaurateurs do not know this. The Europeans have known this for hundreds of years. We have salt and pepper shakers as fixtures in every kitchen. The Europeans have a bottle of wine.

Classic matches of food and wine generally are similar in weight. Hardy food matches best with hardy wine. Light foods match with lighter bodied wines and so forth. Some matches are as follows; Sole, Flounder, Clams and Oysters, lighter fish dishes go well with wines such as Pinot Blanc, Alsace Riesling, Chablis, Muscadet, Kabinett and Spatlese, Sauvignon Blanc, Orvieto, Soave, Verdicchio, Frascati, Pinot Grigio, and Pinot Gris. Medium fish dishes such as Snapper, Bass, Shrimp, Scallops and some Veal dishes such as Veal Paillard would match up well with medium bodied whites; such as the following: Pouilly-Fume, Sancerre, Graves, Gavi, Gewurztraminer and single fermentation Chardonnay. Full-bodied fish and chicken dishes such as salmon, tuna, swordfish, lobster, duck and roasted chicken would match well with Chardonnay double fermentation, Chablis Grand Cru, Merasault, Montrachet and Viogner.

Light-bodied reds such as Pinot Noir Bordeaux, Burgundy, Beaujolais, Chianti, Valpolicella Badolino can match well with salmon, tuna, swordfish, duck, and roast chicken. Medium bodied reds including Malbec, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Rioja, Barbera, Docetto Chianti Classic Riserva Zinfandel, Merlot, Bordeaux and Burgundy match wonderfully with veal and pork chops and game birds.

When you cook with wine use a wine that has the same style you are going to serve. If you are not sure what goes well with what, order what I call a user friendly wine. Reds would include Merlot, Chianti and Pinot Noir. Whites would include Pinot Gregio, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Champagne and other sparkling wines. So go out and find some great wine and food matches. You will be glad you did! By the way Muni, the owner of Vallero Gas station and convenience store on the corner of Lambert Road and The Post Road in Orange has a new Latte machine that makes wonderful stuff! He only charges a dollar or two for the same stuff they get seven to ten bucks for a little further up the road. Muni is a gregarious character who treats his customers wonderfully. Mention you heard about his machine in this article and get your first cup free!

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.

## ACES VILLAGE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FAIR

Holiday Fair: Friday, December 6, 2013 at ACES Village School 31 Temple Street, North Haven, CT from 5pm to 8:30pm. Festivities include food, crafts, raffles, and lots of fun for the whole family. All the proceeds will benefit special needs children within the ACES schools. We are also offering table rentals to crafters/vendors. If interested in reserving a table please call Monica Bish at 203-265-2233. Limited space is available on a first come, first served basis. Rental is \$30 for covered table space.

## DON'T ADD AN ER VISIT TO YOUR HOLIDAY PLANS

Visiting is a big part of the Thanksgiving holiday. But one place you don't want to visit is the emergency room.

"Most people who come in over that four-day period are here for fever, back pain, abdominal pain and chest pain," said Abhi Mehrotra, M.D., assistant medical director in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of North Carolina. "That's not unexpected because those are the most common complaints anyway."

But there are those of us who need medical attention for lacerations, burns and other injuries that stem directly from holiday-related activities.

### Lacerations

At Thanksgiving, it's not unusual to have too many cooks in the kitchen. Needless to say, keep knives and other sharp objects out of reach of children -- and anyone else who's likely to be a little too cavalier about carving.

"Pay attention to what you're doing, and be vigilant about where things are -- that's the best way to avoid injury," Mehrotra says. "Make sure you're familiar with the equipment before you start using it. And don't rush."

### Burns

Many of us like to try something new for the big meal. Deep-fried turkey is a popular -- and potentially dangerous -- way to prepare the bird. Just remember that you want people oohing and ahing over the finished product, not the preparatory pyrotechnics.

"The bird should be fresh or thawed -- not frozen -- and be careful to raise and lower it slowly to avoid splashing the hot grease," Mehrotra explains. "It's also important to make sure you don't have any skin exposed. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and gloves for protection. Finally, have a working fire extinguisher nearby at all times."

### Dietary Issues

Thanksgiving is the biggest eating day of the year, and even the most vigilant of us can easily overindulge.

"The data shows large meals are less healthy than smaller meals more frequently," Mehrotra says. "So if you want to have the same amount of turkey, spread it out over several hours. You'll feel better for it." You can still take a nap during the third quarter of the football game, though.

And don't forget that dietary restrictions still apply even on holidays. If you're on a special diet for health reasons, do your best to stick to it. If you just can't resist Aunt Beulah's super-sweet pumpkin pie cheesecake or Uncle Zeb's salty country ham, take a tiny portion to savor.

### Overexertion

Shopping on Thanksgiving weekend is like a full-contact marathon. Between the door-buster deals offered on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, it's possible to damage more than your bank balance.

If you're hitting the stores, avoid overexerting yourself. Remember that "shop till you drop" is just an expression, not a command. "It's important to pace yourself," Mehrotra says. This is especially wise if you're unaccustomed to being on your feet for long periods, or if you don't get much regular exercise. "Plan breaks where you can sit down and rest a little. And make sure you keep hydrated throughout the day." Think of all the great people-watching you can do during that break.

"Moderation, prevention and good old common sense are the best ways to avoid an emergency-room visit," Mehrotra says. "But if you're not feeling well, come in. The nurses, physicians and staff of the emergency department are here to care for you 24/7, including the holidays."

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# SENIOR CENTER

By Dennis Marsh



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## Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Holiday Market

The 2nd Annual Holiday Market will be held Friday, December 6 from 10—3pm in the Senior Café. Deadline to register for a table is Monday, November 25. Fee for a table is \$10 and a raffle prize for the Holiday Dinner Dance. So be sure to plan to shop the market for this holiday season. There is no charge to come and shop from any of the fine vendors on display. Call (203) 891-4784 for more information.

## Holiday Dinner Dance

Come join us at the Grassy Hill Lodge for our annual Senior Center Holiday Dinner Dance on Sunday, December 8 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 Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, or Stuffed Shrimp. 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. Payment and meal choice must be made at the time of reservation. Tables will seat 8 to 10 persons. If you wish to be seated with particular people, payment for the group must be made at the same time. Checks are payable to Treasurer, Town of Orange. Tickets go on sale November 1.

## Meet the State Representatives

Monday, December 9, from 12:00 to 1:00pm, come meet your CT State Representatives who will speak on the issues facing our state. This will be a great opportunity to hear from the decision makers themselves. Expected to attend are Representatives Themis Klarides, Paul Davis, and James Maroney. Coffee and dessert will be available. Call the center to let us know you will be attending.

## Lunch & Learn—Tom Goodwin, Story Teller

December 12 from 11:30am to 1:00pm, stories from the Studebaker and other Cars we Loved". Todd Goodwin will present a one hour long "campfire" story-telling session. This unique experience should be a lot of fun! Participants bring their own brown bag lunch at 11:30 and the program begins at noon. Coffee and dessert will be available. Call the center to let us know you will be attending.

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## 2014 TRIPS

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## BROADWAY—Motown the Musical or Kinky Boots (You Choose the Show)

- April 2. Lunch at Carmine's in New York, family style with platters of Rigatoni & Broccoli and Chicken Parmigiana. Choose between either Motown the Musical—the real story of the one-of-a-kind sound that hit the airwaves and changed our culture forever. Featuring all the hit classics you love! Or you can choose to see Kinky Boots—which features a richly diverse musical score from Grammy Award-winning Cyndi Lauper. Boots won six 2013 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Choreography. Cost for Motown: \$223 pp and cost for Kinky Boots is \$203 pp. Includes transportation, lunch, admissions, & driver gratuities. Full payment due with reservation. Now accepting registrations.

**THE POMPEII EXHIBIT** – April 12-13, 2014 (2 days & 1 night). Includes a guided tour of Philadelphia with a local historian in colonial dress. See the popular murals of the city. Stay at the Crowne Plaza of Wilmington North. Visit the famous Franklin Institute and experience one of the most famous volcanic eruptions of all time. Includes transportation, hotel, wine & cheese reception, Dinner & Show at the hotel, guided tour, breakfast, and admission to Pompeii exhibit, baggage handling, taxes, and driver and escort gratuities. Cost is \$307pp, double occupancy. Cancellation insurance is available.

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# TOWN OF ORANGE 2013 ELECTION RESULTS

## First Selectman

<b>James Zeoli</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>3180</b>
Kenneth Lenz*	(D)	1718

## Board of Selectmen

<b>Ralph Okenquest</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2648</b>
<b>Judy Williams</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2621</b>
<b>John Carangelo</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2621</b>
Mitchel Goldblatt*	(D)	2109
Jody Dietch	(D)	1570
Michael Richetelli	(IFO)	1341
John Cifarelli	(D)	1260

## Town Clerk

<b>Patrick O'Sullivan</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>3618</b>
Unapposed		

## Tax Collector

<b>Sandra Pierson</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>3767</b>
Unapposed		

## Board of Finance

<b>Joseph Nuzzo</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2867</b>
<b>Debra Marino</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2771</b>
<b>Fred Kendrick</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2544</b>
P.J. Shanley*	(D)	2030
Jennifer Alfaro	(D)	1793
Glenn Pearson	(D)	1740

## Board of Education

<b>Kim Browe</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2425</b>
<b>Christian Young</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2401</b>
<b>Jeffrey Cap</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2321</b>
Deanna Pucillo*	(D)	1645
Karen deFur-Maxwell*	(D)	1540
Marc Robbins	(D)	1532
James O'Conner	(IFO)	946
Darcy Perfetto	(IFO)	918

## Board of Education (vacancy)

<b>Susan Riccio</b>	<b>(D)</b>	<b>3151</b>
Unapposed		

## Plan & Zoning Commission

<b>Walter Clark</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2987</b>
<b>Oscar Parente</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2880</b>
Jennifer Gosselin	(D)	1762
Mat Norko	(D)	1615

## Amity Board of Education

<b>Steven DeMaio</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2449</b>
<b>Thomas Hurley</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2269</b>
<b>Richard Cenami</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2188</b>
Sue Cohen*	(D)	1799
Judy Primevera	(D)	1796
Kim Syrop	(D)	1531
Jodi Beth Chodas	(IFO)	1119

## Constable

<b>Jody Daymon</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2440</b>
<b>Jeffrey Vargo</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2391</b>
<b>Kristen Marquis</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2215</b>
<b>Michael Donadeo</b>	<b>(R)</b>	<b>2165</b>
Santo Galioto*	(D)	1927
Robert Shanley*	(D)	1910
Randolph Thomas*	(D)	1801
Mathew Zwerdling	(D)	1434
Fred Messoro	(IFO)	953

**Winner in bold.** \*Gains seat due to minority representation

## DOLLAR\$ AND \$ENSE

# COMPENSATING OUR CAREGIVERS

By Roberta L Nestor

November has been designated "National Caregivers Month" as a time to recognize the estimated 90 million that provide care to family members and loved ones. According to the Caregiver Action Network, family caregivers provide \$450 billion worth of unpaid care each year – more than the total Medicaid funding. And this is where the controversy begins. Should family members be compensated for providing caregiver services for Mom and Dad?

