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Orange made history at the 2011 event with three 90 + year olds competing for the first time in U.S. history. Pictured (l-r): Bill Tribou, 90; Bill Benson, 91 and George "Doc" Whitney, 92.

Town Prepares for 15th Annual "Chilly Chili Run"

This coming New Year's Day will be the 15th year of the "Chilly Chili Run," a 5K road race in Orange, to benefit the Amity Teen Center. People's United Bank is now the Title Sponsor. It is being called "The Showcase for 90-year old Legends that Run, Compete, Inspire!"

On January 1, 2011, the Chilly Chili Run was the first 5K race in United States racing history to have three 90 + year old men participate. These three gentlemen will be running again this year, along with another man who has joined this elite age category. The runners are: George "Doc" Whitney, age 93 formerly from Orange and now living in Brattleboro, Vermont, Bill Benson, age 92 from Valley Stream Long Island, New York, Bill Tribou, age 91 from Granby, Connecticut and Don Osborne, age 90 from Branford.

The race will take place on Sunday, January 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the High Plains Community Center in Orange. James Zeoli, First Selectman of Orange, is the Honorary Chairman and Joe Riccio, President of the Warren Street Athletic Club, is the Race Director. All runners and walkers participating will be treated to a "hot chili brunch" after the race in the High Plains cafete ria. All of the food and beverages are donated by local businesses. Anyone wishing to register may do so online until December 21 at www. hitekracing.com. The entry fee for runners is \$17.00 before December 17 and \$22.00 after that and on the day of the race. The fee for walkers is \$10.00 before December 17 and \$12.00 after that date and on the day of the race.



Republican James Zeoli took the oath of office for his forth term as first selectman at a ceremony held last Friday at High Plains Community Center. Zeoli as well as the other municipal elected officials were sworn in by Republican House Minority Leader Larry Cafero.



It was the casual, universal, TGIF-sort of question, "Hey, what are you doing tonight?" that inspired two young friends



Laura Fantarella



Nick Jaensch

networking site that connects its 20something year old members with all

("Chilly Chili Run" continued on page 11)

Drive resident Nick Jaensch and friend Keith his

Southland

Bessette of Stonington are the cofounders of Shizzlr.com, a social ("LOtB" continued on page 10)

the information they'll need to decide where to go to have fun.

Jaensch and Bessette were walking out of a Friday night class they shared at the University of Connecticut when another student off-handedly asked them what was going on





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December 9thHoliday Issue - December 16th

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FROM OUR READERS

Town's Selectwoman Extends Heartfelt "Thank You"

Thank you to all the voters who helped me to secure a seat on the Board of Selectmen for another two years. I would also like to personally thank all the people who took the time to run for an office, who worked long hours behind the scenes, and who supported the candidates all along the way. It is not an easy job to run for an elected position and those that did deserve my appreciation. It does take a team to operate the town of Orange.

As I stated two years ago, our challenges with the state deficit, increasing student population at Amity, the growing number of seniors, economic instability that is out of our control, and maintaining a living environment that is pleasing to all our citizens will need constant attention by all the boards in the town. I am confident that the team the voters of Orange have assembled will be willing and able to meet these challenges.

I look forward to hearing from you at any time. jwworange@hotmail.com. Thank you again,

Judy Williams

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The Orange Special Events Committee organized the Orange's Veterans Day Ceremony held on November 11th at High Plains Community Center on the Veteran's Memorial Walkway. Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli spoke of the service of our veterans as well as the current members of the armed services. Mr. Zeoli recognized every veteran in attendance and then turned the ceremony over to guest speaker Major Lawrence Czajkowski, the Commander of the American Legion Post 127. After the ceremony a reception was held for residents and veterans in the senior cafeteria.

ORANGE EDUCATION ROUNDUP



Just in time for Thanksgiving, Kindergarteners of Mary L. Tracy School learned about America's first-ever Thanksgiving. They enjoyed a very special presentation by Native American, Clint Cartier. The youngster pictured is donning a headdress like one that a true, seasoned Native American Indian Chief would wear!





Even though the students at Peck Place School had to celebrate Halloween a day late, that did not deter them from dressing up in costume and getting back into the Halloween spirit. The sun was shining and made for a perfect day to parade outside the school in front of the many onlookers that came to watch them.

Sacred Heart Honor Roll

Sacred Heart Academy Principal Sr. Maureen Flynn, ASCJ has announced the Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2011 – 12 academic school year. The following students from Orange have been named to the Honor Roll:

Ormrod and Willa Rusowicz-Orazem.



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Pancake Breakfast to Benefit Homeless Veterans

Columbus House, Inc. and Chips Restaurant are happy to announce a Pancake breakfast at Chips to Benefit the Homeless Veterans programs at Columbus House. Chips Restaurant and staff will host its annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser. Numerous local businesses have sponsored the annual event along with United Illuminating and Southern Connecticut Gas.

A pancake breakfast for \$10 per person at Chips Restaurant, 321 Boston Post Road on Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2011 from 6:30am-11:00am. No registration required All proceeds

11:00am. No registration required. All proceeds, including tips, will support the Homefront, a Columbus House initiative for homeless Veterans that includes street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing.

Peace



Each year, Chips owner George Chatzopoulos and his staff choose a deserving local charity to

benefit from its annual Thanksgiving Benefit Breakfast. Suppliers, local businesses and wait staff all donate their time and supplies to make this annual event a success. This year, Chips has once again chosen to support the homeless Veterans initiatives at Columbus House. In 2009, the breakfast raised over \$7,000 for the Homefront.

Since 1982 Columbus House has been working with numerous city, state and federal agencies along with an entire continuum of non-profit service providers to help get people off of the streets, out of abandoned buildings, off of park benches and into the safety of a shelter. We have expanded our services to include comprehensive case management as well as transitional and permanent supportive housing for homeless adults; children and their families; women with mental health disorders; adults in early stages of addictions recovery and homeless Veterans.

Columbus House is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on government grants as well as contributions from individuals in the community to carry out its work. For more information on Columbus House or its programs for homeless Veterans, please contact John Brooks, 203-401-4400 x108 or jbrooks@columbushouse.org.

For information about Chips, the breakfast or how you can contribute to or sponsor the event, please contact Dina at 203-795-5065. To attend the fundraiser, simply show up at Chips on Thanksgiving morning and enjoy!

Trees of West Haven

Start your holiday shopping early by visiting Trees of West Haven sponsored by The Ward-Heitmann House Museum. The two day event, December 3rd and 4th, will be held at St. John Vianney Church Parish Hall, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd., West Haven. Saturday hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Santa visiting noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday hours will be 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy the holiday season with our decorated trees, wreaths, gift baskets, crafts and refreshments. Free admission.

Aces Village School Holiday Fair

Holiday Fair : Friday, December 2, 2011 at ACES Village School 31 Temple Street, North Haven 6pm to 9pm. Food, crafts, raffles, fun for the whole family. Proceeds will benefit special needs children. Also, offering table rentals to outside vendors. If interested in reserving a table, please call Village School at 203-234-7611 and leave a message for Monica. Limited space first come, first served basis.

Christmas Bazaar December 3rd and 4th

First Church of Christ, Congregational, UCC, Bethany located at 511 Amity Road (Route 63) invites the public to attend its annual Christmas Bazaar to be held over two days with expanded hours, Saturday, December 3rd from 8 AM to 3 PM and Sunday, December 4th, 11:30-1:00. This very popular country bazaar will feature fragrant, fresh wreaths and greens, as well as traditional poinsettias. There will be tables of homemade candies, jams, vinegars and other preserves as well as fresh baked breads, cookies, cakes and pies – perfect to freeze for upcoming holidays. You will also find one-of-akind handcrafted jewelry, clothing, accessories, and ornaments as well as the ever popular Ivory Elephant table full of new or gently used items, just right for gift giving. Take a chance on the expanded basket raffle and a beautiful handmade quilt. Come early to enjoy coffee, hot cider, egg sandwiches and donuts. Plan to stay for lunch and sample delicious soups and sandwiches. There's something for the entire family.



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Charles Grodin, author, actor, and commentator will be the Master of Ceremonies. He has been recognized for his humanitarian efforts, including efforts to help the homeless. The Yale Whiffenpoofs are the world's oldest a cappella singing group. Their performances receive accolades worldwide. The Elm City Girls' Choir is New England's most highly acclaimed girls' choral program. Based in New Haven, the Choir has received national recognition.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$15 for 17 years and under, and children under 6 are free. Tickets are available online at www.bethelmiford. org and at Something of Bev's, Canvas Patch, Milford Photo and at all of The Milford Bank locations. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for purchase of raffle tickets for exquisitely themed gift baskets.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor or placing an ad in the program book should contact Teresa Cavaliero, Event Chair at (203) 882-8649 or Maria Tomasetti at (203) 988-8598.



Racebrook School, veterans and family members assemble with students.



As part of the Veterans' Day celebration, the Turkey Hill School Fathers' Club collected items to be delivered to soldiers of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade who are currently deployed to Afghanistan as part of "Operation Enduring Freedom."

Orange Schools Honor Local Veterans

By Laura Fanatarella – Orange Town News Correspondant

The Orange elementary schools honored the family members of students who have served in the armed forces at special assemblies held in recognition of Veteran's Day. Veterans, many in their dress uniforms, attended the ceremonies and sat with their family members during the presentations. Students sand patriotic songs, dis

dents sang patriotic songs, displayed artwork and read poems commemorating the service of veterans that served in every war with U.S. involvement, from World War II to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

At Racebrook School, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's aide, Aleks Morosky, read a special commendation, which was followed by selected fifth graders reading excerpts of their writings, "What a Veteran Means to Me." The 35 veterans in attendance received a standing ovation from the audience following the fourth graders chorus of "Proud of Our Veterans" which they ended with a salute to the vets. The audience was particularly interested in a presentation by Special guest, Commander E. Ross Wohlert, parent of two former Race Brook students, Maia and Ryan, about Navy Cargo Handling Operations. At Turkey Hill School, 25



CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Rotary Club Helps Supply Jackets to Children

Last year the Rotary Club of Orange worked with the Bridgeport middle schools' Home School Coordinators at Black Rock School and Edison School to provide almost 100 new winter jackets to needy children identified by the schools. The program worked well and the children were happy with their bright, new jackets.



This activity is known as "Operation Warm" and is a nationwide Rotary initiative. A factory in Pennsylvania

makes excellent winter jackets at minimum cost that can be ordered in quantity by gender and size according to detailed lists from the schools. Operation Warm has just delivered its millionth jacket.

This year, in an effort to expand this vital activity all the Home School Coordinators in Bridgeport's 34 middle schools were contacted. They were shown the flyer from Operation Warm depicting new, stylish well-made and warm jackets for boys and girls and asked to identify those students in their schools whose families or guardians were unable to provide warm winter clothing. They were asked to complete an "order form" containing a unique number identifying the child, the gender and the jacket size. When the orders were compiled 2,250 needy children stood in need of winter jackets! Rotary of Orange is working with the Rotary Club of Bridgeport and Rotary District 7980 to supply as many as 300 jackets to these children. It is hoped that with the knowledge of the great number of needy Bridgeport students yet unserved, other clubs and organizations will step in and purchase jackets to satisfy the great need. If more information is desired, please contact Baxter Walsh, Rotary Club of Orange, bkw@staffage.com.

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A Peck Place School 4th grader sits proudly next to her great-grandfather who had served in the United States Air Force.

vets were recognized with certificates and a student's drawing of them in uniform. The student body sung several patriotic songs, including "Thank you Veterans." The school also held a supply drive for the troops to coincide with Veteran's Day.

Both schools made slide show presentations with photos of the veterans.

At Peck Place School, the students gathered together to honor local Veterans during a special school assembly.

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that evening and what their plans were. The two, who were both enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program at the time, looked at each other and said, "Wouldn't it be cool if we could actually answer that!" So they took the question and turned it into a term project, determined to find a hassle-free way to help socially active young people plan and coordinate evenings out. "People are spending about an hour a day talking about what they are going to do and where they are going to go after school and/or work. That's a work day a week," he said. "It's a big, complicated question."

Jaensch and Bessette worked tirelessly on the project, developing a website and cellphone application for the IPhone and Android cellphones that enables members to peruse daily information about area events and gathering places and put together a plan with their friends via texting or the internet. Unlike Facebook, Shizzlr.com enables its members to selectively communicate their plans only to their own circle of close friends. "Now someone can spend less time planning and more time having fun. It will make the whole process quicker," Jaensch said. When users 'click on' the icon of a place or an event, they can view how many of their friends will be there.

They named the website "Shizzlr.com" based on a nonsensical text message Bessette sent to a friend. "We had no idea what he was trying to say but it was catchy, so we jotted it down on a scrap of paper and started using it as a slogan, like 'have a good time, do shizzlr," Jaensch said.

Their project caught the attention of their university advisors who entered it into the state's Collegiate Business Plan Competition, where Shizzlr was awarded a \$3,000 grant and free office space for three months. It was enough to give the new social communication site momentum and the young entrepreneurs set out to procure additional funding. They raised \$200,000 in private donations and another \$150,000 from CT Innovations, an agency created by the state legislature which relies on its own investments to provide early-stage funding and support to Connecticut start-up companies in selected fields in Connecticut. "The money enabled us to be able to devote all our time to working on the project, which is the only reason we are still alive today," Jaensch said. They were able to pay themselves a small salary and hire several interns and employees. They procured office space in New Haven's Science Park through the state's CTech Initiative, an arm of CT Innovations, which provides space to start-up technology ventures and also provides access to a staff of experienced advisors and professionals in human resources, investing and marketing. Shizzlr.com is available nationwide.

Jaensch said he and his partner are working round the clock and he wouldn't have it any other way. "I built a social site to get people together and I've lost touch with everyone!" he said. "It's six days of frustration and one day of euphoria, but it's tons of fun and I wouldn't want to be doing anything else," he said. With the systems and programming in place, Jaensch and Bessette are gearing up for a big marketing launch, hoping for some national attention. "We've prepared as though a million people a day could hit the site," he said. "We're ready to shout it from the mountaintops." he said. For more information, visit www.Shizzlr.com.



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Orange "Ghostbuster" Tells Tales at Case Library

By Laura Fanterella – Orange Towm News Correspondent

Investigating the unexplainable, like the sound of music playing in the Orange Cemetery; shadows and cold spots in Town Hall offices or footsteps and voices in an empty corridor or classroom at Mary L. Tracy School are all in a day's work for "ghostbuster" Jon Nowinski of the Smoking Gun Agency.

Earlier this month, Nowinski revealed haunted tales and paranormal activities in and around Orange in a two-part "Ghost Talk" and "Lantern Ghost Walk" sponsored by the Case Memorial Library. More than 50 people, from children to seniors, turned out on a crisp autumn evening to hear Nowinski's tales of unusual happenings in Orange. Nowinski is director of the Smoking Gun Agency, a non-profit library and research center located at 284 Racebrook Road. The center's areas of interest include

"paranormal, metaphysics, psychic, parapsychology, cryptology, conspiracy, mystery, fringe science, and all else strange and unusual" according to its informational materials. The Center has equipment and resources to investigate paranormal activities but its goal is also to provide information. "The unexplained is a real aspect of our society and there are a lot of things that remain unexplained," Nowinski said. "We don't tell people what to believe or give proof of paranormal activity, we present a resource to help provide answers so one can draw their own conclusions."

Since August of 2010, the SGA has received 72 reports of unusual activities, conducted 10 interviews and started four investigations in Orange alone. "Something's strange in Orange, and we've shifted our attention here because so many people are sharing their stories," Nowinski said. The reports and investigations, which are confidential, are coming from people of all ages and walks of life who want to tell someone what they've experienced but don't want to be called "crazy." About 60 percent of the reports focus on the town's historical district, in the Orange Center Road, Tyler City and Schoolhouse Lane areas, and particularly around town-owned properties like Town Hall, the Academy, the Historical Society, the Fire Department and the Orange Cemetery. There are common threads among the stories too, like unusual temperature changes and cold spots within buildings, visions of apparitions, moving objects, and hearing voices and/or footsteps when no one is around. "People have heard doors opening and closing and footsteps on the second and third floors of the Town Hall building. The reports are quite similar even among people who have not shared their stories before," Nowinski said.

Reluctant to speak of "ghosts" and not particularly fond of the term "ghostbusters," Nowinski said he and his team prefer to think of paranormal activity as a form of energy that remains even after a being's physical presence is gone and they seek to connect the past with present reports of activity. While people may think a particular building is "haunted," it is possible it is the land itself that harbors the energy. Nowinski pointed out that the Revolutionary War and Indian reservations played a role in Orange history and in the late 1800s a railroad ran through the center of town. "We know that there were several incidents and train accidents that occurred there," he said. Town buildings like Stone-Otis House and The Academy, which was once a school house, had few physical changes but had different town usages over the years and many forms of energy flowed through them. "There are a lot of people who worked hard to protect these buildings and there is a lot of positive energy associated with them," he said. "It is possible that there is a spirit or spirits that have lingered on the land for centuries." When he's hired to investigate a paranormal claim, Nowinski combines "hard science with practical science" using scientific-based equipment and interviewing and research methods and calling upon the skills of psychics and mediums. "Sometimes we can explain it away, sometimes our findings are inconclusive and sometimes we can validate someone's experience by finding compelling information that an energetic anomaly exists even if we can't say what it is," he said. His services are free and he relies on donations and speaking engagements to help fund the Center. Contrary to Hollywood's depictions of encounters of the unusual kind as evil or sinister, Nowinski said in his experience, most other-worldly events are often pleasant. "It may be a lingering caretaker of the property," he said. Cemeteries are usually common places of reported paranormal activity, probably because they are places of much emotion that link the present to the past, he said. Nowinski urged his audience to be open-minded and achieve balance as a "believing skeptic" or "skeptical believer." "Science and the paranormal can work hand in hand. A lot of scientific-minded people thought highly of paranormal activity," he said. "Einstein always urged society to be curious." For more information on the SGA, contact www.sgra.org or call 203-247-0310.

Some Things You Just Can Not Explain

By Laura Fanterella – Orange Towm News Correspondent

I was particularly interested in attending the Orange Ghost Talk as I'd had my own ghostly experience growing up in Orange. At the time I was 13 years old and in eighth grade at Amity Junior High School. One weekday evening a group of us were at Mary L. Tracy School playing volleyball when we decided to leave the school in search of more exciting activities!

We went across the street to the Orange Cemetery and, since one of the boys among us had had a brother who was buried there, we got the inspiration to hold a séance by his headstone. The brother had died tragically in an accident at college, several years before. We solemnly closed our eyes and joined hands as Brian led the séance, dramatically invoking the spirit of his brother and urging him to give us a sign that he was with us. It was a crisp fall evening and only several minutes into the séance we felt the wind pick up and a small flag, stuck in the ground by a nearby gravesite, started to flap wildly. I remember opening my eyes and looking around...at the serious faces of my friends

and then upward toward the skies, where I was convinced an especially dark group of clouds hovered directly overhead.

Well, ok, certainly these were coincidental signs, nothing that couldn't be explained away by the weather. I had a fleeting thought, maybe we shouldn't be doing this..... but I was brought back to the present by Brian's calm, yet pleading voice, "Please, let me know you can hear me." At this point several of us had opened our eyes and were looking around expectantly. There is a small shed that stands in the corner at the back of the Orange Cemetery. Believe it or not, that shed started to glow as though something behind it was on fire, illuminating the outline of the shed against the darkness. The rest is a blur as all of us saw the

shed and immediately jumped up and ran, as fast as we could, back to Mary L. Tracy. I paused for a moment and looked back and saw Brian, motionless, just staring at the shed.

It's been 40 years since then and every once in a while I'll run into my séance-mates and we remember that evening that none of us can explain. And nearly every time I drive by that cemetery, all these years later, I still glance out my window at that ordinary shed that still sits in the corner of the cemetery, that was anything but ordinary on one ghostly night in Orange.

("Chilly Chili Run" continued from page 1)

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Applications are available at the Orange Park and Recreation office. This year we will also be having Early Packet Pickup and registration in person on Wednesday, December 28 at the High Plains Community Center front lobby from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Joe Riccio will be able to answer any race-related questions. He can be reached at 203 481-7453.

The Amity Teen Center, located at 10 Selden Street in Woodbridge, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1987. We provide safe, supervised drug and alcohol-free programs for Orange, Woodbridge and Bethany teenagers in grades 7-12 in a spacious 5,000 square foot building. The Teen Center has a stage and performance area, a computer room, an art gallery, video games, pool table, snack bar, a quiet "chill room," and an outdoor basketball court.