At what point do adult children decide that their Mom or Dad is in need of full time home care? Adult children who live in close proximity of their parents and see them regularly will be most aware of changes and warning signs. When you see a parent experiencing difficulty with daily activities (eating, bathing, dressing, etc.); memory problems; trouble with banking and finances; multiple falls; problems with driving or forgetting medications, it usually starts the process of home care.

It may start out with bringing over a few meals a week or doing light house-keeping. However, it quickly turns to be an overwhelming responsibility. Imagine taking care of your own family and household, holding down a job and then having to provide care for your parents. Are you willing to provide personal care, grocery shopping, meal preparation, housekeeping, laundry, coordinating household and medical bills, making phone calls, financial management, transportation, monitoring and managing medications, tracking changes in health, liaison with healthcare practitioners? And at what cost?

Even though most family members want to help and feel a sense of duty to care for a loved one, it is a job with heavy time commitments and responsibilities. The person providing care for a loved one, be it a spouse or adult child, may make significant sacrifices and often end up giving up a job and employment benefits. A formal agreement among family members can provide a way to compensate a person providing care if he or she is no longer able to hold other employment.

"Personal Care Contracts" are becoming more common with families facing long term home care situations. These are legal contracts based on an older person needing care and the caregiver; where the caregiver agrees to perform specific services to the older person in exchange for money or compensation. These contracts should be very specific and be based on a reasonable compensation defined to be a pre-determined or fixed amount based on the services provided (such as the ones listed above) and the time frame (daily, weekly or monthly). Be sure to establish what is considered "reasonable compensation" based on actual costs in your area; find out what it would cost to have groceries delivered, chore services, or the cost of a home health care aide. The caregiver should maintain a detailed log of dates, times and services provided. Why is this important? Often a caregiver agreement is part of a strategy for accelerating Medicaid eligibility. Medicaid will examine to see if the caregiver agreement was bona fide, or if was just a way to "gift" assets and not have them subject to the 5 year look back.

How you pay your caregiver is not only important when it comes to Medicaid scrutiny - there are additional risks in paying any caregiver "under the table". If Medicaid qualification is one of the planning goals, the parties' failure to report the payments as taxable income to the caregiver, whether as an employee or independent contractor, will likely be cited against them as proof that they never intended the payments to be compensation for services rendered, but rather as gifts. This conclusion in turn will trigger the Medicaid look-back rules and likely result in the older person being denied Medicaid coverage for some indeterminate period of time.

Regardless of Medicaid, the willful omission of paid wages from the caregiver's income tax returns goes by another name -- tax evasion -- which is a crime under both federal and state law. There is no statute of limitations for failing to report income. At a minimum, both the older person and the caregiver risk being held liable for federal and state back taxes, interest, and penalties on all unreported income paid over the course of the contract.

Planning for long term care has become more and more complex. Seek the advice of an eldercare specialist or attorney to understand all of the components of a Personal Care Contract. And thank you to all caregivers, your services, warmth and compassion is immeasurable.

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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TEMPLE EMANUEL

**Saturdays at 10:30am in the TE library:** Torah Study – discussion of the weekly parashah with Rabbi Michael Farbman.

**Friday, November 22 following the 8pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service:** Terri Fried, MD, Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics) at Yale and a TE member, will discuss “Coping with Aging Parents.” A traditional tasty TE oneg will follow.

**Sunday, November 24 at 7pm:** TE participates in the annual Orange Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This year, the service is hosted by Holy Infant Church. We will be represented by members of the TE Children’s Choir and the TE Band in addition to our adult singers.

**Friday, December 6 at 6:30pm:** Monthly Family Shabbat Service – open to all members of the community, this service is geared toward families with children in elementary school and younger, with a sermon in the form of a story. This month, the TE Children’s Choir, lead by Anna Zonderman, will sing during the service.

**Saturday, December 7 at 7:30pm:** Magavet, Yale University’s first, best and only Jewish a cappella group, presents a concert of traditional and modern arrangements of Jewish, Hebrew and Israeli songs. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, and include a dessert reception after the concert.

For more information about all events, celebrations and services at Temple Emanuel, including Rabbi Michael’s monthly story hour for children in pre-K and Kindergarten and their families, please go to the TE website: [www.templemanuel-gnh.org](http://www.templemanuel-gnh.org), or call the temple office at 203-397-3000.



Temple Emanuel

## INVITATION FROM THE ORANGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

You are cordially invited to attend our worship services on Sundays at 8:00am or 10:00am. The 10:00 service has a very active Sunday school so please check us out.

**November 20, 2013** - A Taize service will be held at 7:00pm. This is a contemplative service of chant, silence, and scripture. Give yourself a break from the hectic world we live in and join us.

**November 24, 2013** - A Special Thanksgiving worship service at 8:00am and 10:00am. The 10:00am service will be featuring a choral piece titled “THE PROMISE OF LIVING” by Aaron Copeland from “THE TENDER LAND”. The tenor solo will feature Kirk Dougherty, a native of Sleepy Hollow, NY, and a graduate of the Eastman School of Music. He will be joining Bryan Campbell, Music Director, and guest pianist, Beth Palmer, who is a well known area pianist who accompanies the Mendelsohn Chorus and Fairfield County Chorale at Fairfield University. This will be a very special worship focusing on gratitude, grace, and abundant living.

**November 24, 2013** - Also on Sunday join area churches and synagogues in a THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH SERVICE, at Holy Infant Church, on Racebrook Road at 7:00pm. There will be combined choirs and special music and words by area clergy.

**MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THE TOWN’S TREE LIGHTING. December 8, 2013.** Many afternoon activities include at OCC the annual cookie sale, performance by the OCC Handbell Choir at 4:00pm and a carol-sing -a-long prior to the tree lighting. The concert is free and open to the public



Orange Congregational Church

## CONGREGATION OR SHALOM UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events Are Open to Non-Members

### Coffee And Learn

Wednesdays, 11:00 am: Congregation Or Shalom, 205 Old Grassy Hill Rd, Orange, is once again offering its free Coffee And Learn classes lead by Or Shalom Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus. Each week, the Rabbi addresses interesting and sometimes amusing topics regarding Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more.



Congregation Or Shalom

This year, Rabbi Wainhaus will begin the classes with: Controversial Passages in the Book of Genesis. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. These classes are held every Wednesday through March. All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (Coffee And) are served.

### Latkes & Magic

Friday, November 29: Or Shalom’s annual Hanukah celebration takes place following the regular Friday night Service. We will gather in the lobby to light the menorah prior to the Service and then after the Service there will be a magic show and, of course, latkes. All are welcome to come celebrate.

### Congregation Or Shalom Youth Program

Is your child interested in joining our Youth Program? Or Shalom’s youth program is for children in grades 6-8. Activities include fun programs such as rock climbing, participating in a Friday evening Service as well as social action activities. Or Shalom membership is not required. The only requirement is that at least one parent be Jewish. For more information, contact the office at 203-799-2341.

### 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.

### 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

## INTERFAITH SERVICES TO BE HELD

The annual Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held at Holy Infant Church on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 pm. Please join with the members of many faiths in our town to give thanks for the blessings we have all received. Gratitude is one of the shared virtues that cross religious lines. Don’t miss this opportunity that Thanksgiving Day provides. A reception will be held in the church hall following the service.



Holy Infant Church

## MILFORD CLERGY SPONSOR MULTI-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Milford’s annual multi-faith community Thanksgiving Eve service will take place on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, located at 70 Gulf Street.

The worship service is sponsored by the Milford Clergy Association. The service will include a Thanksgiving Proclamation from the Honorable Benjamin Blake, Mayor of the City of Milford. A combined choir of singers from local congregations will offer special music, led by music ministers of local congregations. The service will include a children’s moment and childcare for children under five years old will be available in the church’s nursery.

The service will be led by clergy from the Milford Clergy Association, including the Reverend Douglas Clark, Interim Senior Pastor of First United Church of Christ, Congregational who will give the sermon.

An offering will be collected to support the CT Energy Assistance Program through the work of the Milford Department of Human Services who provide this program on behalf of TEAM, Inc. The program helps provide financial assistance to needy households in an effort to make energy costs (oil, natural gas, electricity etc.) more affordable during the heating season. Last year, DHS processed 679 applications for Energy Assistance assisting over 1497 individual family members. This year the need is even greater and the funds coming to our city from the state and federal government have been drastically reduced. In addition to the monetary offering, a collection of non-perishable food items will be received for the food bank at the Beth-El Center.



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# HOUSES OF WORSHIP EVENTS

## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UPCOMING EVENTS

**Weekly Services:** *Sundays:* 7:45 am - Morning Mass; 9:00 am - Church Alive- Families with Children, 50 minutes and Sunday School included.; 10:30 am, Traditional Eucharist with the choir. *Wednesdays:* 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service of Prayer and Healing with Communion

**Church Alive** comes to Church of the Good Shepherd, Sunday Mornings at 9 AM. Children, their families, and the young at heart are invited to join together for praise, and worship in a relaxed, child-friendly service that is highly participatory and interactive and is guaranteed to be over in under an hour. Children of all ages are encouraged to set the table, read the lessons, help with communion and grow in their love of Jesus. The Worship Band will play at this service.