The Chilly Chili Run is the major fundraiser for the Amity Teen Center each year. All donations are deductible to the full extent of the law and may be sent to: Amity Teen Center, P.O. Box 3671, Woodbridge, CT 06525. For more information, please go to www.amityteencenter.org, email us at amityteencenter@hotmail.com, or call (203) 387-0205.

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Going Through Tough Times? Tips for the Sandwich Generation

By Kristen Cutting Wolf Esq.

In today's changing times, many people are faced with the dilemma of not only supporting their family, but also having to care for their aging parents as well. Although this is not a new concept for

those of the Baby Boomer Generation, it is still difficult for those in this position to manage the financial and emotional stress of this added responsibility. "Sandwiched" individuals struggle to find the appropriate balance between caring for themselves as well as their dependent children and parents. In addition, such individuals are constantly faced with juggling the critical concerns related to elder care, financial planning and parenting.



Kristen Cutting Wolf

Esq.

If you are currently "sandwiched" or expect that you may be soon, you may be very overwhelmed

and unsure as to what to do. Knowledge is important and early action is essential to ensure that you protect yourself, your children, your parents and your assets. Therefore, make sure that you educate yourself and use the resources available to you in order

to take a proactive approach in planning the future of your family. Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP's practice is a general practice law firm focusing in Family Law, Criminal Defense, Estate Planning and Probate Matters, Juvenile Law and Business and Civil Litigation. If you need legal assistance pertaining to any of these areas of law, contact us for a free consultation.

Attorney Kristen Cutting-Wolf, of the law firm Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP is the author of this article. However, the information contained in this article is not, nor is it intended to be, legal advice. As a reminder, every case is unique, and the above-referenced resources may not be available in each situation. Additionally, there may be other resources available in a given situation. Therefore, you should consult a qualified attorney. Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP invites you to contact their office, and welcomes your calls, letters, and electronic mail. Contacting us does not create an attorney-client privilege. Only when such attorney-client relationship has been formed, will Riordan, Cutting & Shore, LLP advise you as to your particular case.

From the Youth Services Coordinator By John Ulatowsski





Youth Services to Provide Artist Colony Professional Art Instruction

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

Youth Services Job Bank Can Help with Autumn Leaves, Winter Snow

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



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TOWN DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

From the Elderly Outreach Worker By Denise Stein



It's That Time of Year Again

So it's that time of the year. That time to review your Medicare Plan and determine if you need to change. As usual there is a wide variety of plans to choose from. Hopefully, you have already been here to the Senior Center to participate in some of the seminars we have had.

If you haven't been to any, you can always contact me to discuss your needs. Some things to consider are your health needs. Once you have thought about that, the next decision is what will cover me better. Should I stick with traditional Medicare and supplement or would a Medicare Advantage plan work better for me?

What about my drug plan? Are all my drugs covered? Do I hit the donut hole and how soon? What do some of the other plans offer? There are screening tools available on the computer that can assist in this decision. Again, if you have questions, please feel free to call and set up some time so that we can review your needs.

From the Department of Public Works By Don Foyer



Snow Plowing Policy

There are over 110 miles of streets in the Town of Orange. Snow removal can cost up to \$2,500.00 per hour. Therefore, it is important for the Department of Public Works to use its resources wisely with cooperation from the residents to minimize the cost.

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 are angled 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 certainly it should 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.

Assistant Chief Koether Honored with MADD's Highest Award

On Wednesday night, November 2, 2011, Assistant Chief Edward Koether was one of several individuals honored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) at its Community Champions Recognition Ceremony and dinner. Awards were presented in several categories, and Assistant Chief Koether was

one of three recipients of the Hilda Davis Award (MADD's highest award). In 1989, Koether took over supervision of the Department's DUI enforcement and training program, and was assigned as the Department's liaison with MADD. Koether has continued his support for MADD over the years, and most recently served on the Law Enforcement Recognition Committee for MADD's 25th year luncheon celebration (Officers Michael Kosh and Christopher Brown were honored at that event for their efforts in DUI enforcement). Koether was also



Assistant Chief Edward Koether

presented with MADD's 20 year law enforcement pin by Executive Director Janice Heggie Margolis, for his continuous service and support for over twenty years. Chief Robert Gagne stated that the entire Department is proud of the leadership displayed by Assistant Chief Koether in his dedicated service to the MADD organization, and also stated that the Department will continue its aggressive and ongoing campaign to protect the public through DUI enforcement efforts.



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Children

Winter Story Hour

Sessions for age 2 will be held on Thursday, December 1, 8, 15 at 10:30 a.m. Sessions for age 3-5 will be held on Monday, November 28, December 5, 12 at 4 p.m. Includes a craft.

Mother Goose is on the Loose!

Sessions for babies and toddlers up to 24 months will be held on Tuesday, November 29, December 6, 13, 20 at 10:30 p.m. Includes nursery rhymes, music, and movement.

Children's Holiday Film

Saturday, December 17, 1 p.m.: Join us for a screening of "Santa Claus: The Movie" starring John Lithgow and Dudley Moore. Rated PG.

Holiday Teddy Bear Story Time

Monday, December 19, 6:30 p.m. Bring your bear and blankie! Ages 2-5.

Teens

Book Chat Café

Tuesday, December 6, 2:15 p.m.: For teens who love to read and chat about books they have read. Held at the Orange Middle School Media Center. See Mrs. Goss for details.

Adults

From Fiction to Film: Water for Elephants

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

Author Presentation and Book Signing: Cooking with Chef Silvio

Monday, December 5, 7 p.m.: Author, historian and photographer Anthony Riccio returns to the library with award-winning Chef Silvio Suppa to discuss the origins of true Mediterranean cuisine. With original recipes and first-hand research, Cooking with Chef Silvio presents the fascinating history of Campanian gastronomy, from the ancient Samnites to the present-day dishes offered at Chef Silvio's restaurant Cafe Allegre in Madison. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Genealogy Workshop

Monday, December 12, 7 p.m.: Greg Thompson of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists will show you how to research your family history. Topic: Using the Resources of the Godfrey Genealogical Library in Middletown.

Book Discussion: "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao"

Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m.: Join Librarian Bob Knapik to discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by

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Art in the Library

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

Ancestry.com Now Available at the Library

Patrons who visit the Case Memorial Library can now access Ancestry.com Library Edition, one of the most important genealogical collections available today. With unparalleled coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada and other areas, this is an invaluable tool to anyone looking to research their family history.

This collection has more than 4,000 databases and two billion names, and its valuable content is a strong complement to HeritageQuest Online, an additional library genealogy resource. Its 4,000 databases include key collections such as U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930; the Map Center containing more than 1,000 historical maps; American Genealogical Biographical Index (over 200 volumes); Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage (over 150 volumes); The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England, 1620-1630; Social Security Death Index (updated monthly); WWI Draft Registration Cards; Federal Slave Narratives; and a strong Civil War collection. In the coming year, still more indexes and original images will be added to the new Immigration collection.



Ancestry.com Library Edition also offers an online library of periodicals and newspapers. You will also find a link to Ancestry World Tree which allows patrons to keep track of their family tree and to share it with others.

Anyone who visits the Library can access this wonderful resource from any of the Library's 21 public computers. Ancestry is also available in the library via the Library's wireless network at www.ancestrylibrary.proquest.com.

"Simple Treasures" **Images of Orange**

Simple Treasures is a work of photographic images in and about the Town of Orange. But it is also far more. The authors have attempted to capture the Town's singular ambiance, its rural and spacious character, the historical significance and steadfast traditions, a respected and cherished appreciation of its natural eloquence. Simple treasures abound - the still whisper of its ponds, the harvest of plenty of working farms, the caring and proud countenance of its citizens. It is a work of nooks and crannies: tender offerings that draw and mesmerize us, the vast floral arrays, the varied bird life, antique machineries, wooded veils, scattered remembrances of the honored pioneers who were its very foundation, citizens steeped in family traditions of practical civilities. It is a good place, where one can not only see its beauty but encompass it as well in their heart of hearts. And if we are sensitive to our mind's eye and intuitive assurances, the Town of Orange speaks to us from revered voices of the past saying, "Behold neighbor, hold fast the treasure before you... and carefully pass it on".

John Ulatowski has been taking photos and exhibiting his work for many years. He has published four

books of photographic images: Places of Rest -photos of sea, nature, and people with complementary poems, Floral Ladies, Feathered Friends, Moments of Grace, and Simple Treasures. All books are published on Blurb.com. He is currently working on a book of children stories. John received his Bachelor degree in English from Sacred Heart University and has published newsletter articles as well as working with authors on material research. He also does many local exhibits of his work.

Marty Stofik is a writer and photographer whose work has appeared in various newspapers, magazines, and other media. Her photographs have been exhibited in libraries, at charity auctions and are in several private collections. She is the author of Saving South Beach (University Press of Florida) and has published three books of photography available on Blurb.com. She has also written and produced videos for commercial and non-profit groups including United Way, and won awards for advertising productions. She did her undergraduate studies at the University of Miami and holds an MA in Humanities from California State University. For more of her work visit www.stofik.com.



Orange Town News



What Was He Doing in November of 1781?

The diary of John Downs (1745-1819) of Milford first came to attention during the genealogical search for the roots of John Nelson Downs of Doylestown, Ohio. Having been mentioned in the Early Families of Milford by

Susan Woodruff Abbott, a book used by genealogists and myself, a search was conducted to find the diary and indeed it was found in New Mexico, now in a storage vault in the archives of the University of New Mexico Library.

The original diary was contained in one book about 5"x &7", carefully handwritten over a period of 47 years, 1764 through 1812. He wrote one line per day documenting the weather and his principal activity engaged on that day. He very seldom wrote anything personal but what he did write is a precious "look see" into who John Downs might have been. John was a weaver and he notes his efforts with numbers giving a measure of that day's particular work be it yards (els) or 2 inches (nails). Although some of the amounts appear to be small, one needs to consider the daylight and possible breakdowns

of the loom he was using or lack of material at hand at that time.

As with the William Grant diary recently purchased by the Orange Historical Society, John did not confine his activities to that of his trade but to whatever was needed at the time.

11m November hath 30 Days 1781

1 cloudy & rain smart & high winds, wove 3:0:0

2 clear this morning rain by showers, I got home wood from Long hill

3 rain last night & cloudy to Day I got out my lawn wove 3:2:0

- G cloudy & windy cold I at home all Day Mr. Bird (this appears to be Sabbath Day)
- 5 clear & high winds cold I warp & get in cabbages & to wedding (warp is part of the weaving process
- 6 clear & dry, I tied in Mrs. Philips checks & sized
- 7 clear & pleas.t I bank up kitchen & set to work
- 8 clear & windy, I pick winter apples & wove 1:0:0
- 9 clear & high winds cold, I wove checks wollen Capt. Treat
- 10 clear & cold windy, I at red Bush & pilled up dung got apples
- G cloudy & cold, I at meeting Mr. Bird
- 12 cloudy & raw cold, I at race got home sheep & wove flannel
- 13 cloudy but warmer, I kill father's hogs and wove 2:2:0
- 14 clear & pleas.t I warp sized & wove checks 1:2:0
- 15 cloudy & rain some th.n clear I cut wood red wood
- 16 clear & warm wove Mrs. Phillips 1:2:0 17 clear & rain most all day & night I wove check 2:2:0
- G clear & pleas.t I at meeting Bird
- 19 cloudy & rain some I wove checks 3 yarn 6:0:0
- 20 clear & cold I got out warp sized & wove
- 21 cloudy & snow at night I cut & carted wood from long hill
- 22 clear & pleas.t I bought barrel rum and cut wood at race

Gideon Platts in addition to school and on the 28th of February he writes "I keep School Sing at Brothers Treats."

With the various citizens noted, Mr. Downs was a traveling teacher add-

ing such well-known families as Hines, Fowler, and Clark to his diary. For the two coldest winter months his weaving was next to nothing as school and ciphering kept him out of the house for great lengths of time. With all of his activities it's funny to see his entry for March 20th. Clear & dry I did nothing to purpose for any body but he rallied on the 21st to get timber only to note "did but little to work my arm lame" on the 23rd. What gives us a clue as to mysterious Mr. Bird can be found on the 24th and the 31st when he notes for his Sabbath entry "I at home all day no minister" and subsequent notations of ministers that can be verified in the history of the Plymouth Church.

A quick note on the Plymouth Church which had its beginnings January 5, 1741 when a significant amount of parishioners from the First

Church organized the 2nd Ecclesiastical Society of Milford in direct competition to the teachings of First Church. The Rev. Samuel Whittelsly had been engaged to replace 80 year-old Samuel Andrew but his leaning toward morals and away from the gospel caused the congregation of First Church to limit the time for his tenure and when "push came to shove" and it did, the group seceded and professed a belief in the Presbyterian faith. Peace did not reign for many a year and it is known that Jonathan Law, deputy governor was known to parade the ministers that attempted to preach at the 2nd church through the town as vagrants while others were threatened, imprisoned and accompanied out of town!

April of 1782 gives us another "look see" for Mr. Downs as he emerges into the better weather with trips to Salem and Watertown to sell his flax, eeling in pond (caught 6 dozen), beat dung at the swamp and carted it to the parsonage lot, made a bee hive, mended a fence, dug a garden and planted beats (beets), and carrots, dug a seller (root cellar no doubt) and at one pointed planted an entire 4 acre parcel and so it went. One day after another, simple but within these tedious chores Thanksgiving day, however minimal in its efforts made the dairy a minimum of 10 times with no greater emphasis than any other event including the preparation and burial of his son John 1770-1773.

Whether Thanksgiving as we know it today was much of a holiday years gone by remains to the researchers for the many diaries that exist in public hands and those that are hidden in bookcases, boxes and the like and alas those that have long been destroyed. The story of the Pilgrims is well known...they were just plain people. They wanted to own their own land and houses while searching for individual independence and with the help of the Native Americans, they survived to keep their dream of freedom alive. We give thanks for their courage.

Ginny Reinhard is the president of the Orange Historical Society.



The John Downs House

23 clear & cold I got out Capt Isaac Treat flan (flannel) 11:00:00 (Looks like that rum really did the job!) 24 clear & cold, I wove Isaac Stones & brother Treats 3:0:0 G cloudy & damp day I at meeting Mr. Bird 26 rain last night smart cloudy high winds to day I got out 3:2:0 27 clear & cold I warp wove widow Stone fl (flannel) 2:0:0 28 cloudy and snow then rain at night I spooled 2:2:0 29 clear then cloudy some snow th.n clears off I warp & at mill 30 clear & pleas.t I sized & wove Jared Baldwin 3:2:0

Nowhere in this list is a mention of Thanksgiving but in previous years between 1773 & 1778 he does give the day a section of his one line of daily events going so far as to say "clear & cold, a good thanksgiving, I at meeting." This was not the Sabbath so it appears that church was part of the thanksgiving tradition.

As the winter progressed our writer increased his "outside" activities to include errands a word we hear today but not common in early writings. Mr. Bird continues to appear on the meeting day or Sabbath but research does not find this Mr. Bird in the early families or in church documentation but reading his diary and previous Sabbath Days there is noted a "Mr." at the end of each entry. By February he was "keeping school" and we see he began on February 11th "at the race" noting various houses where he says "I keep school." On several occasions Mr. Downs "ciphered" at Deacon Treats and

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



Emily's love of nature and life itself is de-

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





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The four year old class from Orange Congregational Church Nursery School came to school dressed for Halloween and enjoyed parading in costume throughout the church. The children got to take home a special treat of pumpkins and gourds, which were donated by Treat Farm.



Treat Farm, 361 Old Tavern Road, Orange, will be opening its harvest-your-own Christmas tree fields on Friday, November 25th at 9 am. The farm has thousands of white spruce, blue spruce, Douglas and Fraser fir trees available for tagging or cutting, as well as precut Fraser firs for sale in the barnyard. After the 25th, the farm is open on weekends from 9 am to 5 pm. The Orange Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will once again be holding its bake sale in the barn on December 10th & 11th, with all proceeds to benefit the Department. For more information, visit www.treatfarm.com.



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New England School of Montessori celebrated Pajama Day on October 31, 2011. Students and teachers agree that it is the coziest day of the school year.







Connecticut Food Bank 2011

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 four years to one of my favorite organizations "Connecticut Food Bank" (CFB). It is a non-profit group whose mission is to alleviate hunger. CFB strives to do this by supplying food products and resources to eligible programs throughout its service area in CT 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 CFB collected 24,516 turkeys and more than 360 tons of trimmings. With everyone's help, CFB was able to provide nearly 779,503 meals for people in need of food as-

sistance. It hopes to surpass this total for 2011. The kindness demonstrated throughout the Thanksgiving campaign was not only awe-inspiring, but also a testament to what everyone can do working together as a community. As today's 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.

Founded in 1982, CFB is the largest centralized source of donated emergency food in CT. The main warehouse is located in East Haven with branch warehouses in Waterbury & Fairfield, along with distribution sites in New London & Stamford. CFB provides food to 650 food-assistance programs such as soup kitchens, shelters, food pantries and low-income senior and children's programs in 6 of Connecticut's 8 counties. CFB has distributed over 200 million pounds of food over the years.

Everyday operations of Connecticut Food Bank are overseen by President & Chief Executive Officer Nancy L. Carrington, who has served the Food Bank for more than 25 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 more than forty ensures that Connecticut Food Bank continues to fulfill the mission of alleviating hunger.

Many food drives are held throughout the year to benefit CFB. The majority of food donations come from the food industry. It donates products that are wholesome but might have some cosmetic flaw and so will not sell. In this way CFB reduces food waste and is able to feed the needy. CFB 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 & food rescue organizations. CFB is funded privately, supported by a broad base of individuals, businesses, foundations & community organizations. 94% of financial contributions are directed toward program services.

If your organization would like to learn more about CFB, it offers tours of all 3 warehouses. What a great idea for a class trip (ATTENTION TEACH-ERS)! CFB also offers a Speaker's Bureau where you can arrange for a CFB 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. Approximately 400,000 + people in our state struggled 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 Keep up-to-date about CFB and issues of hunger by following them at www.ctfoodbank.org/blog, www.facebook.com/ctfoodbank or 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, CFB can provide enough food to feed a person for a full month. Let's carry that resolve throughout this holiday season and beyond. Happy Thanksgiving to our loyal readers and supporters of the Orange 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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Q: I loved seeing a different side of Bill Pullman in "Torchwood: Miracle Day." Where else can I see him? -- Betty T., via e-mail

A: Bill is headlining TNT's Mystery Movie Night by starring in "Scott Turow's Innocent," which is the sequel to "Presumed Innocent," picking up the lives of Rusty and Barbra Sabich two decades later. The movie opens with Rusty being accused of murdering his wife, mirroring the accusation he was cleared of years before with his mistress.

You can catch your favorite stars this winter in crime-novel adaptations of books by authors like **Scott** Turow, Mary Higgins Clark, Sandra Brown and more. While Bill himself is not a big television watcher, he loves the artistic opportunities it presents to actor and viewers, telling me: "I like the image of people on their sofas on a winter night just getting down with a good, compelling thriller. Makes me want to watch more television." Check your local listings for the date and time of each movie's airing during TNT's Mystery Movie Night series. And stop by celebrityextraonline.com for my entire interview with Bill.

Q: What is the lovely **Annabeth** Gish up to lately? I loved her on "The X-Files." -- Gabrielle V., Portland, Ore.

A: Annabeth is starring alongside Pierce Brosnan in A&E's miniseries "Bag of Bones," which is based on the Stephen King novel. In the miniseries, best-selling novelist Mike Noonan (Pierce) can't stop grieving after the death of his wife, Jo (Annabeth). A dream inspires him to return to the couple's lakeside retreat in western Maine. Of course, myste-



Annabeth Gish

rious things are going to happen. Go to celebrityextraonline.com to read my full interview with Annabeth about her role in this series, which premieres Dec. 12 at 9 p.m. ET/PT.