**Traditional Choral Eucharist** returns to Church of the Good Shepherd, Sundays at 10:30 a.m. In a world that is always changing, experience a traditional worship service with communion, hymns and a message of God's love that will help you put your faith into practice and navigate life's ups and downs. Church of the Good Shepherd is a place to belong, a place to grow and a place to make a difference in the world.

**New Bible Study** at Church of the Good Shepherd. Have you always wanted to understand the Bible more? All are welcome to explore God's story on Monday Evenings at 7 p.m. in a judgment free zone where questions and lively discussion are encouraged. No prior Bible knowledge needed and all are welcome. \$20 for materials and scholarships are available. Questions call 203-795-6577.

**Sunday Evening, Yoga Body Prayer** 7 p.m. Beginning September 8th—Using the Vinyassa Yoga Method and taught by certified Yoga Instructor Maryanne Haverstock, begin your week with Yoga and centering prayer and meditation. This class is for all levels of yoga practice and experience. Bring a yoga mat or towel, water and wear comfortable clothes. Free will offering accepted.

**Prayer and Healing Service** with Laying on of Hands and Eucharist every Wednesday Evening at 7 p.m.

**Sing Sing, Sing!**—Did you sing in High School? Do you sing in the shower? You are invited to experience choral music singing, community and fun with Dr. Don Wiggins and the Good Shepherd Choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 6:30-8p.m. The choir sings at 10:30 each Sunday. Don is an experienced singer, teacher and director and enjoys working and developing voices of all ages. For more information, call 203-795-6577 or email dgwiggins@gmail.com.

### Special Holiday Services

- Thanksgiving Day Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.
- Interfaith Service of Remembrance for the Victims of Sandy Hook: December 14th, 9:00 a.m.
- December 24th Christmas Eve, Carols, Candlelight and Communion, 4:30 p.m. Music; 5:00 p.m. Communion Service begins
- December 25th Christmas Day Eucharist, 10:00 a.m.
- December 29th, Sunday: 7:45 a.m. Traditional Eucharist, no music; 9:00 a.m. Carols, and Worship for Children with Worship Band; 10:30 Lessons and Carols with Eucharist



Church of the Good Shepherd



## ST. ANN'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

At the St. Ann's Victorian Christmas Spectacular you will be greeted by some of Charles Dicken's most famous and engaging characters such as Ebenezer Scrooge ("Bah! Humbug!"), Tiny Tim, Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig and the Ghost of Christmas Past. Several dozen St. Ann's and community volunteers participate as characters from Dickens' stories, strolling carolers, and even a wandering minstrel or two (plus a special visit from Father Christmas himself). Buy Victorian treats or sit in Victorian Parlor for a luncheon of roast turkey (hot dogs and mac n' cheese for the kids!). Be sure to stop at Mrs. Fezziwig's Bakery and sample some of the delightful baked goods such as Christmas Cake and over two dozen other lovingly created baked goods.

Over 30 vendors encircle our recreated Victorian London Main Street, selling gifts and specialties such as stained glass, jewelry, toys, chocolates, knitted goods, blankets and much more. Pick a winning ticket at Tiny Tim's Auction and win sensational prizes such as the "We are Amused" basket complete with dinner at a local restaurant, a bottle of wine and theatre tickets for two, or "Queen Victoria's Coiffure" basket with a trip to a local spa for nails and a hair trim from a talented local hairdresser. Shop for that imaginative and special gift at St. Ann's Victorian Christmas Spectacular, and experience Christmas as it would have been in Victorian times December 7th, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

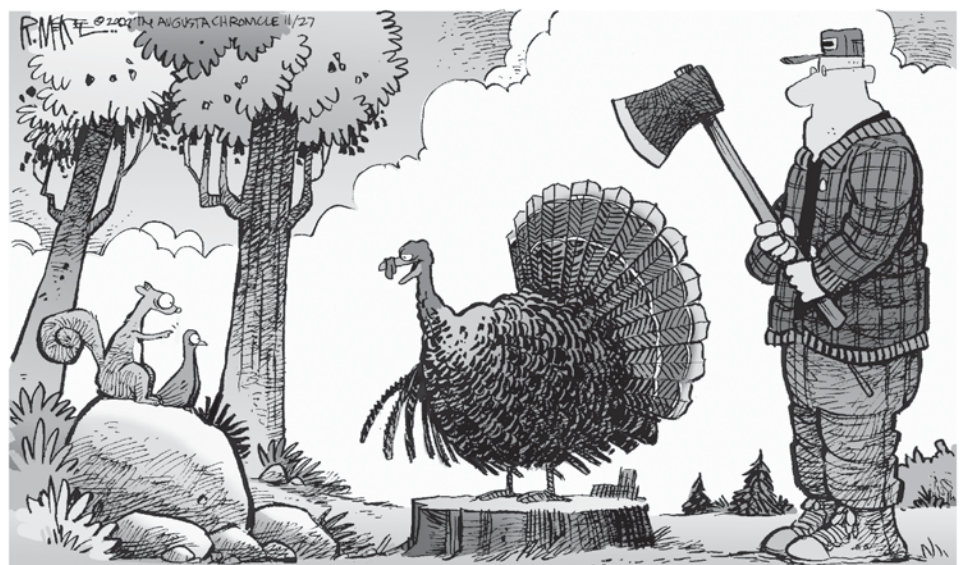
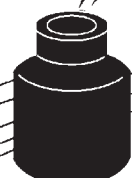
St. Ann's Parish Center is located at 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford, (in the former St. Ann School, behind St. Ann Church.) There is ample off-street parking on Church Street, opposite the Parish Center. For questions or further information, please call MaryJo Downs, 203-882-0695.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.*

MATTHEW 1:17



"I KNOW IT'S BEEN A TOUGH YEAR and TIMES HAVE BEEN HARD, BUT THERE'S SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR....AFTER ALL, WE STILL HAVE OUR HEALTH!"

# ENTERTAINMENT

## TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Ender's Game (PG-13)**  
Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield
- 2. Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R)**  
Johnny Knoxville, Jackson Nicoll
- 3. Last Vegas (PG-13)**  
Robert De Niro, Michael Douglas
- 4. Free Birds (PG)**  
animated
- 5. Gravity (PG-13)**  
Sandra Bullock, George Clooney
- 6. Captain Phillips (PG-13)**  
Tom Hanks, Barkhad Abdi
- 7. 12 Years a Slave (R)**  
Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael K. Williams
- 8. Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (PG)**  
animated
- 9. The Counselor (R)**  
Michael Fassbender, Penelope Cruz
- 10. Carrie (PG-13)**  
Julianne Moore, Chloe Grace Moretz

## TOP 10 RENTALS

- 1. After Earth (PG-13)**  
Jaden Smith
- 2. This Is the End (R)**  
James Franco
- 3. Iron Man 3 (PG-13)**  
Robert Downey Jr.
- 4. World War Z (PG-13)**  
Brad Pitt
- 5. The Great Gatsby (PG-13)**  
Leonardo DiCaprio
- 6. Now You See Me (PG-13)**  
Jesse Eisenberg
- 7. Kevin Hart: Let Me Explain (R)**  
Kevin Hart
- 8. The Frozen Ground (R)**  
Nicolas Cage
- 9. Epic (PG)**  
animated
- 10. The Heat (R)**  
Sandra Bullock

## CHART BUSTERS

### Top 10 Pop Singles

- 1. Lorde**  
"Royals"
- 2. Katy Perry**  
"Roar"
- 3. Miley Cyrus**  
"Wrecking Ball"
- 4. Avicii**  
"Wake Me Up!"
- 5. Drake feat. Majid Jordan**  
"Hold On, We're Going Home"
- 6. Jay Z feat. Justin Timberlake**  
"Holy Grail"
- 7. Lady Gaga**  
"Applause"
- 8. One Republic**  
"Counting Stars"
- 9. Imagine Dragons**  
"Demons"
- 10. Ylvis**  
"The Fox"



Avicii

### Top 10 Country Singles

- 1. Luke Bryan**  
"That's My Kind of Night"
- 2. Thomas Rhett**  
"It Goes Like This"
- 3. Blake Shelton**  
"Mine Would Be You"
- 4. Chris Young**  
"Aw Naw"
- 5. Tim McGraw**  
"Southern Girl"
- 6. Eric Church**  
"The Outsiders"
- 7. Keith Urban and Miranda Lambert**  
"We Were Us"
- 8. Florida Georgia Line**  
"Cruise"
- 9. Jason Alden**  
"Night Train"
- 10. Joe Nichols**  
"Sunny and 75"



Helen Mirren in "Red 2"

EDITOR'S NOTE: DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of Nov. 25, 2013.

### PICKS OF THE WEEK

**"Red 2" (R)** -- A handful of renegade CIA retirees go back into action to kill bad dudes and recover a nuclear weapon. The aging -- but still deadly -- ensemble includes Bruce Willis (tough guy and hero), John Malkovich (the Mad-Dog Murdoch of the crew) and Helen Mirren (elegant and sophisticated, even when operating an automatic weapon). Mary-Louise Parker rounds out the cast as Bruce's civilian girlfriend.

While the explosions are big and bright, this film has an acute case of sequel-itis. Willis looks bored for most of the proceedings. The jokes don't land the way they did in the prequel. Sir Anthony Hopkins has a fun role as a scientist -- possibly the mad kind. If you truly enjoyed the first round, then go ahead and rent this as a follow-up.

**"Jobs" (PG-13)** -- Steve Jobs had an

undeniably dramatic and intriguing life. From his early years, to the launch of Apple Computers, all the way up to his triumphant return to the company he built and then lost. Ashton Kutcher clearly put in the research for his role as Jobs. Josh Gad -- a more comedic type -- does a great job of depicting Steve Wozniak, the techie who built the first Apple motherboard, and a companion to the often anti-social Jobs.

Sadly, the film never rises above the point of worshipping Steve Jobs. The tone of the movie is hard to pin down -- I thought I was watching a parody for a good portion of the run time. People respond to every word Jobs utters with bated breath, just on the edge of applauding nothing. Even when the movie shows the darker side of the man, it's feels more obligatory than organic.