Q: I was reading that Universal is going to pull the "Harry Potter" movies from the shelves soon. Is this true? -- Andrew R., via e-mail

A: On Dec. 29, Universal is indeed pulling "Harry Potter" movies from the shelves -- right after the Christmas rush -- and offer them only on a sporadic basis, like Disney has done with its animated classics. If you can, I'd hold off on buying the eight-disc boxed set featuring years one through seven. It contains only the movie discs with no special features or extras. At the end of 2012, Universal plans to release a more comprehensive boxed set of all eight movies, with the extras and special treats we've all been waiting for. ***

Q: I loved Sheldon's "Soft Kitty Song" on "The Big Bang Theory." My roommate told me I can buy the Soft Kitty stuffed animal. Please tell me this is true! -- Paula F., Youngstown, Ohio

A: Just in time for Christmas, Stylin Online is offering the official Soft Kitty cat and T-shirt for all you "Big Bang" fans. The stuffed cat will sing you the "Soft Kitty Song" from the show, and it's available at StylinOnline.com

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



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Orange Players Hold Open Auditions

The Orange Players is pleased to announce open auditions for its upcoming production, "Picking Up Cues". Conceived by Marian Drobish, Margaret Meisenhelder, Pat Miller and Joan Stenner, "Picking Up Cues" is an original musical cabaret-type revue that takes a light hearted look at life (and sometimes strife) between the sexes.

Auditions will be held at 7:30pm to 9:30 pm on November 29-30, 2011 in Room 8 at the High Plains Community Center (525 Orange Center Road, Orange, CT). Actors are expected to prepare a song as part of their audition. An accompanist will be available. Actors will also be asked to read selections from a script which will be provided. Founded in 1974, The Orange Players always welcomes new members - no experience is necessary.

Performance dates for "Picking Up Cues" are January 20-21, 2012, 8:00 pm at the High Plains Community Center. The production will be directed by Pat Miller with musical direction by Peg Meisenhelder and James Teti.

For more information on auditions, performances, or ways to be involved in the production crew, contact Pat Miller (president of The Orange Players) at (203) 397-8915, patmiller605@sbcglobal.net, or go to www.orangeplayers. net.

8th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair

The Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven located at 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge will be hosting its 8th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 10:00am-4:00pm.

The JCC's 8th Annual Arts and Crafts Fair will feature artisans and crafters from around the corner as well as around the world. There will be beautiful gifts, accessories, home décor, pottery, and more on display and available for purchase. This year will feature an onsite glass blower, entertainment, and food! There is something for everyone at this year's event!

New This Year: "Drop & Shop"- Children can visit the Painted Pomegranate for \$5 to make crafts, play games, and have fun while you visit the vendors.





Come Celebrate 20 Years of the Nutcracker

Orange residents and New England Ballet Company dancers: (back row) Lauren Russo, Rachel Itzler, Mimi Zschack, Sydney Sachs, Sarina Cuozzo, (front row) Cynthia Celone, Claire Sweeney, Tara Gioella, and Chloe Proto are busy rehearsing for Nutcracker. New England Ballet Company returns for the 20th year, continuing its tradition of winter holiday performances of the holiday favorite, Nutcracker, Performances will be at Parsons Auditorium, 70 West River Street, Milford on Saturday, December 17th at 12:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. and a matinee performance on Sunday, December 18th, at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$45.

At the same venue on December 16th at 7:00 p.m., New England Ballet Company is proud to present the Second Annual performance of an integrated dance and theatre program for individuals with autism and special needs in an adaptation of Nutcracker Suite. This very special performance is a collaborative effort between New England Ballet Company, the City of Milford's Adaptive Arts Program, and the Kennedy Center, Inc. Tickets are \$20.

New England Ballet Company has also added another full length production of the Nutcracker featuring the entire cast after recently being named the Resident Ballet Company of the Klein. Tickets for the December 10, 2:00 pm performance at Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Ave., Bridgeport are also available for \$25-\$45.

In addition on November 27 New England Ballet Company's 8th Sugar Plum Party will be at the Stratford Theatre, 2422 Main St., Stratford with performances at 12:30 and 3:00 pm. All tickets are \$15.

For more information and to reserve your tickets call (203)799-7950 or visit the website at www.NewEnglandBallet.org.

Davis Gallery Presents "The Seasons"

The Davis Gallery, located at 200 Boston Post Road, Orange presents: "The Seasons". Graham Dale, a local artist and art teacher, will be displaying his pencil and colored pencil nature scenes. The exhibit is free and open to the public. An Opening Reception where you can meet the artist will be held on December 3rd, 1-4 pm. The Show will run from December 3rd- January 9th, 2012. The Davis Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 10am-6pm and Saturday from 10am-2pm. For more information, call 203.795.4705.



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Pre-Chanukah Palooza

Join your friends to celebrate and learn about Chanukah. Dreidel House - Illusionist Elliot Zimet to perform - Bobby Doowah for the 5 and under crowd - Olive Press workshop - Chanukah Crafts – Lunch and much much more! Fun for the whole family! Sunday December 11th 1-4pm, at Chabad, 261 Derby Avenue, Orange.

TGI Shabbat (Mexico)

Join us for a unique experience where we explore the different tastes of culture from Jewish communities around the world. Shabbat dinner is accompanied by spirited singing, Chassidic tales, and the chance to meet some wonderful people. Don't miss our Friday night dinners! Friday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:00 pm, Shabbat Dinner at 6:30 pm. \$18 Adult & \$10 Child. RSVP at: 795-7095 or events@chabadow.org.

Handbell Ensemble to Perform at Congregational Church

The New England Ringers, a fourteen member handbell ensemble, will perform at the Orange Congregational Church on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 7:00 PM. The concert will benefit the Orange church's Pipe Organ Renovation Fund.





Holy Infant Annual Christmas Concert

A Christmas Concert will be presented by the Holy Infant Church Choir and the Good News Contemporary Ensemble, Sunday, December 11th at 3:00p.m. The program will feature a variety of seasonal favorites for choir and carols for all to sing. Featured soloists will be Barbie and Gary Harger. An instrumental ensemble under the direction of Jean-Pierre Dumont, organist/director will accom-



Holy Infant Church

pany. Dianne Raikis will also direct the Good News C.E. A reception hosted by the Women's Guild will follow the program. Free will donations will be gladly accepted. Come join us from out of the cold and celebrate the season through music.

Church of the Good Shepherd Events

Service of Thanksgiving, November 24, 2011 10:00 a.m. flag football game and hot chocolate to follow.

At Church of the Good Shepherd, we believe there are many different kinds of families and we encourage relationships that offer wholeness and hope for generations to come. Throughout the year we offer a variety of short term programs to help with the difficult task of negotiating family life from



Church of the Good Shepherd

the perspective of faith. Beginning on Wednesday January 11th, we will offer a 6-week series on healthy communications that foster healthy relationships. A light dinner will be served and child-care is available. Please rsvp to the office at 203-795-6577. Open to the public.

Food for the Body, Food for the Soul, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. Jazz Eucharist with Jazz Combo. We welcome Theodicy. Theodicy Jazz Collective is a group of musicians committed to ministry through the creative, spiritual power of music. Please rsvp to the office 203.795.6577. Spaghetti dinner to follow. Open to the public. Donations accepted.

Parents Night Out Mission Trip Fundraiser. Spend some time with your significant other or get some holiday shopping done and we will provide the childcare, pizza and a movie for a donation towards our summer mission trip. Please call the office to reserve a spot at 203.795.6577.

Christmas Eve Communion Service, Candlelight and Christmas favorites 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Christmas Day Service to be held at 10:00 a.m.

Congregation Or Shalom Upcoming Events:

Coffee & Learn: Wednesdays, 11:00 am: Each week the Rabbi addresses interesting and some-



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Ringers offers exciting performances and gets rave reviews from audiences of all ages. The repertoire includes classical transcriptions, familiar favorites and original pieces with touches of entertaining humor. They perform throughout the New England states and draw large attendance wherever they play.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Children 12 and under are free. The tickets may be reserved or purchased at the church office at 205 Meetinghouse Lane, Orange, CT 06477 or by calling the church office at 203-795-9749.

Do You Like to Sing?

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is looking to start a choir. No musical training is necessary. If interested, please contact David Junko at 203-217-5752. Our Lady of Sorrows is located at 378 Spring Street in Orange.



Our Lady of Sorrows Church times amusing topics regarding Judaism, Bible, Yiddish, and much more. The Rabbi begins the new year of Coffee & Learn with: "Wisdom & Wonder from the Sages of the Talmud". In this class, the rabbi will discuss the wise, funny and poignant tales of the Talmudic sages that infused the Judaism of our parents and can help us illuminate life's press-

Congregation Or Shalom

ing issues today. The class begins at 11:00 am and runs until Noon. All are welcome. There is no charge and no reservations are required. Refreshments (coffee and) are served.

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

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

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

All Events Are Open To Non-Members.



Athletic Alumni Committee Seeking Nominees

Amity Regional High School Athletic Alumni Hall of Fame committee is seeking nominees. To qualify one must have graduated from Amity, played a varsity sport and have been out of school at least ten years which includes 2001. Also eligible are Amity coaches and supporters of Amity Athletes. To obtain an application you can contact the Amity High Athletic Office at (203) 397-4830 or by visiting the website www.amityregion5.org. All submittals should be sent to Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge 06525-1521, Attention Paul Mengold, AD.





Good Shepherd Lends a Hand

On Sunday, November 6, members of Church of the Good Shepherd (680 Racebrook Road in Orange) spent their day helping four Orange residents prepare their homes for the coming winter. Wielding rakes, chain saws, blowers, and tarps, thirty good shepherds cleaned up yards and made minor repairs as a witness to the power of community and the presence of God. Beyond the gratitude of the homeowners, who were both members and nonmembers of the congregation, participants appreciated the opportunity to work together outside the walls of the church.

A truly multigenerational effort, members of all ages pitched in the effort. The Youth Group played a particularly important role in the day, making bagged lunches for the workers and distributed them to the various work sites, staying at their final stop to lend a hand at raking and clearing. Extra bagged lunches were brought into New Haven and donated to Chapel on the Green, an outdoor worship community that serves the homeless and disenfranchised. The bagged lunches were especially welcomed because they could be eaten at a later time, extending the reach of the service. Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes all. Worship services are Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30, with Christian Formation classes for all ages at 9:15. The Good Shepherd Youth Group meets every Sunday afternoon at 4:00 and is open to all in grades 6 through 12. At 5:30 pm on Sundays, Expressions of Worship is offered as an alternative, less formal worship service, and is followed by a light dinner. Once a month, Expressions of Worship features the jazz band, Theodicy, and provides a truly uplifting experience. The next Jazz Eucharist will held on Sunday, December 4, at 5:30 pm. For more information, visit its website at www.thegoodshepherdorangect.org or call 203-795-6577.



Superior Karate's Orange Recreation student Shana Williams earns a trophy at the Connecticut Yankee Nationals Tournament in Waterbury on October 2, 2011. Superior Karate's Owner & Chief Instructor Master Sansonetti congratulates Shana on this well-deserved achievement.

Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Tournament

Looking for a way to make a difference? This Thanksgiving weekend area volleyball players and fans return for an annual community event that benefits the children of the beautiful, spiritual, but impoverished nation of Nepal and also supports an annual Amity scholarship in memory of Jeremy Saxe.

Come out and play or watch and support the work of Jeremy's legacy foundation at the Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Tournament at Amity High School

on Friday, November 25, 2011 (Day after Thanksgiving) from 3:00 - 6:00 PM. Enjoy snacks and catch up with friends, even if you can spare only a few minutes to say hello! The tournament committee would love to see old friends and welcome new friends.

The event is organized as a Sixes Coed Tournament, please sign up as a team of 6 (at least two girls per team) or sign up as a single and get placed on a team! 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 2011"). There is a suggested \$5 donation for spectators and \$15 for players. Players will receive an event t-shirt. Refreshments will be available before and during



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the game. There will also be a 50-50 raffle. 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 Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Tournament, established in November 2008 by volleyball teammates, honors Jeremy Saxe who tragically lost his life on September 4, 2008 from an undiagnosed heart condition: hypertrophic cardiomyopathy.

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.

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Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment has a DVD box set available called BOTTLE SHOCK! This wonderful film is a great idea for a wine dinner theme night. It was released in 2008 and is a hugely entertaining inspiring and humorous true story of the novice vintner Jim Barrett who, against all odds and expectations, defeated the heavily favored French varietals at the 1976 blind taste challenge called "The Judgment of Paris." An unforeseen victory by any standard, this central event established California and Napa Valley's reputation as one of

the world's most top wine producing regions. Shot on location in the beautiful Northern California wine country and using the real-life Chateau Montelena winery in many scenes, Bottle Shock celebrates the splendor of California wine county which forever changed the face of the wine making industry.

The movie starred a wonderful cast ensemble including golden globe winner Alan Rickman, Bill Pullman, Chris Pine, Rachael Taylor, Eliza Dushku, Freddy Rodriguez and Dennis Farina. Bottle Shock was co-written, produced and directed by Randall Miller. The movie was called "Rocky for wine aficionados" (The Hollywood Reporter). The DVD is highlighted by a cellar full of bonus features



pleasing to any connoisseur including behind the scenes featurette, an inside look at Chateau Montelena winery, deleted scenes and cast/crew commentary.

For every wine lover also available is "The Perfect Pairing" DVD Two-Pack which includes Bottle Shock and the Academy Award winning film SIDEWAYS. Sideways is a side-splitting and poignant comedy about a modern day odd couple on a road trip through central California in search of wine, women and themselves. The cost for the perfect pairing is under \$30.00 and they are well worth it!

How about having a wine and food night featuring California wines and these great wine movies? In our sudden cold fall nights I think you would be glad you did! Our California Cabernet grape came in just before the storm. It was very late due to the bad weather in California. We had over 1,000 pounds of wonderful Cabernet grapes from the Napa region. Our crew of 11 wine makers just got out of Orange in time to avoid the worst of our storm. I had to put in some space heaters in my garage to start the fermentation process, however, once it began it seems to be progressing nicely. I have recently added some chemicals to help the color and finish and it appears to have worked well. Next week I am headed to up-state New York to attend the National American Wine Society Conference with great wine makers and wine educators from all over the country. I will report on these events.

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.



The Cherry Hill 14U baseball team finished 12-3 and took the trophy as the 14U East Shore Travel League - Congratulations s to the Cherry Hill 14U baseball team - The East Shore Travel League - Fall Champions! Pictured: Front row (L-R): Brian Ronai, Kevin Nusdeo, Tanner Giddings, Matt Sachs, Eli Oliphant. Back row (L-R): Coach Jim Ronai, Coach Joe Fontana, Jacob Braham, Jeff Yasevac, Michael Corso, Marco Fontana, Liam Davey, Jake Maturo, Head Coach Jeff Oliphant, Mike DeMartino, Manager Howard Sachs, Chris Winkel. Missing from photo: Tyler Appel, Tyler Criscuolo, Ron LoRicco.

Orange's Greenspun Named to All-Academic Team

Senior Katie Matthews of the Boston University women's cross country team and classmate Joe Greenspun of the men's cross country team were named to the America East All-Academic Team, the conference office announced on Tuesday. It is the third straight year that both harriers were named to the squad.

Greenspun had another solid season for BU, beginning with a 16th-place finish at the Bryant Invitational. He followed that up by placing 17th at the Codfish Bowl and 56th at the New England Championships. The Orange, CT native finished off the 2011 season by claiming 16th place at the America East Championships and crossing the finish line in 81st place at the NCAA Northeast Regional. He maintained a 3.80 GPA while studying electrical engineering.

In all, 22 male and female student-athletes were named to the cross country all-academic teams. To be nominated for the distinction, student-athletes must be a starter or important reserve for their team and participate in at least 50 percent of their team's games or competitions. In the classroom, student-athletes must have a 3.30 GPA and have completed at least one calendar year at their institution. Freshmen are not eligible for consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jeremy Saxe Volleyball Tournament, Friday, November 25, 2011 (day after Thanksgiving), 3:00-6:00pm, Amity Regional #5 High School, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, requesting \$5 donation for spectators and \$15 donation for players.

New England Ballet Company's 8th Sugar Plum Party, November 27, 2011, 12:30-3-:00pm, Stratford Theatre, 2422 Main Street, Stratford, Tickets/\$15. For more information or to make reservations, call 203-799-7950 or go to www.NewEnglandBallet.org.

Art in the Library, John O'Neil, Photographer and Jessica Zamachaj, Ceramist and Sculptor, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road, December 1-30, 2011, Reception December 8, 2011, 5:00-7:00pm.

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

Hooked on the Sound Crochet Guild, Saturdays, 10am-1pm, December 3, 2011, Case Memorial Library, 176 Tyler City Road. Visit Web site at: www.HOTSCrochetGuild.yolasite. com.

Davis Gallery Presents "The Seasons" by Graham Dale, December 3, 2011-January 9, 2012, opening reception December 3, 2011, 1:00-4:00pm, 200 Boston Post Road (inside VideoLab), free and open to the public. For more information, call 203-795-4705.

Jewish Community Center of Greater New Haven 8th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Sunday, December 4, 2011, 10:00am-4:00pm, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, free admission, Shop & Drop service offered for \$5 per child.

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

Orange Historical Society Antiques Sale, Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3:00-6:00pm (during the Holiday Festival), Stone-Otis House, 615 Orange Center Road.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



Evanko, Carrano to Wed

Mrs. Linda P. Evanko of Orange announces the engagement of her daughter, Danielle Lynn Evanko, to Kevin Carrano, son of Immacolata and Robert Carrano of Hamden. Miss Evanko is the daughter of the late Dr. Donald J. Evanko.

The future bride received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Providence College and a Masters in Business Administration from Fairfield University. She is employed as a financial analyst at Covidien.

The future groom graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering. He is employed as a Development Engineer at Canberra.

A Fall 2012 wedding is planned.

Blosveren, Kreamer Marry in Washington, DC

Dr. Marc and Mrs. Barbara Blosveren of Orange announce the marriage of their daughter, Kate Robyn Blosveren, to Joshua Louis Kreamer, son of Samuel and Laurie Kreamer of West Des Moines, IA. The wedding took place at

the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue in Washington, DC on October 1, 2011. Rabbi David Saperstein, Executive Director of the Religious Action Center, performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the Embassy Suites in Washington, DC. The Maid of Honor was Leah Kasowitz. The Bridesmaids were Kathryn Parkin, Sydney deLapeyrouse, and Brittany Sukiennik. The Best Man was Derek Richer. The Groomsmen were Joshua Blosveren (brother of the bride), Michael Brandess (cousin of the groom), and Noah Meyers. Ushers were cousins of the bride, Keith and Drew Zang. The bride is an Honor graduate of Cornell University with a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Georgetown University Pub-



New England Ballet Company Presents "Nutcracker", Saturday, December 10, 2011, Klein Memorial Auditorium, 910 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Tickets/\$25-\$45. For more information or to make reservations, call 203-799-7950 or go to www.NewEnglandBallet.org.

New England Ballet Company Offers 2nd Annual Performance of "Nutcracker Suite", s special performance of integrated dance and theatre for individuals with autism and special needs, Friday, December 16, 2011, 7:00pm, Parsons Auditorium, 70 West River Street, Milford, Tickets/\$20. . For more information or to make reservations, call 203-799-7950 or go to www.NewEnglandBallet.org.

New England Ballet Company Presents "Nutcracker", Saturday, December 17, 2011, 12:00pm & 4:00pm, and Sunday, December 18, 2011, 1:00pm, Parsons Auditorium, 70 West River Street, Milford, Tickets/\$20-\$45. . For more information or to make reservations, call 203-799-7950 or go to www.NewEnglandBallet.org.

Greater New Haven Community Chorus Presents "Season of Hope", Saturday, December 17, 2011, 8:00pm, Battell Chapel, corner of Elm & College Streets, New Haven, tickets \$15/advance, \$20/at the door. For more information or to make reservations, call 203-303-4642 or www.gnhcc.org.

Amity Teen Center's "Chilly Chili Run", Sunday, January 1, 2012, 10:30am race begins, HPCC, 525 Orange Center Road, register online through December 21, 2011 at www.hitekracing.com, register in person on December 28, 2011 in HPCC lobby 10:00am-2:00pm, applications also available in Park & Recreation Department located at HPCC, fee for runners \$17/ before December 17, 2011 and \$22/after December 17, 2011, fee for walkers \$10/before December 17, 2011 and \$12/after December 17, 2011. For more information, go to www.amityteencenter.org, email amityteencenter@hotmail.com, or call (203) 387-0205. lic Policy Institute. She is the Associate Director, Strategic Communications & Outreach for Achieve, Inc. Her husband is an Honor graduate of the University of Iowa with a JD Degree, cum laude, from Harvard Law School. He is the Managing Attorney at CPA Global, a leading provider of legal outsourcing. The couple will reside in Washington, DC.



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National Family Caregivers Month

By Roberta L. Nestor

Without being political (and that is often difficult with recent elections and those forthcoming), I believe it is important for you to be aware of the importance of National Family Caregivers Month, now in its second year. Perhaps seeing excerpts from the Presidential Proclamation might help:

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH, 2011 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-A PROCLAMATION-

Across our country, millions of family members, neighbors, and friends provide care and support for their loved ones during times of need. With profound compassion and selflessness, these caregivers sustain American men, women, and children at their most vulnerable moments, and through their devoted acts, they exemplify the best of the American spirit. During National Family Caregivers Month, we pay tribute to the individuals throughout America who ensure the health and well-being of their relatives and loved ones.

How many caregivers do you know? How many friends or family members are taking care of someone who needs assistance? Outside the world of paid work, the people most prone to burnout are caregivers - people who devote themselves to the unpaid care of chronically ill or disabled family members. The demands of care giving can be overwhelming, especially if you

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feel you have little control over the situation or that you're in over your head.

Caregivers need respite, especially because so and sense often they are the sole provider of care to family members. While most would not be able to afford members. While most would not be able to afford full time home health care, certainly a little time

each week to give respite to the caregiver should be considered. If you are a caregiver, look into these services before you have burn out; before it affects your job and your family.

Home Health Care: Although home health care may include some nonmedical (home care) services such as homemakers and companions, home health care is more medically oriented. While home care typically includes chore and housecleaning services, home health care usually involves helping individuals recover from an illness or injury. That is why therapists or home health aides work for agencies that are licensed by the state. There are over 60 Home Health Care Agencies in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

Homemaker – Companion Services: Provides non-medical assistance to persons with disabilities and older adults. Tasks generally include grocery shopping, meal preparation, laundry, light housekeeping and arranging for transportation to appointments. There are over 80 of these agencies in Fairfield and New Haven Counties.

CT Home Program for the Elderly (CHCPE): A Medicaid Program that pays for medical and non-medical support services needed by frail individuals, age 65 + in order to avoid institutionalization. Funded services include visiting nurse services, home health aide, chore assistance, homemakers, adult day care, home delivered meals, companion services, respite care, transportation, emergency response systems, and other services necessary to support independent living. The cost of these services cannot exceed the cost of institutional care.

There are several online resources at www.eldercarect.com, www.cthomecare.com, www.ctcommunitycare.org and www.ct.gov/longtermcare.

And in recognition of National Caregivers Month, a heartfelt thank-you to all caregivers!

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

Local Business Celebrates Third Year Anniversary

Antelope Networks LLC has just celebrated its third year in business. The all-inclusive web design company is thriving in its downtown Milford location at 2 Broad Street, Suite 6.

Owner Greyson Schwing is a Milford resident with wife Casey and two children, who attend St. Gabriel School. According to Schwing, "business has expanded well beyond our original goals. Last year we doubled in size and revenue, this year we grew another 50%. Being in the heartbeat of Milford on the Green and an active Milford Chamber of Commerce member has been very instrumental in that growth. Visitors also appreciate the convenience of on-the-street parking right outside the building."

According to Kathy Alagno, President and C.E.O. of the Milford Chamber of Commerce, Inc., "the Milford Chamber is pleased to have Greyson Schwing of Antelope Networks as an active Chamber member and in our downtown business mix. His professionalism and quality products make him a perfect fit to our downtown neighborhood."

Antelope Networks LLC provides Website and Logo Design, Internet Marketing, Web Hosting and Web Updating. Other services range from a marketing-oriented redesign, logo creation, and conversion to a content management system, through to e-commerce sites and membership-based websites with event registration and online payments. The company's main priority is creating marketing-oriented websites tailored to business or organization's specific needs, with the goal to increase revenue, generate leads, and strengthen online presence. Visit www.antelopeweb.com or call (203) 283-7466.

REALTH AND FUNESS

Unite to Fight Diabetes

Diabetes Mellitus is a growing epidemic. By 2025, over 380 million people will be affected. Seven million people develop diabetes each year while more than 3.8 million people die from diabetes related causes-- That is one death every 10 seconds. In Connecticut (2005) 163,000 people had diabetes and at least 70,000 more had not been diagnosed yet.

Diabetes has become a worldwide problem and the United Nations has declared November 14th as "World Diabetes Day". The resolution adopted by the General Assembly, recognizes that diabetes needs the world's attention. We need to "Unite for Diabetes" to stop the growing diabetes epidemic through urgent action. Diabetes is a severe risk for the entire world.

One in six Americans has Diabetes and most don't realize it. The condition usually begins with increased abdominal obesity. Measuring your waist should be considered another "vital sign", like the taking of your pulse, respiration and temperature when you visit your doctor's office. A waist circumference over 34 inches in women or 40 inches in men is considered a risk factor for Pre-Diabetes. Abdominal obesity is usually a symptom of a dysfunctional pancreas which is secreting a disproportionate amount of insulin into the blood stream. Insulin is a hormone which captures glucose and drives it into cells to be used for energy but becomes a storage hormone which enlarges your fat cells when you are not active. These fat stores are hardly ever needed for energy in the pre-diabetic patient, making the waistline thicker and bigger each year.

Diabetes affects the body's ability to produce and respond to insulin and must be managed on a daily basis. If not managed, it could lead to severe health complications like blindness, kidney disease, limb amputations, and death. If diagnosed with pre-diabetes, there is a 75 % probability that you will develop diabetes. Ask your doctor for a simple finger stick test. Taking this simple test will help you know it you are at risk:



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- Someone in your family has diabetes
- You are African-American, Latino, Native-American, Asian-American or a Pacific Islander
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- You have high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, low thyroid, and are overweight
- You have a fasting plasma blood test for glucose level, and it was over 100
- You are 65 years of age or older or get little or no exercise

If any of these answers are "Yes", see your primary care physician to discuss your risk for having pre-diabetes and developing Diabetes Mellitus. -You Can Change the Statistics--

This article was written by Constance Ann Greene, a Doctor of Clinical Nutrition, Registered Nurse, Certified Diabetes Educator, Holistic Nurse Specialist, and Registered Dietitian. She helps people manage their Diabetes at Dietary Management Services at The Natural Healing Center in Milford, Connecticut. She can be reached at 121 West Main Street Milford CT (203) 874-7019.





Oceania Marina

Cruise Ship Dining

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on everything we're thankful for, but as we all know, it's also about the food! As people's tastes have evolved, so have the dining experiences on board cruise ships, so let's talk turkey!

Remember when cruise vacations were renowned for midnight buffets? Now, with so many choices for dining, there's something for everyone on a ship – whether you're a fine food connoisseur, a meat and potatoes person or someone who carefully chooses more healthy food options.

Many cruise lines are catering to the different tastes and needs of their guests, offering low salt, low sugar, spa cuisine and lactose-free choices in their dining rooms. Some lines, like Celebrity, even offer a Spa Cuisine dining room with lighter fare served every night. Most cruise lines are also offering great alternatives to the main dining experience. For instance, Norwegian Cruise Line's newest ship, the Norwegian Epic, offers 17 dining venues. Their Cirque Dreams and Dinner is a one of a kind dining experience featuring the amazing entertainment of Cirque du Soleil. Royal Caribbean's newest sister ships, the Oasis and Allure offer 25 different dining choices, 24-hour room service, and an exclusive course-by-course chef's table meal complete with wine pairings. There's even a cupcake store on board!

Crystal Cruises serves Asian masterpieces in their Silk Road restaurants with menus created by world-famous chef Nobu Matsuhisa. Disney Cruise Lines' newest specialty dining experience, Remy, is an adults only French restaurant where tables are set with Frette linens, Riedel glassware and Christofle silverware. With just one seating per night, this exclusive restaurant provides an incredible fine dining experience!

Some lines are embracing tradition with their special offerings. Holland America offers their Royal Dutch Tea once per cruise. Cunard is well-known for their traditional English Tea, served by white-gloved waiters. To compliment an evening of fine dining in one of their Todd English restaurants, Cunard also offers the Veuve Clicquot champagne bar exclusively on their ships.

For those passengers seeking to enhance their culinary knowledge, many lines offer enrichment programs and themed cruises focusing on food and wine. Aboard the Oceania Marina for example, the Bon Appétit Culinary Center presents hands-on instruction from master chefs in a professional kitchen.

I'd like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving! I'm thankful for the opportunity to share the wonderful world of cruising with all of you!

Leslie Marsh, ECC is the owner/operator of Cruise Planners of Orange. She can be reached at 203-799-2367 or leslie@getreadytocruise.com.





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By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Bradley Cooper's breakout films were "The Hangover" and "The Hangover, Part 2." He's been shooting films non-stop ever since. In June, he shot "The Words" in Montreal with Olivia Wilde, Zoe Saldana, Jeremy Irons, Ben Barnes and Dennis Quaid. It's due out in 2013. Then he went right into "The Place Beyond the Pines," with Ryan Gosling, Rose Byrne, Ray Liotta, Eva Mendes and Bruce Greenwood, also out in 2013. He's currently in Darby, Pa., shooting "The Silver Lining Playbook," with Robert DeNiro and Julia Stiles. Cooper plays a former teacher, released from a mental institution after four years, who moves in with his mother in hopes of getting his ex-wife back. It too, will be out in 2013.

Cooper is preparing for what could be the most demanding role of his career, as Lucifer in the film adaption of John Milton's epic "Paradise Lost." Casey Affleck plays the angel Gabriel, with "Blood Diamond's" Djimon Hounsou as the Angel of Death. It tells of the battle between two archangels when Lucifer is banished and takes on the forces of heaven. This could be one of the greatest battles between good and evil ever filmed.

Michelle Williams is already getting an Oscar buzz for her portrayal of Marilyn Monroe in "My Week With Marilyn." In 1956, MM formed Marilyn Monroe Productions and, intent on proving she could really act, hired one of the greatest actors of her time, Laurence Olivier, to direct and star opposite her in "The Prince and the Showgirl." She arrived in London with Arthur Miller, her husband of two weeks, who would later write the screenplay for her last film, "The Misfits." Olivier sought advice from Joshua Logan, who had directed MM



Michelle Williams

in "Bus Stop." Logan advised him not to criticize or yell at her, or she would become too insecure to work.

Olivier, however, repeatedly lost his temper and couldn't direct her effectively. In true Hollywood fashion, for her, she started showing up late or not at all. She'd hired him thinking they'd become best friends and he'd get a great performance out of her. When he ignored her socially, she attached herself to a production assistant, Colin Clark, who wrote the book "My Week With Marilyn."