**"Knightriders" (Blu-ray)** -- This 1981 low-budget treasure finally makes it to Blu-Ray. See, there's this radical roadshow going through small-town America -- a Renaissance Fair bloodsport on wheels. The film tells the oh-so-wonderful story of men in medieval armor who ride around on dirtbikes and fight with swords and flails. Ed Harris turns in a swell performance as the gang's delusional leader -- his character takes the knight stuff a little too seriously, while all of the other performers just want Knightriders to achieve the same commercial success as Monster Trucks. George A. Romero (the father of the modern zombie film) directed this little ditty and promptly went back to making monster flicks.

### DOG OF THE WEEK

**"Getaway" (PG-13)** -- Ethan Hawke plays a race-car driver who must perform a high-octane crime spree -- or they'll kill his wife. Somewhere along the way, a teenage runaway (Selena Gomez) gets into the passenger seat. One would think that a movie that presses on the gas pedal and never lets up would be an exhilarating experience. It's actually quite dull and exhausting to watch a feature-length car chase.

1. How old was Priscilla, future wife of Elvis, when they first met?
2. What was on the b-side of the Rolling Stones' "We Love You"?
3. Who released "Do You Wanna Dance?" in 1962?
4. Name the 1974 Hollies hit.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "You step inside but you don't see too many faces, Coming in out of the rain to hear the jazz go down, Too much competition, too many other places."



1. She was 14 and met Elvis when she and her military family were stationed in Germany in 1959. Their Las Vegas wedding wasn't until 1967. 2. "Parade" released in 1967. Once it came to the U.S., the song became the a-side with "We Love You" falling flat on the charts. 3. Cliff Richards, followed by the Beach Boys in 1965. 4. "The Air That I Breathe," Radiohead was sued in the 1990s for lifting the melody. 5. "Sultans of Swing," by Dire Straits in 1978, with a re-release the following year. The song was created after a rainy day in an Ipswich bar with a less-than-stellar jazz band playing to an empty bar. They called themselves Sultans of Swing.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

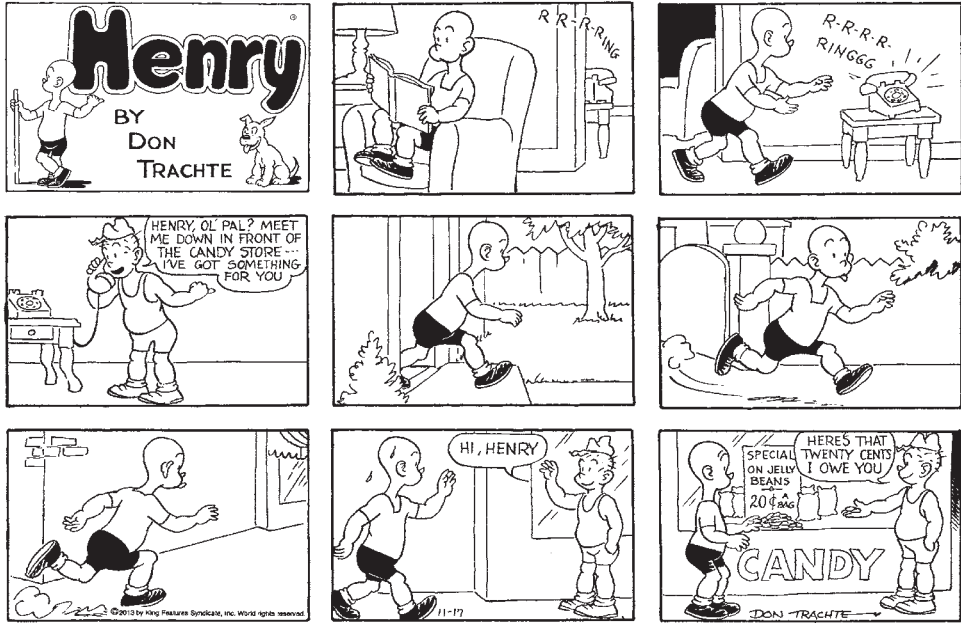
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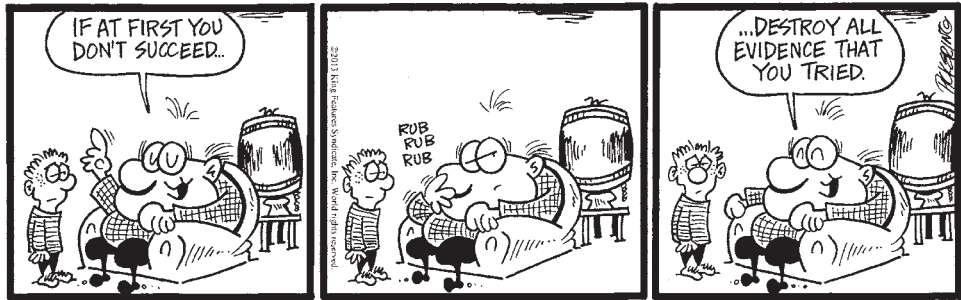
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★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
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# COMICS/CROSSWORD/HOLLYWOOD



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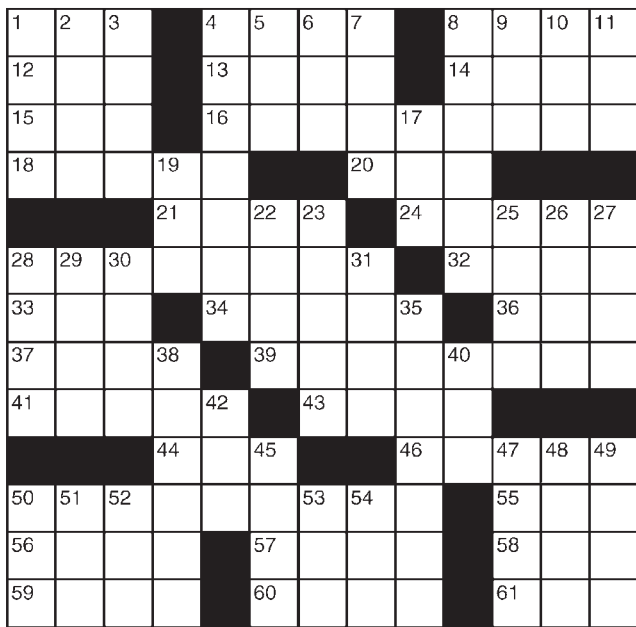


by Jeff Pickering

## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Greet the villain
- 4 Amusement park attraction
- 8 Sail holder
- 12 Grecian vessel
- 13 Jealousy
- 14 Malaria symptom
- 15 Long crosser
- 16 Too rare
- 18 Swell
- 20 "CSI" evidence
- 21 Complaint
- 24 2012 TV series about a Broadway show
- 28 Cousteau's bailiwick
- 32 Reverberate
- 33 Witness
- 34 Ganges garments
- 36 Charged bit
- 37 One of the brass
- 39 Likely loser
- 41 Razor sharpener
- 43 Long tale
- 44 Upper limit, for short
- 46 Gift of the Magi
- 50 Sap
- 55 Debtor's letters
- 56 Santa's



- laundry problem
- 57 Similar (to)
- 58 Playground game
- 59 St. Louis landmark
- 60 Calendar abbr.
- 61 Commotion
- DOWN**
- 1 Socket insert
- 2 Exam format
- 3 Aware of
- 4 AP competitor
- 5 Hostel
- 6 Netflix offering
- 7 Kept tabs on
- 8 Butterfly or
- Bovary
- 9 Past
- 10 Early riser?
- 11 Golf gadget
- 17 Hosp. staffers
- 19 Honest politician
- 22 Birthright
- 23 Flowerless plants
- 25 Alkali neutralizer
- 26 "Get lost!"
- 27 — Kong
- 28 Works with
- 29 Barbershop call
- 30 Antelope's playmate
- 31 Verdi opera
- 35 Part
- 38 "The Iceman —"
- 40 Shaft of light
- 42 Standard
- 45 Opening day?
- 47 Hayworth or Moreno
- 48 Thoroughfare
- 49 "Les Miserables" author
- 50 N.A. nation
- 51 Neither mate
- 52 Happy companion?
- 53 White House nickname
- 54 Pinch

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## HOLLYWOOD

By Tony Rizzo



Ewan McGregor

**HOLLYWOOD** -- The only statement Mia Farrow's 25-year-old son Ronan Farrow made after her recent assertion, in "Vanity Fair" magazine, that he might be Frank Sinatra's son and not Woody Allen's, her partner at the time, despite no DNA test was, "Look, we're all possibly Frank Sinatra's son." All that aside, his new book, "Pandora's Box: How American Military Aid Creates America's Enemies," was just released, and he's set to host a new weekday show on MSNBC, starting in January. Ronan did admit, "Being under the microscope meant I was never given any slack. I wasn't given a lot of margin for error; it's kept me driven."

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Sad to report, Joanne Woodward is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. Woodward won her Oscar for "The Three Faces of Eve" (1958) and was nominated three times after that. She won two Emmy Awards for "See How She Runs" (1978) and "Do You Remember?" (1985), in which she, ironically, played a professor suffering from Alzheimer's disease. When Paul Newman died in 2008 at age 83, he left everything to her. All monies from "Newman's Own" salad dressings and such go to charity.

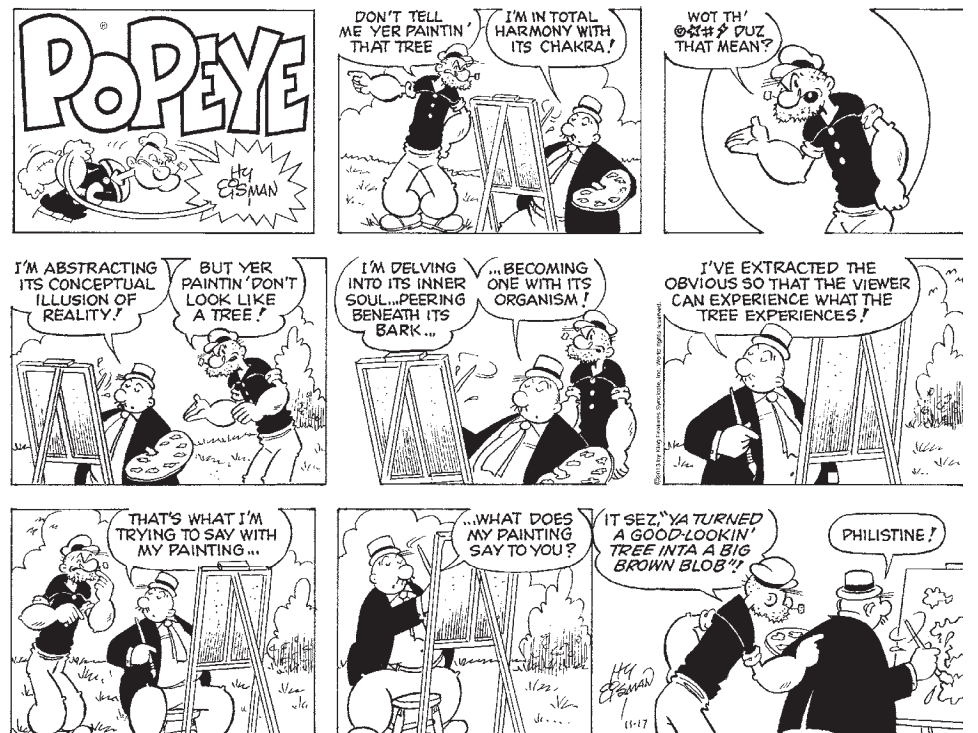
Now Newman's own five daughters, three with Joanne and two from his prior marriage to Jackie Witte, are fighting over Woodward's estate, despite having been given millions of dollars by Newman before his death. Newman's only son, Scott, became addicted to prescription drugs after a motorcycle accident and died from an overdose of Valium and alcohol in 1978. Paul created The Scott Newman Center to educate children about the dangers of alcohol and drugs in 1980. It's scheduled to be shut down

Dec. 31.

Friends say Woodward would not have let that happen if she wasn't ill. Her last on-screen appearance was in the mini-series "Empire Falls" in 2005. Her voice is heard in the just-released "Lucky Them," with Toni Collette and Thomas Haden Church, and as the narrator of the animated film "All the World."

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It's official: The original "Star Wars" will be re-released Dec. 18, 2015, in 3D. Meanwhile, Ewan McGregor, Obi-Wan Kenobi in the three "Star Wars" prequels, has the Australian crime thriller "Son of a Gun"; "August: Osage County," with Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts (out Christmas Day); and the action-drama "Just a Gun," with Natalie Portman, in the can. He currently is shooting "Mortdecai," with Johnny Depp and Gwyneth Paltrow. Ewan will then jump into rehearsals for his Broadway debut in the revival of Tom Stoppard's "The Real Thing," opening in October. Not surprising, the 42-year-old Scottish actor, who also starred in screen fantasies such as "Big Fish" and "Moulin Rouge," is still looking for "The Real Thing!"



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**BREATHE, BALANCE, BELIEVE** Vinyasa Yoga for the Family, Mondays @ 5:15-6:15 pm, Saturdays 9:00- 10:00 am, in the Parish hall, Church of the Good Shepherd 680 Racebrook Road, designed to help children and adults strengthen both physically and mentally, participants practice at their own level, teacher is certified and member RYT. Please bring a yoga mat and blocks if you have them.

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

**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.

**Orange Historical Society Academy Antique & Gift Shop Museum**, open Saturdays, 10:00am-3:00pm. For information call 203-795-3106.

**The United Church of Christ in Devon Family Movie Night**, "Monsters University", Friday, November 22, 2013, 6:00pm, 30 Ormond Street, Devon (Milford), suggested donation: \$6.00/over 5 years of age, \$3.00/ages 3-5, under 3 is free; price includes hot dog, chips, pickles, beverage, dessert and unlimited popcorn. Tickets are available at the door. Call Jean Klink at 203-874-6422 for more information. The building is handicapped accessible.

**The United Church of Christ in Devon 2nd Annual "Friend-raising"**, Sunday, November 24, 2013, 10:00am, bring a friend to church, "There's no place like this place anywhere near this place so this must be the place", 30 Ormond Street, Devon. Church is handicapped accessible.

**Milford's Annual Multi-Faith Community Thanksgiving Eve Service**, Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 7:00pm, Sanctuary/Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford. For more information, contact The Rev. Karl Duetzmann, Pastor at (203) 878-4685.

**City of Milford 2013 Festival of Lights & Tree Lighting**, Friday, November 29, 2013, 5:30 PM, tree lighting 6:30 pm, Downtown Milford, CT – On the Green, Holiday music & Lights courtesy of the Milford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Free Horse & Carriage rides provided by The Milford Bank, Free hot chocolate provided by Devon Rotary Club, An eight foot balloon making elf courtesy of the Downtown Milford Business Association, A jolly red suited fellow arriving by fire truck to celebrate the tree lighting at 6:30 pm courtesy of Milford Firefighters Union IAFF Local 944, and Lighting of the Green by Milford Mayor Ben Blake.

**The United Church of Christ in Devon "Hanging of Greens" Service**, Sunday, December 1, 2013, 10:00am, 30 Ormond Street, Devon, child care available, church is handicapped accessible and open to all.

**Aqua Zumba Classes**, beginning Monday, December 2, 2013 and Friday, December 6, 2013, 7:30-8:30pm, Milford Parks and Recreation, McCann Natatorium 34 Park Circle, Milford, Instructor: Renay; Pre register at [www.ci.milford.ct.us](http://www.ci.milford.ct.us) or call Renay 203-522-2616 or email [zumbarenay@gmail.com](mailto:zumbarenay@gmail.com); 8-week class held Mondays or Fridays \$56R/\$61NR; 16-week class held Monday & Friday \$112R/\$122NR.

**Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild**, Saturday, December 7, 2013; 10am-1pm, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, small meeting room on 2nd level (elevator available); share stitch successes, assist with pattern problems and have a great time crocheting, no fee. For more information, visit <http://hotscrochetguild.yolasite.com/>, or Email [HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com](mailto:HOTSCrochetGuild@Live.com).


**The United Church of Christ in Devon 72nd Annual Christmas Fair**, Saturday, December 7, 2013, 9:30am-2:30pm, 30 Ormond Street, Devon, includes: knitted, crocheted & homemade items, Christmas decorations, a raffle and a tea cup auction, baked goods, tag sale, children's clothes closet, a "Cookie Walk" and more! A lun-

cheon will also be served. Call Jean Klink @ 874-6422 for more information. The building is handicapped accessible!

**New England Ringers "Joy in Bronze" Hand Bell Choir Concert**, Sunday, December 8, 2013, 4:00 pm, The United Church of Christ in Devon, 30 Ormond Street, Tickets: General Admission/\$20, Seniors (65+)/\$15. For information and tickets contact: Jean Klink at 203-874-6422 The church building is handicapped accessible.

**St. Ann's Victorian Christmas Spectacular**, December 7, 2013, 9:00am-3:00pm, St. Ann's Parish Center, 501 Naugatuck Avenue, Milford (former St. Ann School behind church), be greeted by characters from Dickens' stories, strolling carolers, a wandering minstrel or two, and Father Christmas, over 30 vendors selling gifts and specialties. For more information, call MaryJo Downs, 203-882-0695.

**Southern Connecticut Hebrew Academy 8th Grade Bake Sale**, in support of the 8th grade trip to Israel in February, Sunday, December 1, 2013, Amity Super Stop and Shop, 112 Amity Road, New Haven from 11am-5pm.



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## ARTS & LEISURE

### “TWELVE ANGRY JURORS” OFFERS COURTROOM DRAMA

The stage adaptation of Reginald Rose’s Emmy® Award-winning television movie *Twelve Angry Jurors* is set for Amity High School’s Theater Department for a one night only special performance on Friday, December 6th, 2013. Amity Theater Teacher Rob Kennedy will direct this electrifying drama. Tempers flare and the jurors’ debate turns ugly as a 19-year-old stands trial for the fatal stabbing of his father. Is this an open and shut case or can one man or woman make a difference?

The son of a lawyer with experience serving as a juror on a manslaughter case, television writer Reginald Rose used his experience for inspiration when writing *Twelve Angry Men* in 1954. Fifty years later, the play made it to Broadway (2004), winning a Tony Award for Best Revival. The stage adaptation, *Twelve Angry Jurors*, diversifies the jury and, in light of the continued controversy over jury rulings, this play explores and questions the workings of the American judicial system.

The cast of *Twelve Angry Jurors* includes Alida Ballou (last year’s Mrs. Lovett in *Sweeney Todd*), Chelsea Tambis, Gabrielle Aiardo, Caroline Burkhart, Rebecca Kaplan, Clara Gamsu, Shaylen Harger, James Ottaviano, Kahari Blue, Emily Bourlas, Maya Rose, Chris Cassella and George Grotheer. The show is stage managed by Ellie Flaumenhaft and her two assistants Brian Kirby and Sage Saffron.

Scenic Design by Robert Kennedy, Costume Design is by Julie Cheven, Lighting Design is by Dan Hassenmayer.

*Twelve Angry Jurors* will be performed at 8pm on Friday, December 6th, 2013. The cast will also be presenting the show at four daytime performances during the school day for their fellow students as part of Amity’s Spartan Seminar program. General admission tickets are \$10. Tickets are available by calling (203) 392-2019 or purchase them online at [www.amitytheaterdepartment.com](http://www.amitytheaterdepartment.com).

### PANTOCHINO SEEKING TEEN ACTORS FOR “GODSPELL JR.”

Award-winning Pantochino Productions Inc, a professional non-profit theatre company is currently accepting registration for its new Pantochino Teen Theatre production of “*Godspell Jr.*” to be performed in late February 2014. Pantochino’s Teen Theatre is designed to give young actors, age 13 and up, the opportunity to learn and work with theatre professionals in creating an entire, fully realized production. The production will be directed by Bert Bernardi and Jimmy Johansmeyer with musical direction by Justin Rugg.

“*Godspell Jr.*” is a one-act version of the pop musical by Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Pippin*) which recounts the gospel according to St. Matthew. It features a sparkling score of songs including the top 40 hit “Day by Day”. Rehearsals begin Saturday, December 28th and continue every Saturday through February and will be held at Pantochino Studios in the former St. Ann School in Milford. The two performances, February 28th and March 1st, will be held in the St. Ann Parish Hall.