The biggest award Monroe ever won was a Golden Globe for "Some Like it Hot." If Michelle Williams gets an Oscar nom, she'll get it for playing MM, who never got it for playing herself! She should have known she couldn't be best friends with any man, because, after all, she's the one who said, "DIAMONDS are a girl's best friend."

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your curiosity might not be appreciated by everyone. Expect some resistance in getting answers to your questions. But stay with it. You need facts in order to make important decisions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some of the mystery surrounding your recent fiscal situation soon will be dispelled with a clear explanation. Use this new knowledge to help you chart a fresh financial course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Start your Hanukkah and Christmas giftbuying now. This will help avoid problems caused by possible mid-December delays. A family member has important information.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Use a little more sense in how you plan to spend your end-of-the-year holiday dollars. Meanwhile, you continue to gain support for your stand on a workplace issue.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Wearing that big, loving Lion's heart of yours on your sleeve leaves it unprotected. Let things develop a little more before you allow your emotions to spill over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to September 22) You might feel you're not ready to patch up an unraveled relationship. But the longer you wait, the more difficult it will be for all parties to take the first healing step.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your end-of-the-year holiday plans could be disrupted by something out of your control, but stay the course. Ultimately, things will settle back into a normal pace.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your honest approach to a work-place project earns you both respect and credit from those in charge. Meanwhile, that personal problem still needs to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Money could be a little tight this month. This means the usually bargain-oblivious Sagittarian should look for ways to save on end-of-the-year holidays.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Examine the facts, and you might find that it's a wiser move to shift gears and redirect some of your goals before the end of the year. Someone close to you offers good advice.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful that your generosity is not abused. Find out more, both about the special favors you might be asked to grant and who is asking for them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You've come through a recent rough time in great shape. Congratulations. Now go out and enjoy your wellearned rewards. More good news comes in mid-December.

BORN THIS WEEK: You aim for truth, and you usually find it. Your honesty earns you the friendship and respect of others.





DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Is it possible to give too much catnip to a cat? And, is dried catnip as potent as fresh? -- Gina in Flint, Mich.

DEAR GINA: I've seen cats react to catnip in a variety of different ways -- from tearing around the house to lounging draped across furniture -- but have not read of a cat actually "overdosing" on the herb.

Nepetalactone is the chemical that produces a cat's distinct reaction to catnip. It's released when the plant is bruised, which is why you'll often see a cat rubbing against and biting fresh catnip. According to various sources, the cat's "high" is produced when it sniffs the bruised leaves or stems; eating catnip produces a sedative effect. Cats generally lose interest in catnip once they've had enough. As to whether fresh or dried catnip is better, or equally potent, dried catnip can be just as effective, although like any dried herb, the age of the catnip and how it has been stored can affect its potency. That's one reason to look carefully at brands of dried catnip or catnip-impregnated toys before purchasing. Pet owners can grow their own catnip on the windowsill, in full sun (out of reach of the cat until it's strong enough to put up with a cat's devoted attention) and either present it fresh to the cat or trim the mature plant and hang it upside down to dry. Finally, what to do if you place catnip in front of your pet and it shows no interest? Walk away for a while -- it will either get interested eventually or not, but most cats can't be forced to ingest or play with catnip. Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Find more pet advice and resources at www.pawscorner. com.









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Orange Company Wins "Most Promising Technology of the Year" Award

On October 27, Dark Field Technologies, located on Robinson Blvd. in Orange, won the 2011 top prize given by the Connecticut Technology Council for technology: CTC's "Most Promising Technology of the Year" award. Over 200 companies competed for the top prize.

Dark Field Technologies (DFT) designs and produces large-scale inspection and metrology systems for solar panel manufacturers. DFT's machines immediately detect visual defects in the product as it is traveling down the manufacturing line at speeds in excess of 2,000 ft. per minute, alerting the operator when designated quality control limits are breached. Systems replace manual inspection by detecting defects 10,000 times smaller than human capability. This means identifying defects that are smaller than a human hair at full production speed. To put this in perspective, imagine flying over a football field at 100 miles per hour and finding the head of a pin; that is the challenge for manufacturers.

DFT has become a dominant player in the U.S. solar inspection market. Its solar scribe technology, which won CTC's highest honor, is perfectly suited for the rigorous demands required by manufacturers. A solar panel's efficiency critically depends upon the panel coatings and the separation of these coatings via hair size lines, called "scribe lines". DFT builds the only systems in the world that inspects the coatings and scribe lines on-line in real-time, versus all others who do this work off-line by checking a sample. DFT's systems inspect solar panels at a resolution of 4X smaller than a human hair. System speeds of 1.6 billion pictures (pixels) per second are captured and analyzed in 128 levels of gray and processed in less than 3 seconds.

While there are many inspection and metrology companies around the world, it is DFT's unique and ground-breaking technology that sets it apart from its competition. Because of this, their technology is considered the gold standard in the industry with many top-tier U.S. solar manufacturers using their systems. While it has focused itsr efforts the last three years on the U.S. market, the company is now leveraging its success into Asia, which through massive government support, has seen its solar companies leap ahead of its U.S. counterparts. DFT began its inspection operations 14 years ago focused on the glass industry. Since that time, its business has evolved to include film, plastics and solar panels. Unlike so many other international inspection companies who manufacture their products abroad while touting their presence in the U.S., DFT designs, manufactures and services all its systems here at its main manufacturing headquarters in Orange. While often approached by other states to move its facilities. DFT has been happy with the level of high-tech resources available in CT and has enjoyed calling Orange home for the past five years.

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1. Immortals (R) Henry Cavill, Luke Evans 2. Jack and Jill (PG) Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes 3. Puss in Boots (PG) animated 4. Tower Heist (PG-13) Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy 5. J. Edgar (R) Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer 6. A Verv Harold and Kumar 3D Christmas (R) John Cho, Kal Penn 7. In Time (PG-13) Amanda Seyfried, Justin Timberlake 8. Paranormal Activity 3 (R) Chloe Csengery, Jessica Tyler Brown 9. Footloose (PG-13) Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough 10. Real Steel (PG-13) Hugh Jackson, Dakota Goyo



1. Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) **Chris Evans** 2. Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) Steve Carrell 3. Water for Elephants (PG-13) Reese Witherspoon 4. Cars 2 (G) animated 5. Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) Johnny Depp 6. Bad Teacher (R) **Cameron Diaz** 7. Horrible Bosses (R) Jennifer Aniston 8. Green Lantern (PG-13) **Ryan Reynolds** 9. Trespass (R) **Nicolas** Cage **10. Transformers:** Dark of the Moon (PG-13) Shia LaBeouf





Viola Davis stars in "The Help"

EDITOR'S NOTE: New DVDs reviewed in this column will be available in stores the week of December 5th 2011.

PICKS OF THE WEEK

fans loved the original comedy. The jokes were fresh, the comedy talent wasn"t the same overexposed clowns, and played-out themes of bromance were rekindled with in a tongue-incheek kind of way. Fans demanded more of the film"s stars and more original comedy, so Hollywood made the same movie again.

This time, the guys are in Thailand, and again they find themselves hung over, confused and missing an important member of a wedding party. Not to worry, though, the last film maps out where to go and what to expect. It feels like there are fewer jokes and more moments of the guys just being really upset over the whole thing. I don"t know if this makes the film darker, but it doesn"t make it any funnier.

"Mr. Popper"s Penguins" (PG) -- In this family comedy, Jim Carrey plays a driven, ruthless New York businessman who is separated from his family. Clearly, somebody is in need of a crew of computer-animated critters to turn his world upside down and show him what is really important. The film boasts that it was shot with real penguins, but most of the adorable antics are products of animation -- you can expect only so much out of the little guys, after all. The kids won"t remember this one. Whatever it was that made the book so lovable has been substituted with a mild solution of computer hijinks and Carrey"s physical comedy.

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Top 10 Pop Singles

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

Top 10 Country Singles

1. Eli Young Band "Crazy Girl" 2. Blake Shelton "God Gave Me You" 3. Taylor Swift "Sparks Fly"

4. Brantley Gilbert "Country Must Be Country Wide"

5. Miranda Lambert "Baggage Claim" 6. Lady Antebellum

"We Owned the Night" 7. Jason Aldean

"Tattoos On This Town"

8. Zac Brown Band "Keep Me in Mind" 9. Thompson Square

"I Got You" 10. Rascal Flatts feat. **Natasha Bedingfield** "Easy"

- What was on the B-side of the Beatles' "Please Please Me" single when it was released in 1963? How about in 1964?
- Which group is best known for "Jailbreak" and "Whis-2. key in the Jar"? Where are they from?
- Who had hits with "Only You (and You Alone)" and 3. "The Great Pretender." What years?
- Name the group that had No. 1 R&B hits with "Get 4.
- Ready" and "Ain't Too Proud to Beg.' Who was the first band to be censored on American Bandstand? 5.
- Which band had a hit with "Magic Carpet Ride"? 6.

close at No. 3. in 1989. Legend has it that they also got banned from a famous hotel chain for cutting a hole in the floor from one suite to another below. 6. Steppenwolf, in 1968. The group never had a No. 1 hit, although "Carpet" came one suite to another below. on the R&B chart. 4. The Temptations. Both songs went to the top of the charts in 1966. 5. The Beastie Boys, I. "Ask Me Why" was the B-side, and "From Me to You" was the B-side a year later. The second version made it to the Hot 100. 2. Thin Lizzy, from Dublin, Ireland. 3. The Platters, both in 1955. Both sorts went to No. I





"Cowboys and Aliens" (PG-13) --When an amnesiac stranger (Daniel Craig) rolls into a Wild West town, he gets rough treatment from the local boss (Harrison Ford). What the townsfolk don"t know is that they"re unwittingly setting the stage for a reluctant alliance with the stranger against a common enemy.

The movie just can"t seem to make up its mind between grimacing action flick and an adventure that knows just how ridiculous it is. Indeed, there are cowboys and aliens, but such a title also sets high expectations for other things -- like gags, gunfights and silliness. This gunslinger gets so caught up in a cowboy tough-guy routine that it just misses the target that matters: fun.

"The Hangover Part II" (R) --When "The Hangover" came out, of high-society.

"The Help" (PG-13) -- This film about issues of race, class, gender, respect and friendship has been kicking up critical acclaim from the start. Set in the 1960s in Mississippi, Skeeter (Emma Stone) is a young reporter who forms a connection with Aibileen (Viola Davis) and takes an interest in the lives of the black housekeepers employed by the ladies

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