“Every young actor who registers gets a part in the show,” said Bernardi. “It’s an up-lifting, spirited show with many roles,” he added. Those interested must register before November 30th. More information and registration forms are available online at [www.pantochino.com](http://www.pantochino.com) or call Pantochino at 203-937-6206.

### A NEW LIFE IN NEW HAVEN - THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

#### A Talk by Anthony Riccio at the New Haven Museum

Her gaze turned toward a window, light accentuates the many creases and gentle contours of Mary Ginnetti’s face; her expression is serene and her faith appears unshaken and solid as bedrock. When Anthony Riccio snapped the photo of Ginnetti in 1999, he captured the image of an entire generation of Italian-American women who had lived in New Haven: backbone of the family, strong willed and hardworking—toughened by a life of grueling physical labor and grim living conditions—now softening with age. Riccio spent nine years recording and photographing elderly Italian Americans from New Haven’s old neighborhoods to produce his second book, “*The Italian American Experience in New Haven: Images and Oral Histories.*”

Riccio will present his Italian-American oral histories and photographs to the public in “*The Italian-American Experience in New Haven: A Talk by Anthony Riccio,*” a thought-provoking presentation at the New Haven Museum on Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m. (snow date: December 5), coinciding with the current exhibition, “*Beyond the New Township: Wooster Square,*” which offers an in-depth and often personal view of the neighborhood’s 18th-century beginnings and the evolution of industry and immigration in New Haven. Admission is free; donations are welcomed.

Between 1880 and 1920, more than 4 million Italians immigrated to America, many arriving in New Haven harbor. Fleeing dire poverty and social unrest, the mostly illiterate farmers struggled to assimilate in America. In New Haven, as elsewhere, poor living conditions and often dangerous work environments coupled with racial prejudices and political injustices to compound feelings of mistrust and isolation.

Raised in 1950s New Haven, Riccio was inspired by his grandparents’ stories of life in southern Italy. He studied for several summers in Tuscany, often journeying to photograph daily life in the ancestral villages of his grandparents in Campania. Later, as the director of the North End Senior Citizen Center in Boston, he recorded stories of Italian immigrants and photographed them for his first book, “*Portrait of an Italian American Neighborhood: The North End of Boston.*” He later wrote and photographed “*Cooking with Chef Silvio: Stories and Authentic Recipes of Campania.*” In 2012, Anthony Riccio’s life work from Italy, Boston and New Haven was exhibited in “*From Italy to America – the Photographs of Anthony Riccio*” at the Bellarmine Museum of Art at Fairfield University.

Riccio’s upcoming book captures the story of Italian-American women through their oral history interviews and photographs. “*Farms, Factories and Families: Italian American Women of Connecticut*” will be published by State University of New York Press in April, 2014.

The presentation by Riccio at the New Haven Museum coincides with the premiere, later in the week, of Connecticut Humanities’ “*Connecticut at Work*” initiative, a year-long exploration of the relationship between the past, present and future of work and the people of Connecticut.

“*Beyond the New Township: Wooster Square*” offers an in-depth and often personal view of the neighborhood’s 18th-century beginnings, the evolution of industry and the arrival of immigrants, the effect of urban renewal, and the impact of historic preservation. The assemblage incorporates more than 200 objects from the Museum’s photo, manuscript, and fine and decorative arts collections, multimedia presentations, products manufactured in New Haven, and family treasures contributed by neighborhood residents and local historical societies.

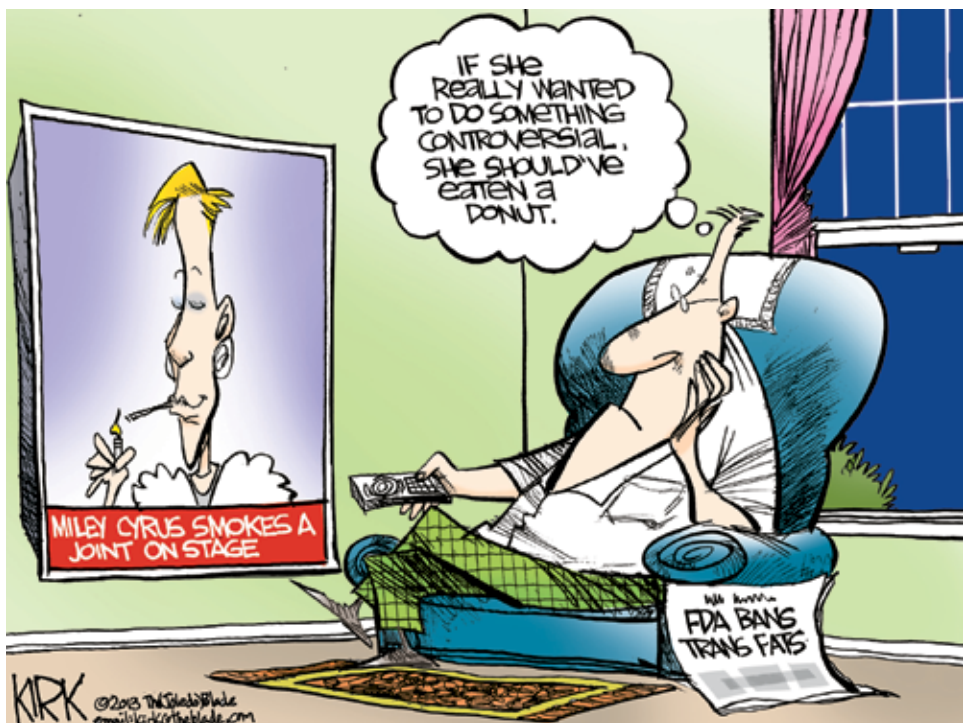
“*Beyond the New Township: Wooster Square*” is made possible with lead support from Connecticut Humanities. Additional support has been provided by C. Cowles & Company, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, NewAlliance Foundation, The Richard L. English Fund, The Woman’s Seamen’s Friend Society of Connecticut, Inc., and various individuals, businesses, and organizations.

Exhibition hours: The New Haven Museum is open Tuesday through Friday, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, from 12 noon to 5 pm., and is open to the public every first Sunday of the month, free of charge.

The New Haven Museum, founded in 1862 as the New Haven Colony Historical Society, is located in downtown New Haven at 114 Whitney Avenue. The Museum is currently celebrating 150 years of collecting, preserving and interpreting the history and heritage of Greater New Haven. Through its collections, exhibitions, programs and outreach, the Museum brings 375 years of New Haven history to life. For more information visit [www.newhavenmuseum.org](http://www.newhavenmuseum.org) or [facebook.com/NewHavenMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/NewHavenMuseum).



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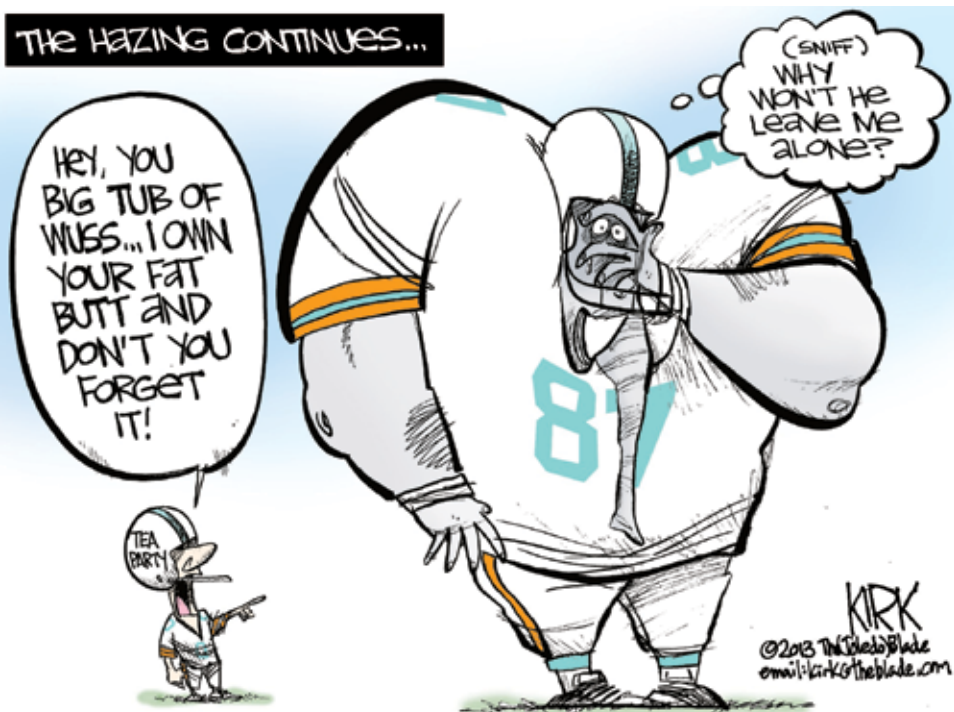
Cho's Elite Tae Kwon Do students, Paul Cortes (left) and Christian Mason (right) placed first in a Tae Kwon Do sparring tournament held in Washington D.C. on October 26th. Master Cho congratulates them on their tremendous accomplishments!



Winners of this year's "Fore the Kids" Golf Tournament for Peck Place School were Dan and Amanda Zapatka and Michelle and Craig Behun. The money raised helps the PTO pay for activities and buses for field trips. Sixty eight golfers turned out for a morning of golf and lunch at Orange Hills on Monday, October 14.



Orange Rec Karate student, Jared Gabriele placed 3rd in Board Breaking at the Federation Challenge held in Waterbury, CT on November 10, 2013. Master Sansonetti congratulates Jared on his accomplishment. Superior Karate teaches classes in Trumbull, Stratford, Orange, & Monroe. For more information, call Chris Sansonetti at 203-936-7508 or visit our website: [www.superiorkarate.net](http://www.superiorkarate.net).



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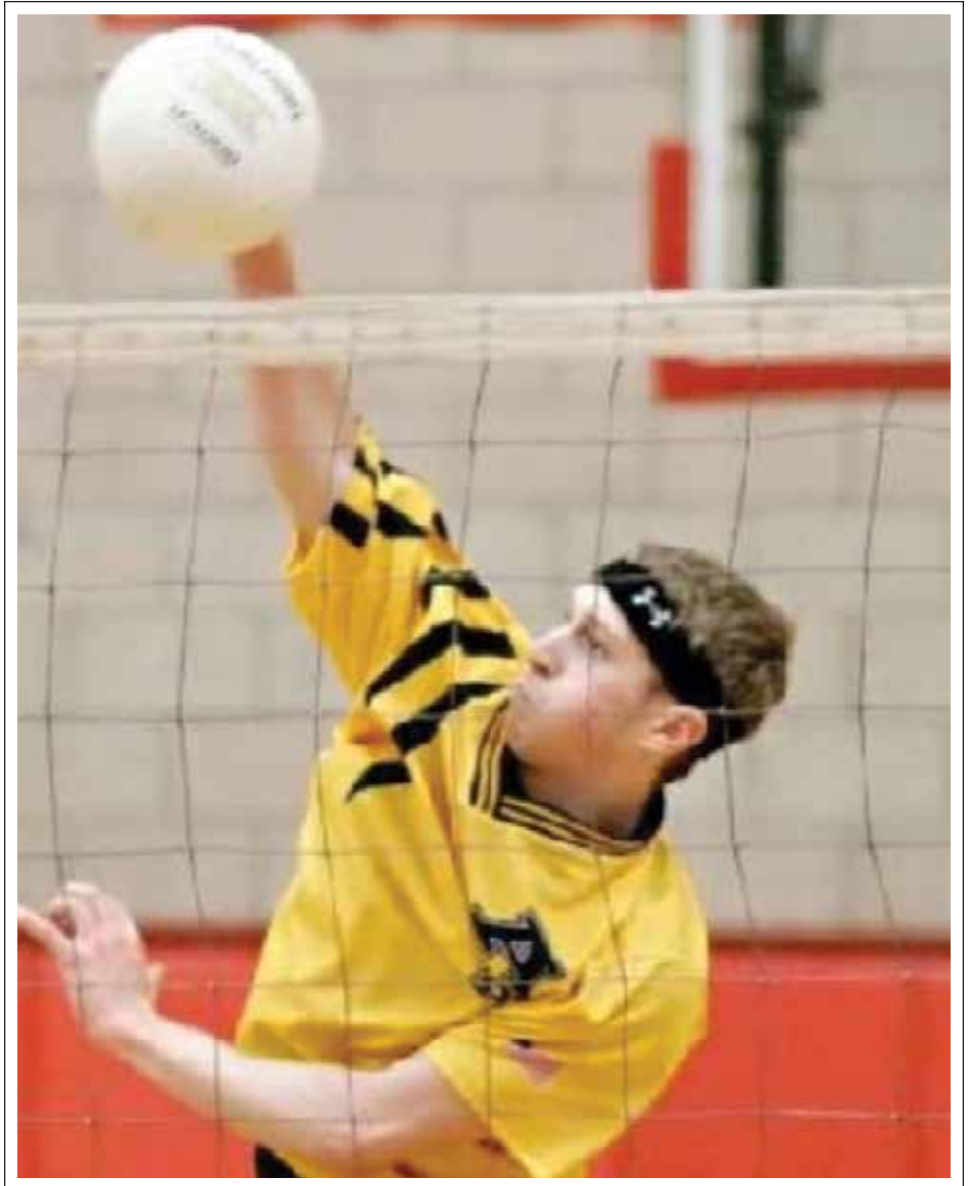


*Tae Kwon Do Gold Medalist, Christopher John Terry Jr. a 6th grade student of Milford Christian Academy, and a first degree black belt at Cho's Elite Tae Kwon Do studio in Orange, scored the Grand Champion Trophy of 2013 by defeating the black belt, gold medal division at this years World Champion Tournament on Oct. 26 in Maryland. Here shows 11-year-old, Christopher and Master Youngkik Cho with his 1st place award.*



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## JEREMY SAXE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Looking for a way to make a difference this Thanksgiving weekend? On Friday, November 29th, 2:00 – 8:00 PM come to the CT Sports Center, 21 South Bradley Road, Woodbridge (note: new location). For a \$5 suggested donation you can shop for unique holiday gifts, watch exciting volleyball games and support a local community event that benefits the children of the beautiful, spiritual, but impoverished nation of Nepal and also supports an annual Amity scholarship.

This year features the added attraction of many outstanding local artisans offering their fine clothing, jewelry, art, home goods and more. Beautiful woolens and ornaments, handmade from our friends in Nepal, will also be available for purchase.

Due to the tremendous turnout in past years, the tournament has been moved from Amity High School to CT Sports Center which allows more playing time for teams and a refreshment area offering food, beer and wine to enjoy.

The tournament is a Sixes Coed. Please sign up as a team of at least 6 (at least two girls per team) or sign up as a single (\$15/player) and get placed on a team. The first 100 players signed up will receive an event t-shirt! Players should submit their names individually (to be added to teams) or their team rosters by email (jsvbtourney@gmail.com) or at the Facebook Event page ("Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Tournament with Holiday Artisan Marketplace").

Enjoy a drink, connect with friends home for the holiday, and support local small businesses! Find unique gifts and support the work of Jeremy's legacy foundation in the beautiful but impoverished country of Nepal and take a respite from the mall on "Black Friday." Even if you can spare only a few minutes to say hello, you will be making a difference! This is a community event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

All proceeds support Jiwanko Saathiharu: Jeremy Saxe Foundation for Education and Development, Inc., an independent social development organization with 501(c)3 tax exempt status formed by Jeremy's friends, colleagues and family members.

The tournament committee thanks this year's very generous sponsors: Amity Auto Repair, Anderson Automotive, Cigar and More, Dr. Robert Rauch the Gentle Dentist, Jamba Juice, Orange Fence & Supply Co., Racebrook Wine & Liquor, Saxe, Doernberger & Vita, P.C., Sponge Brothers, Ted's Cleaners, Webster, Bank and Winkle Bus.

To sign up, volunteer, or for more information, please e-mail: jsvbtourney@gmail.com or heidi.saxe@jeremysaxefoundation.org. Contributions can be mailed to Jeremy Saxe Foundation c/o SDV 1952 Whitney Avenue Hamden, CT 06517.

Come out! Make a difference on November 29th!



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# Salome's Stars

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Decisions involving your finances might seem to be foolproof. But they could have underlying risks you should know about. Don't act on anything until all the facts are in.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You're attracted to a situation that appeals to your Bovine intellect. And that's good. But don't neglect your passionate side when romance comes calling later in the week.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A recent development enhances that special relationship. Spending more time together also helps make the bonding process stronger. Expect news about a possible career change.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A suspicious situation should be dealt with before it leads to serious problems. Get all the facts needed to resolve it. Then refocus your energies on those tasks that need your attention.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Try to be more open-minded in working toward a resolution of that standoff between yourself and a colleague or family member. A little flexibility now could work to your advantage later.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might feel a bit threatened by a proposed workplace change. The best way to deal with it is to ask questions. You'll find that those involved will be happy to

provide you with the facts.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Feeling alone in a crowd during the early part of the week is an unsettling emotion. But your spirits soon perk up, putting you into the right mood to start making holiday plans.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A pesky problem should be dealt with immediately so you can put your time and effort into something more important. Someone from your past could have significant news for you.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** High-energy aspects dominate, both on the job and at home. Use this time to put some long-range plans into operation. Things level off later in the week.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Even the usually gregarious Goat might feel overwhelmed by a flurry of activities. Be patient. Things soon return to your normal social routine.

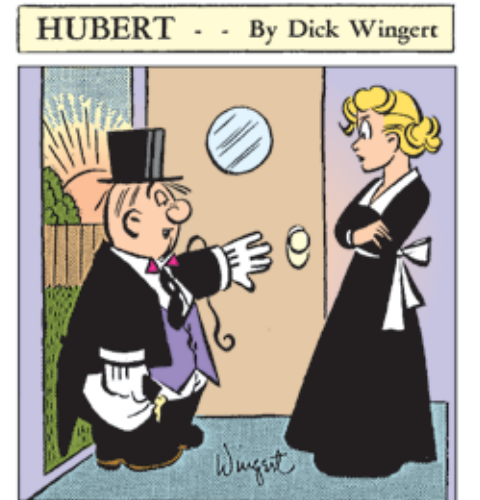
**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help uncomplicate them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your Piscean imagination is stimulated by possibilities you see in a new opportunity. But keep those ideas to yourself until you feel ready to translate them into a workable format.

**BORN THIS WEEK: You have an ingratiating way of helping people deal with their fears. Have you considered a career in social work or with the clergy?**



"Miss Jones, check the female file and see what we have listed under 'Desperate'."



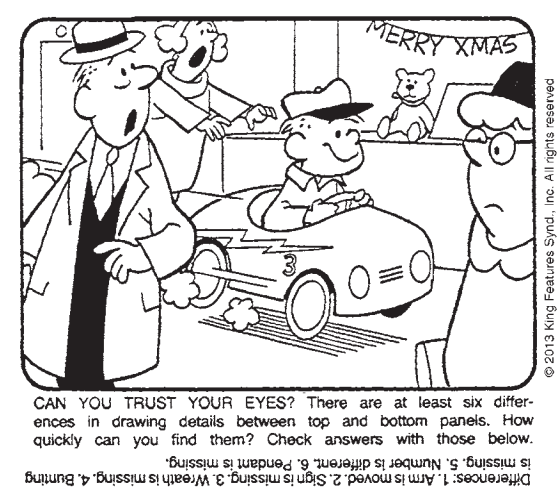
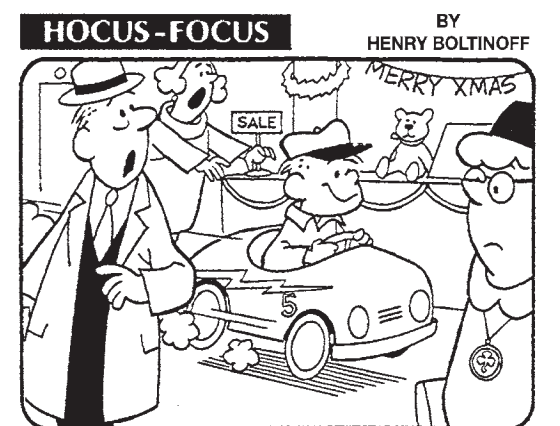
"Wasn't a bad party, but I got homesick."

## top ten

### Basic Human Smells


1. Fragrant
2. Woody/resinous
3. Fruity (non-citrus)
4. Chemical
5. Minty/peppermint
6. Sweet
7. Popcorn
8. Lemon
9. Pungent
10. Decayed

Source: PLoS One journal



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below. Differences: 1. Arm is moved; 2. Sign is missing; 3. Wreath is missing; 4. Burning is missing; 5. Number is different; 6. Pendant is missing.

## ADVENTUROUS DOG IGNORES OWNER



**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My terrier "Bill" drives me nuts with his disobedience! Last week he jumped out of the car when I stopped at the ATM, and ran along the streets and through traffic, barking at everything as I chased him. Eventually he turned up at the house three hours later and just strutted in. I had to take a vacation day from work to deal with this. It isn't the first time. What can I do? -- Wits' End in Springfield, Mass.

**DEAR WITS' END:** I'm sure you've heard this before, but Bill needs you to be more authoritative. He doesn't recognize you as someone he has to listen to -- and the consequences of this have become frustrating and, obviously, dangerous.

This is not irreversible, but you need to change a few things. First, Bill should never, ever be loose in the car. A pet seat restraint to which his leash is attached, or a car crate, must be used at all times.

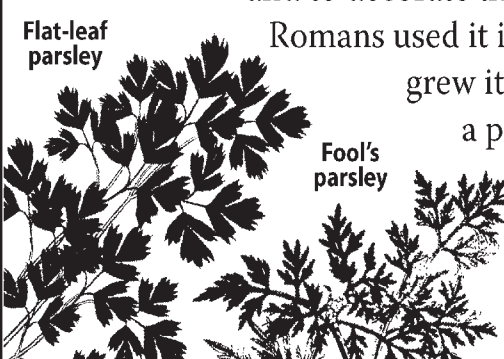
Second, begin retraining Bill in how to come when called. Put him on a longer leash (6 feet), let him run out to the end of the leash, then call him. If he doesn't come, reel him in, then let him go to the end again and repeat the call. Once he comes on his own, reward him.

Third, retrain your command voice. Bill won't respond to a pleading or stressed-out voice. Use a strong, calm voice when calling him.

Fourth, spend a lot more time with your dog -- he's got a ton of energy, clearly. Take him for daily, long walks, and reinforce his obedience training daily as well -- all while leashed. Don't let Bill have his way any longer.

Send your questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com). Did you know mosquitos can transmit heartworm larvae to dogs, but fleas don't? Find out more in my new book, "Fighting Fleas," available now.

## The Garden Bug



**Flat-leaf parsley**

**Fool's parsley**

**Parsley** is native to Southern Europe. Cultivated for more than 2,000 years, it was used medicinally and also as food. The ancient Greeks held it to be sacred, using it to adorn athletic champions and to decorate the tombs of the dead. Ancient Romans used it in cooking, and Charlemagne grew it on his estates. Fool's parsley, a poisonous weed, is sometimes mistaken for the edible flat-leaf parsley.

- Brenda Weaver  
Source: [www.whfoods.com](http://www.whfoods.com)



## BARK BYTES...

By Vicki & Richard Horowitz

### Tips For Safe Travels With Your Dog

When traveling to visit family and friends for the holidays, more and more pet owners are taking Fido and Bowser along too. Whether you travel by car, truck, plane or train, help ensure a safe and pleasant journey by taking these safety precautions.

#### General Travel Tips

- No matter what your mode of travel, the single best safe practice you can employ to keep your dog safe during the journey is to keep him restrained.
- Affix current identification to your dog. Even better, have him microchipped, which provides a permanent form of ID to help ensure he is returned to you if he becomes lost.
- Carry a recent photograph of your dog to make it easier for others to help you look for him if he gets lost during the trip.
- If your dog is prone to anxiety or motion sickness, consult with your veterinarian about using pet tranquilizers for your dog appropriate for the particular type of travel you will take.
- Feed your pet his usual meal one to two hours before travel. (If your dog is prone to motion sickness, feed him two to four hours before travel.) Do not give him food or water during travel as it may spill, forcing him to lie in a mess during the trip. Dogs can go 8 to 12 hours without food or water.

#### Cars and Trucks

- No matter how long or short the journey, your dog should be restrained. An unrestrained dog is dangerous to himself and others. He can become a flying projectile that can injure you, your passengers or himself.
- Secure your dog in the back seat (dogs riding in the front seat can be seriously hurt if the airbags deploy) with a pet travel safety harness or car seat, or in a pet carrier fastened to a seatbelt. If you drive an SUV, install a pet barrier to keep the dog in the back area of the vehicle as well as securing him in his harness and attaching it to the hooks in the floor.
- If you must transport your dog in the bed of a pickup, use a crate or carrier secured to the truck bed to prevent him from being thrown into traffic at a sudden stop.
- Do not allow your dog to ride with his head out the window. Road debris and other flying objects can injure his eyes.
- Before you set out on your journey and after arriving at your destination, give your dog plenty of exercise. This will help him be more relaxed and able to acclimate to his new surroundings.
- When stopping for a break and before you open the car door, attach a leash to your dog's collar so he can't escape. Even the most obedient pet can become disoriented when traveling. Always use a leash to walk your dog.
- On a long car ride, stop every four hours or so to allow your dog to relieve himself (be sure to clean up after him), stretch his legs, refresh himself with a small drink of water, and help him understand that he's going to another environment.
- Watch for temperature extremes. Your car is like an oven under the blazing sun and a freezer in the bitter cold.

#### Airline or Train Travel

- Whether he will go in the cabin with you or in the cargo hold, your dog will need to travel in an airline (or train)-approved carrier. Check the airline (or train line) website for requirements.
- If your pet will travel as cargo, check for restrictions on any health/immunization and other requirements.
- Use direct flights to avoid mix-ups during transfers or the possibility of delays in getting your pet off the plane. Ask the airline if you can watch your pet being loaded and unloaded into the cargo hold.
- Upon arrival at your destination, open the carrier as soon as you are in a safe place and then clip a leash on your dog so you can safely examine him. If anything seems wrong, get him to a veterinarian right away.
- A happy, well-socialized dog that knows you will always be there to keep him safe and secure will enjoy traveling to new places with you.

Vicki and Richard Horowitz, of Woodbridge, are dog behavioral therapists and trainers with Bark Busters, one of the world's largest dog training company. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit [www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com](http://www.dog-training-new-haven-ct.com).

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Pictured from left to right: Karl Wilson (Amity math teacher/Army), Dennis Salzer (Navy), Stephen Whitaker (Navy), Lewis Whitaker (Marine).

### Amity Middle School - Grade 8

Amity Middle School Orange hosted several Veteran's Day events this week. In the 8th grade, Team S students heard presentations from retired U.S. Navy pilot Capt. Stephen Whitaker and retired Senior Chief Petty Officer Dennis Salzer.

Captain Whitaker used a slide show presentation which highlighted the jets that he flew during his deployments. Captain Whitaker emphasized the freedoms that children have here in the United States and the importance of obtaining a good education. Captain Whitaker brought in several flight suits which students were able to wear.

Senior Chief Salzer used a power point presentation which illustrated the various veteran organizations (ex. Navy, Army, Marines, etc.) in the United States, and the particular veteran's groups that are here in Connecticut. Senior Chief Salzer was impressed by the number of students who raised their hands when asked if they had a veteran in their family. Senior Chief Salzer went on to add that when possible, students should simply thank a veteran for their service. At the end of the presentations, students had the opportunity to ask questions of the veterans.

Students and staff were honored to have Capt. Stephen Whitaker and Senior Chief Dennis Salzer at Amity Middle School Orange to share their experiences. The students greatly appreciated the veteran's willingness to offer their time to share their stories. We are grateful for the sacrifices that all military families have made and continue to make for our country.



### Amity Regional High School

Students at Amity Regional High School were able to see first-hand some of the items used in the Vietnam War and World War Two on Veteran's Day. The high school, in partnership with the American Legion Post 127 - Orange celebrated Veteran's Day with an all-day gallery walk for students and a reception for veterans.

Veterans affiliated with the American Legion Post 127 set up a gallery of memorabilia and equipment in the high school library media center. Throughout the school day, Amity students visited the library to view the displays, interact with veterans, and learn about the service and sacrifice of Americans who served our nation.

Legion Post Commander Lewis Merritt showed students how WWII soldiers marched and carried rifles while his colleagues explained how some of the old equipment worked. On display were radios, service rifles, field phones, a tent, uniforms, and captured German weapons from WWII.

The event provided a great opportunity for students to interact with men who served in the military, according to Principal Charles Britton.

"They're learning history from the folks who lived it, and it is an opportunity to involve veterans in the school on Veteran's Day," Britton says.

The day's events conclude with a reception for BOW veterans featuring musical performances, refreshments, and take-home dinners for veterans.

# Holiday Festival & Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 8th, 3-6pm • Orange Town Green



## **Town Green**

Tree Lighting - 5:30pm

Santa Arrives! - 5:45pm

## **Clark Building Front Lawn**

Ice Carving Demonstration  
by Ice Matters - 3-5:30pm

## **Case Memorial Library**

Amity Chamber Singers - 3:45-4pm

Children's Muscical Performance by Al deCant in  
the Library Meeting Room - 4:4:45pm

Guess How Many Candles in a Jar & Letters to Santa - 3-5pm

## **Clark Building - 3-6pm**

Gingerbread Display & Contest

## **Stone Otis House - 3-6pm**

Come see a Victorian Christmas!

## **The Academy Building - 3-6pm**

Visit the Historical Society's Antique Collections & Emily Prudden Watercolors  
Model Railroad - The Orange to Derby Line - Lower Level

## **Congregational Church**

Hand Bell Choir & Carol Sing - 4-5pm

Alternative Gift Fair, Cookie Sale & Crafts for the Kids - 3-5pm

**CALLING ALL CREATIONS!**

## Gingerbread House Making Contest

**Drop-off on Dec. 8 from 2-3pm at The Clark Building**

All entries must be decorated with edible embellishments!

Group entries welcome! Prizes awarded!

• Pick-up between 5:30-6pm. Entries left will be discarded! •

